

# Dog Friendly Places on Long Island



Animals are generally not permitted in parks on Long Island. However, dogs restrained by a leash, under 6 feet in length, may be brought into specific areas of the park, but not buildings, camping, bathing, or picnic areas. The parks listed below generally allow dogs in certain areas.

**Bay Park Dog Park (East Rockaway, NY):** First Avenue, south of Sunrise Highway. To reach Bay Park, take Southern State Parkway to Exit 17/Hempstead Avenue South. Take Hempstead Avenue to fork (Ocean Avenue). Take left on fork (Ocean Avenue) through Lynbrook and East Rockaway to Main Street (follow park signs). Make a left onto Front Street. Make a Right onto Althouse Avenue. Make a left onto First and follow to park or go straight into the park (lighted fields). Separate areas for big and small dogs.

**Belmont Lake State Park (Babylon, NY):** Undeveloped trail starting at northeast corner of parking lot and ending by maintenance buildings. Dogs are not permitted in picnic areas or playgrounds.

**Blydenburgh County Park (Smithtown, NY):** A 1.8 acre fenced park with separate areas for large and small dogs, where owners can let their pets off the leash and allow them to interact with other dogs.

**Camp Hero State Park (Montauk, NY):** Dogs allowed on a leash no more than six feet long.

**Cedar Creek Park (Seaford, NY):** Enclosed dog run is available; owners are responsible for clean-up and dogs permitted in run area only.

**Christopher Morley Park (Port Washington, NY):** An enclosed dog run is located near the maintenance building. Owners are responsible for clean-up.

**Eisenhower Dog Park (Westbury, NY):** Located on the North side of Eisenhower Park at the corner of Stewart Ave. and Salisbury Park Drive (field 9). The dog park covers approximately one acre, is fenced and divided into large dog and small dog (25 lbs. and under) areas with separate double-gated entrances for each. The park also features benches, a shade structure, waste bag containers and water fountains

**Governor Alfred E. Smith/Sunken Meadow (Kings Park, NY):** No access from park, east end of park, access from Old Dock Road. East of Sunken Meadow Pkwy. and South of Rt. 25A, access from 25A.

**Heckscher State Park (East Islip, NY):** Undeveloped trails, west of toll booths, park in back of field 4 and walk to field 5.

**Hempstead Lake State Park (West Hempstead, NY):** Undeveloped areas that are open to the public. Unpaved path at field 3 and adjacent to Schodak Creek.

**Hither Hills State Park (Montauk, NY):** North of Montauk Pkwy., south of beach area east of Napeague Harbor and west of overlook parking.

**Town of Huntington Dog Park (East Northport, NY):** Next to Huntington Animal Shelter for Town of Huntington residents off Pulaski on Deposit Road.

**Massapequa Dog Park (Massapequa, NY):** Located between Loudon Avenue, County Line Road, Clocks Boulevard and Pine Street in Massapequa, Entrance is on Clocks Boulevard. The park is approximately 50,000 square feet and is divided into large dog and small dog (25 lbs. and under) areas. The ground is covered with wood chips and each side has natural shade trees, shade structures, water fountains, benches and tables, waste bag stations, and double entry gates. An eight-foot, wrought-iron fence borders the perimeter of the park

**Montauk Point State Park (Montauk, NY):** Area from west of refreshment stand to just beyond Oyster Pond.

**Old Bethpage Restoration Dog Run (Old Bethpage, NY):** The new dog run has two areas - one for small dogs and one for large dogs. It also features "green" water systems – collecting and filtering rain water for the dogs to drink. The Boy Scouts donated benches for dog owners to sit on. Hours are the same as for Old Bethpage Village Restoration: Wed – Sunday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. There is no fee for using the dog run.

**Nickerson Beach Park (Lido Beach, NY):** Enclosed dog run is available; owners are responsible for clean-up and dogs permitted in run area only.

**Shadmoor State Park (Montauk, NY):** Dogs on a leash not more than six feet long.

**Wantagh Park (Wantagh, NY):** Enclosed dog run is located near the maintenance building. Owners are responsible for clean-up and must leash their dogs from the car to the run. To get there: Take the Southern State Parkway to Exit 27 South (Wantagh Parkway). Exit off the Wantagh Parkway at Sunrise Highway East. Make a right onto Wantagh Avenue. Take to the end and make right onto Merrick Road. At first light make a left into park.

**West Hills Park (Huntington, NY):** Pets must be leashed at all times. Except in designated Dog Run Areas. When walking, your pet must be on a leash no more than 6 feet in length. There is both a Large Dog Park (dogs over 26lbs) and a Small Dog Park (for dogs 25lbs or less)

## DOG-FRIENDLY BEACHES

**Atlantic Beach:** Dogs on a leash are allowed on the beach only during the off-season, from Oct. 1 through March 31. Dogs are not permitted on the boardwalk at any time.

**Heckscher State Park in East Islip:** Dogs on a leash no longer than 6 feet are allowed on the beach, access in undeveloped areas only. Dogs are not permitted in camping, bathing and picnic areas, in buildings or on walkways.

**Fire Island National Seashore:** Dogs are permitted, but must be kept leashed and are not allowed in public buildings, on lifeguarded beaches or near areas closed for endangered species.

**Ocean Beach in Fire Island:** Dogs on a leash are allowed on the beach only during the off-season, from September 16 through May 14.

**Town-owned beaches in Southampton:** Dogs are allowed on all town-owned beaches only between October 1st and April 1st.

## DOG PARK ETIQUETTE

- Scoop the poop.
- Keep your dog on a leash when a leash law is enforced.
- For safety reasons, never let your dog greet others unless invited to do so.
- Make sure your dog is well behaved and will listen to obedience commands.
- Pay attention to your dog and be responsible for their behavior
- Follow the posted rules as they can vary at individual parks.

**Before heading out with your dog always double check to make sure the dog friendly part of the park is open.**

These are a few places. For more information please check out:

NYS Parks Department > Long Island Region 631-669-1000

Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation & Museums 516- 572-0200

Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation 631-854-4949

[http://www.lidog.org/li\\_dogparks.htm](http://www.lidog.org/li_dogparks.htm)

<http://www.longisland.com/dog-friendly-parks.html>

<http://long-island.newsday.com/recreation/parks/dog-friendly-parks-on-long-island-1.876486>

<http://www.bringfido.com/>



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