

# 12 Dog-Friendly Beaches to Visit in the U.S.

Despite the American love for canine companions and a recent uptick in [pet-friendly travel](#), finding dog-friendly beaches is no easy feat. However, there are select pockets along the United States' vast coastlines where furry family members are indeed welcome and have free rein to swim, dig, roll, run, and live their best four-legged lives.

Below, we highlight 12 dog-friendly beaches that humans will also love—on the East Coast, [West Coast](#), Gulf Coast, and even inland (hello, lake beaches). On this list, you'll noticed a few things we've prioritized: places that allow pups year-round (versus seasonally), have leash-free policies, and could easily prompt the zoomies on any given visit.



## Block Island Beaches, Block Island, Rhode Island

While many **New England** beaches are pet-friendly only during the off-season (from the start of October to the end of March), the beaches on **Block Island** allow canine companions year-round. The ferry to and from the island welcomes dogs free of charge, as do most of the island's hotels. Technically, dogs must remain leashed on all beaches—though, according to locals, this is rarely enforced on the island's quieter and more remote swatches.