

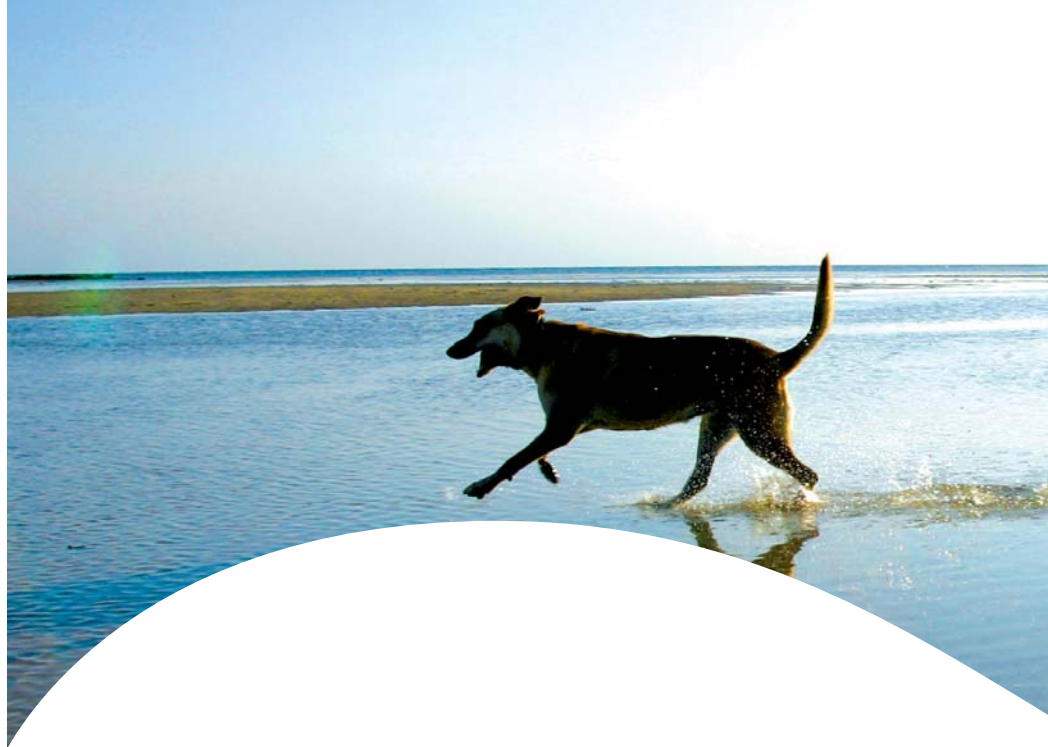
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# Sydney Dogs' Water Holes

By Stacey Warren

As temperatures soar, many of us head for the beach to cool off and take a refreshing plunge. Water access for dogs in Sydney is limited and some aren't the most picturesque settings—but at least we still have dog friendly locations left. In Los Angeles County there is only one beach where dogs can legally run, romp and swim. Sure, it's three acres of unfenced sand and surf, but time restrictions are in place and there's a one dog per person rule.

It only takes a few complaints to council for dogs' access to beaches to start eroding. One of the biggest complaints from beach-goers is that dog owners allow their dogs to maraud unchecked and uncontrolled. Keep your dog under control at all times—no one likes an unexpected wet, sandy beast shaking themselves as they're trying to relax on the beach.

The other major complaint comes from other dog owners who've had incidents with unruly and untrained dogs. Distracted and seemingly absent owners are a frustration to people who have their own dogs under voice or leash control.

The other gripe, and a very valid one, is the crap that dog owners leave behind. Dog poop pollution is understandably a bone of contention to other beach-goers. Another cause for complaint is if a dog goes bounding into an adjacent children's play area. It's vital that, as responsible dog owners, we're respectful of other people's space.

We've compiled a list of beaches and water holes where dogs are allowed both on the beach and into the water. We've listed the parks and beaches by region so that you can find one in a convenient location. As always, we recommend that all council rules and time restrictions are observed. So leash your mate, pack a towel, grab the poo bags, bring drinking water, slap on the sunscreen, seek out last summer's floating water toy, leave your mobile phone at home and spend some quality time with your dog. You should check with Councils just in case these change, but they were up to date at start of Spring.

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## Sydney Northern Beaches

- Bayview** - Rowland Reserve  
Access off Pittwater Road at Bayview. Adjacent to boat launching facility.  
Parking bays, as sign posted, may be used for up to 1 hour free of charge. This is a pay Et display parking area. Huge reserve, open water access, poo bins, bring own poo bags to top up supply. 30 minutes free parking in marked areas of car park and parking in other areas.
- Clontarf** - Sandy Bay Reserve (Southern end), Sandy Bay Road  
Nice shallow beach access, the northern end has picnic tables and public toilets
- Manly/Queenscliff** - Manly Lagoon, Cameron Ave  
Parking and easy access to the walking and cycling pathway with a play area
- Mona Vale** - South Mona Vale Headland  
Area east of Narrabeen Park Parade and Coronation Street (past Mona Vale Hospital)
- Mosman** - Sirius Cove Reserve, Sirius Cove Road  
Parking, toilets, play area, shady trees, picnic tables and a walking path that stretches past Taronga Zoo. Time and day restrictions apply
- Narrabeen** - Progress Park, Garden Street  
Water access to Mullet Creek
- Newport** - Dearn Reserve, Gladstone Street
- North Narrabeen** - Deep Creek Reserve, off Wakehurst Parkway.  
Designated dog training area. Access to Deep Creek.

