

# PET FRIENDLY GUIDE

Dogs must be on a leash AT ALL TIMES and owners must clean up after their dogs.

## APOLLO BAY TOWNSHIP

Dogs should not be off lead on beaches where Hooded Plovers are known to nest - these areas are fenced & clearly signed.

- **Apollo Bay Foreshore and Shopping precinct.** Dogs must be on a leash and attended by their owner at all times between Nelson Street and a point opposite the Visitor Information Centre.
- **Apollo Bay to Marengo** - Follow gravel footpath west alongside Great Ocean Road, 3.2km, approx. 40 mins walk one-way.
- **Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek** - Follow path east through sand dunes starting behind the Visitor Information Centre and continuing to Skenes Creek approx 6km.

## BEACHES

- **Johanna Beach** – 38km west of Apollo Bay. Dogs must be on a lead at all times. Long stretch of surf beach with a river at the east end.
- **Wild Dog Beach** – 2km east of township. Dogs must be on lead at all times.

***Dogs are prohibited*** in the following areas from **24 December until 30 April** between the hours of **9am & 7pm**. Outside these times, dogs are permitted, if on a leash and attended by their owner:

- **Marengo Beach** – From the car park at the campground (Marengo Holiday Park) to the car park opposite the Heathfield Estate/Ocean Park Drive.
- **Apollo Bay Beach** – From the harbour to point on beach opposite Marriners Lookout Road (harbour inclusive). **Dogs are not permitted at Marriners Lookout.**
- **Skenes Creek** – The entire beach area. Described as the sand area between the rocky outcrops at both ends of the beach.
- **Kennett River** – The beach area between the revegetation fence and Surf Lifesaving Club.
- **Wye River** – The beach area between the Foreshore Camping Ground and the toilet block.

## OTWAY RANGES – WALKS & CAMPGROUNDS

**Dogs are permitted** on leashes on the following walks, in the proposed Otways Forest Park:

- **Beauchamp Falls** – Start: Beauchamp Reserve, Distance: 1.5kms, Time: 1hr return, Grade: Moderate

- **Stevenson Falls** – Start: Stevensons Falls Reserve, Distance: 1.5km, Time: 1hr return, Grade: Easy
- **Lake Elizabeth Campgrounds** – Via Kaanglang Rd, Forrest. Facilities: toilets & picnic tables.
- **Dandos Campground** – Via Lardner Track, near Gellibrand River. Bring your own firewood. Facilities: toilets, picnic tables & fireplaces.
- **Great Ocean Walk** – From Marengo to GONP boundary near Three Creeks Crossing (there are signs to indicate this point on walk).
- **Old Beechy Rail Trail** – 48km walking &/or cycling trail from Colac to Beech Forest. Please ask at the Visitor Centre for specific brochure.

## COLAC & HINTERLAND

**Dogs are permitted** on leashes on the following:

- **Colac Botanical Gardens** – Pick your own walk from an interlinking loop of paths through these beautiful gardens, beginning at any entry point. Grade: Easy.
- **Lake Colac Walk** – 2km walk along the edge of the lake, where you can then connect to the walk to Colac Visitor Information Centre. Grade: Easy.
- **Lake Colac to Colac Visitor Information Centre** – A scenic 15 minute walk following the path alongside Barongarook creek. Grade: Easy.
- **Tiger Rail Trail** – Take a walk along the new trail beginning in Forrest. 8km return walk. Grade: Easy.
- **West Barwon Reservoir** – Take any number of walks beginning at the car park: Fern Walk, River Walk and Reservoir Wall Loop. Duration: 20 mins approx. Grade: Easy - Moderate. (*See our walks and waterfalls guide for more information*).
- **Forrest Heritage Walk** – 2km loop lined with plaques and information rich with history. Duration: 1hr. Grade: Moderate. (*See our walks and waterfalls guide for more information*).
- **Birregurra Heritage Walk** – 1.5hr walk from the public carpark through the township full of beautiful historic buildings. Grade: Easy. (*See our walks and waterfalls guide for more information*).

## GREAT OTWAY NATIONAL PARK – WALKS & CAMPGROUNDS

**Dogs are not permitted** in the Great Otway National Park, with the exception of

- **Johanna Beach** (beach area & campground),
- **Johanna Beach** western section between Johanna River and western bluff.
- **Lake Elizabeth** camping and walking track-via Kaanglang Rd, Forrest. Facilities: toilets & picnic tables.
- **Cape Otway Lightstation** carpark,

**Dogs must be on a leash at all times.**

Dogs are permitted in cars travelling along the Great Ocean Road or other bitumen roads, which pass through National Parks.

Assistance dogs for disabled visitors are permitted in the park where visitor access is allowed.  
(Refer to "Dogs in the Otways" Park Notes for more information)

**Dogs are not permitted at the Otway Fly Treetop Walk or the Cape Otway Lighthouse.**

## **VETS**

### **Murray Street Veterinarian Clinic**

330 Murray St, Colac / 31 Cawood St, Apollo Bay

Ph: (03) 5231 3375 (Colac)

Ph: (03) 5237 7971 (Apollo Bay)

Based in Colac. Holds consultations in Apollo Bay Mon & Thur, 3pm – 6pm. Ring for appointment.

### **Rhodes Veterinarian Clinic**

74 Gellibrand St, Colac

Ph: (03) 5232 2111

Based in Colac. Offers mobile consultations in Apollo Bay on Tuesdays ie will come to your place of residence. Ring for appointment.

## **KENNELS**

### **Woodleigh Boarding Kennels**

85 Old Lorne Road, Deans Marsh

Ph: (03) 5236 3341

### **The Dog House Pet Resort (5\*)**

575 Ghazeerpore Road, Mt Duneed

Ph: (03) 5264 5026

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