

## DOG FRIENDLY BEACHES

### APOLLO BAY, SKENES CREEK & MARENGO

Dogs are **prohibited** in the following areas from:  
**24 Dec to 30 April** between **9am & 7pm**.

Outside these times, dogs are permitted on-leash & attended by owner:

- **Apollo Bay Beach** – From the harbour to opposite Marriners Lookout Road (harbour inclusive). Note: Dogs are not permitted at Marriners Lookout.
- **Wild Dog Beach** – 2km east of township. Dogs must be on lead at all times.
- **Skenes Creek** – The entire beach area. Described as the sand area between the rocky outcrops at both ends of the beach.
- **Marengo Beach** – From the carpark at the campground (Marengo Holiday Park) to the carpark opposite Ocean Park Drive.

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- **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.
- **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.

## HOODED PLOVERS

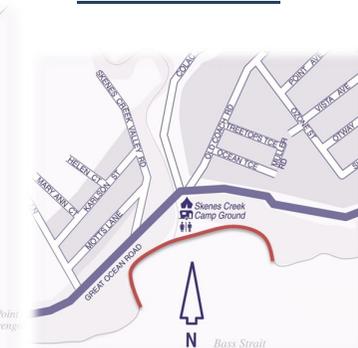
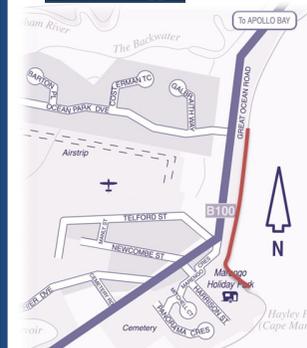
Dogs should not be off lead on beaches where Hooded Plovers are known to nest - these areas are fenced & clearly signed.

## GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Dogs are permitted in cars travelling along the Great Ocean Road or on other bitumen roads, which pass through National Parks. Do not leave your pets in a hot car.

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 details.

## Apollo Bay Main Beach



## APOLLO BAY TOWNSHIP

### Apollo Bay Foreshore & Shopping Precinct:

Dogs must be on a leash and attended by their owner at all times between Nelson Street and opposite the Visitor Information Centre.

### Apollo Bay to Marengo:

Follow the gravel footpath west alongside Great Ocean Road for 3.2km (approx. 40 mins walk one-way).

### Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek:

Follow the path east through sand dunes starting behind the Visitor Information Centre and continuing to Skenes Creek for approx 6km.

## OTWAY RANGES

### WALKS & CAMPGROUNDS

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

- **Beauchamp Falls** – Start: Beauchamp Reserve, Distance: 1.5kms, Time: 1hr return, Grade: Moderate - Difficult
- **Stevenson Falls** – Start: Stevensons Falls Reserve, Distance: 1.5km, Time: 20 min / 1hr return, Grade: Easy
- **Lake Elizabeth Walk & Campground** – camping and walking track 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 the walk).
- **Old Beechy Rail Trail** – 48km walking &/or cycling trail from Colac to Beech Forest. Please ask at the Visitor Centre for specific brochure.

## GREAT OTWAY NATIONAL PARK

### WALKS & CAMPGROUNDS

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

- **Johanna Beach** - campground and 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 only.

## COLAC & HINTERLAND

Dogs are **permitted** on leash at the following locations:

- **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 the Otways Walks & Waterfalls Guide for more information).
- **Forrest Heritage Walk** – 2km loop lined with plaques and information rich with history. Duration: 1hr. Grade: Moderate. (See the Otways Walks & 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 the Otways Walks & Waterfalls Guide for more information).

## PET GROOMERS

### Blue Wheelers Mobile Dog Grooming

Servicing Apollo Bay, Colac & the Otways | Ph: 0400 068 251  
[www.facebook.com/bluwheelerswaurnpounds](http://www.facebook.com/bluwheelerswaurnpounds)

### Pet Stock Colac

65 Bromfield St, Colac | Ph: (03) 5231 2010

### Murray Street Vet Clinic & Hospital

330 Murray St, Colac | Ph: (03) 5231 3375

### Helen's Mobile Dog Washing & Clipping Service - Colac

Ph: 0400 661 169

### 'Do for Dogs in Irrewarra

Ph: 0417 167 960

## VETS

### Murray Street Vet Clinic & Hospital

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 on

Thursdays, 3pm – 6pm.

### Rhodes Veterinarian Clinic

74 Gellibrand St, Colac

Ph: (03) 5232 2111

Based in Colac. Offer mobile consultations in Apollo Bay on Tuesdays ie will come to your place of residence.

### Colac Veterinary Clinic

38 Skenes St, Colac

Ph: (03) 5231792

After Hours Service available through the Colac Vet Clinic phone number 24 hours a day. Winchelsea Branch also.

## KENNELS & CATTERIES

### Apollo Bay Pet Minding

Montrose Ave, Apollo Bay

Ph: 0427 377 119

[www.facebook.com/ApolloBayPetMinding](http://www.facebook.com/ApolloBayPetMinding)

### Hill View Farm Cattery (5\*)

4570 Princes Hwy, Birregurra, VIC 3242

Ph: (03) 5236 2115 or 0417 056 115

Open 7 days, 8am-10am & 4pm-6pm

### 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

[www.visitapollobay.com](http://www.visitapollobay.com)  [www.visitotways.com](http://www.visitotways.com)

Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre

100 Great Ocean Rd, APOLLO BAY 3233 | Ph: 1300 689 297 (OTWAYS)

Colac Visitor Information Centre

Cnr Murray & Queen St, COLAC 3250 | Ph: 1300 689 297 (OTWAYS)

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# Pet Friendly Guide

Apollo Bay & Otways



## A guide to Dog Friendly locations in Apollo Bay & the Otways

### Responsible Dog Ownership Means Effective Control

It is important to be a responsible dog owner. Remember, whenever your dog is out in public, whether on a leash or running free, it must be under your effective control. When off leash this includes keeping your dog in sight, training it to respond to voice commands and ensuring it does not threaten other people or animals. Always carry a leash and a container to pick up after your dog.

Remember, it is not just about your responsibility to other people (particularly children and the elderly) but also about looking after your dogs, birds and other wildlife.

### Playgrounds

For the safety and comfort of children, dogs are not allowed in public playgrounds.

### Bin it or Swim in it!

Along with other rubbish, dog droppings generally end up being washed into the sea. So carry several bags or containers, pick up after your dog and dispose of the droppings in a rubbish bin. Help keep our beaches clean.

### Other controls

Making sure your dog is registered and microchipped ensures it can be easily identified and returned to you if it does stray. Dog owners face a fine for:

- Not registering their dog
- Walking their dogs in prohibited
- Dogs wandering at large
- Not having their dog on a leash when it should be
- Failing to pick up after their dog.