## Sydney Inner West

- Chiswick/Drummoyne** - Lysaght Park, Byrne Avenue. On Five Dock Bay  
Small waterfront park adjacent to main road, poo bins, picnic tables and cycling pathway.  
Time restrictions are 5pm-9am
- Five Dock** - Halliday Park, Udall Avenue on Hen and Chicken Bay  
Small waterfront park adjacent to main road, poo bins and picnic tables.  
Time restrictions are 5pm-9am
- Hunters Hill** - Tarban Creek Reserve, Tarban Street  
Walking and cycling pathway. Time restrictions apply
- Huntleys Point** - Gladesville Reserve, Huntleys Point Road  
Parking available and a cycling pathway. Time restrictions apply

## Lower Northern Suburbs

- Woolwich** - Clarkes Point Reserve  
Merrington Place Parking available and a cycling pathway. Weekends - only until 9.30am

## Sydney South Coast

- Bundeena** - Horderns Beach, Bundeena Drive  
7pm to 8:30am summer, 4:30pm to 8:30am winter.  
Dogs are not be permitted on Saturday, Sunday or any public holiday at Horderns Beach.



**Kurnell** - Silver Beach, Prince Charles Pde, Kurnell  
Between the third and fourth groyne (large man-made rock) from the western end

**Coniston** - Bank Street South  
Off leash water access is along the front of the Wollongong golf course. Poo bins located at Swan Street and Bank Street

**Bellambi** - Robert Cram Drive  
Off leash water access from the Bellambi boat shed ramp to the sewage pipe outlet

**Kiama** - Bombo Beach  
Entry via the signposted point adjacent to the road-way under the railway bridge at the Northern end; or from the fenced walkway that passes under the railway bridge from the Hothersal Street car park at the southern end of Bombo Beach. Only permitted off lead in the centre section of the beach at the following times 1 Sept to 31 May-Before 9am and after 5pm daily. 1 June to 31 Aug-Before 9am and after 3pm daily.

## Central Coast

**Copacabana** - Copacabana Beach, Del Monte Place  
The section of the Copacabana and MacMasters Beach from the southern accessway off Del Monte Place, Copacabana to small headland, MacMasters Beach.

**Forrester** - Forrester's Beach, Crystal Street  
The section north from Crystal Street access path and south of Henry Street access path.

**Killcare Heights** - Putty Beach, Putty Beach Road  
The section of the beach north from beach access-way at Grandview Crescent carpark, (Main car park) to beach accessway at Putty Beach Road car park.

**Lakes Beach** - From 500m north of the Surf Club to Ocean Street.

**North Avoca** - Avoca & Nth Avoca Beach - View St  
The section between View Street access path, North Avoca and the access path immediately north of Ficus Avenue Observation Tower, Avoca and eastern shore of lagoon.

**North Shelly Beach** - Shelly Beach Road  
From the northern beach access walkway off Shelly Beach Road (adjacent to the golf course) to the

beach access, stairs opposite Swadling Reserve

**North Entrance Beach** - from Wyuna Avenue to Stewart Street

**Ocean Beach & Umina Beach** - Augusta Street  
The section of Ocean Beach between Barrenjoey Road and Augusta Street.

The section of Umina Beach between the first beach access way south of the skate facility at Umina Oval to the end of the beach at Berrima

**Pearl Beach** - Agate Avenue  
The section of the beach north from Agate Avenue.

**Patonga** - Patonga Beach, Brisk Avenue  
The section of the beach from playground opposite the general store to Brisk Street.

**Terrigal/Wamberal** - Terrigal Beach, Ocean View Drive

North of Terrigal Beach access ramp to public reserve between 25 & 27 Ocean View Drive, Wamberal (referred to as 'The Ruins') and Eastern end of lagoon.

## Lake Macquarie

**Hams Beach** - North of Caves Beach, access via Mawson Close

**Blacksmiths Beach** - Crown Reserve.  
A section of Nine Mile Beach north of Blacksmiths. Access via Awabakul Ave, Blacksmiths.

**Redhead Beach** - South of Redhead, access via Steel Street

## Newcastle

**Horseshoe Beach** - Newcastle East, Entry via Nobbys Road

## Port Stephens

**Tanilba Bay** - Peace Parade, Tilligerry.  
Access around until the boat ramp, Mallabulla.

**Bagnalls Beach** - Sandy Point Road, Nelson Bay

**Stockton Beach** - James Patterson Road  
This is a 37km beach. The first 500m is on lead whilst the rest is off lead until the Newcastle section of the beach- 30kms of the beach is off lead.



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