

Leash-free dog exercise areas

Dogs are happier and healthier when they have regular exercise. Gold Coast City Council provides areas, some of which have agility equipment, where owners can exercise their dogs off-leash.



Regular exercise in these leash-free areas will help to:

- socialise your dog
- reduce your dog's stress and stress-related habits at home, including digging and excessive barking
- reduce boredom for your dog
- provide your dog with mental stimulation
- improve your pet's well-being

Dogs that do not get regular exercise can develop behavioural problems, including aggression and excessive barking. They are more likely to indulge in destructive behaviour to gain attention.

Conditions for using leash-free dog exercise areas

Leash-free areas are not for the exclusive use of dogs and their owners. They are for the enjoyment of all, so please be considerate of people who may be sharing the area with you and your dog or using the park after you leave.

Effective control

Your dog must be under your effective control for the entire time it is off-leash. Effective control means your dog responds to your command and remains close to you. If your dog is not sufficiently trained to behave in this manner at all times, do not allow it off-leash. On the spot fines apply when dogs are off-leash and not under effective control.

Pick up your dog's droppings

Some of the most popular leash-free areas provide dispensers with dog litter bags. However, you should not rely on their availability. Please make sure you always have equipment with you to pick up and dispose of your dog's droppings. An on the spot fine applies if you fail to remove your dog's droppings in a public place.

Off-leash dogs exercise areas



Leash-free dog exercise areas and dog prohibited areas

A dog exercise area is the signed part of a park, reserve, foreshore or beach where dogs may be exercised off-leash but under effective control.

A dog prohibited area is the signed part of a park, reserve foreshore or beach where dogs are not permitted. Dogs are totally prohibited within 200 metres of all flagged bathing areas. Penalties apply.

The following list is accurate at October 2009. Aerial photos of all the parks are available for viewing in the foyers of the Gold Coast City Council customer service offices. Please visit Council's website at goldcoastcity.com.au for any amendments or dog exercise areas that contain agility areas.

Northern Suburbs

Off-leash dog exercise areas	
Coombahbah	Chiba St Park, Chiba Street
Hollywell	Bayview Park, cnr Hyacinth Ave and Bayview Street
Hope Island	Saltwater Park, Oxenford Southport Road
JACOBS WELL	Helmore Park, Helmore Road
Ormeau	Maidenwell park on the corner of Ravensthorpe Street and Maidenwell Road † Vennor Reserve, Vennor Drive
Oxenford	Gambamora Park, Riversdale Drive The Village Park, east of Studio Drive off Hepburn Court Saltwater Creek Park, Kopps Road
Paradise Point	Boat Harbour Park, Abalone Ave
Runaway Bay	Runaway Bay Sports Complex, Lae Drive, behind the basketball stadium Lions Club Park, Medika Street
Upper Coomera	John Siganto Reserve, Reserve Road Jacob Court Reserve, Gannon Way † Highland Reserve Park
Woongoolba	Cecil Zipf Park, Rocky Point Road

Prohibited areas

Coombahbah	Coombahbah Reserve, leased area of pound excepted
Hope Island	Saltwater Park, Hope Island Dr
JACOBS WELL	swimming enclosure, Jacobs Well Rd
Paradise Point	swimming enclosure, limited to the area east of the footpath, north to the stormwater pipe protruding into the Broadwater and south to the Ephriam Island Bridge
Runaway Bay	all areas of Runaway Bay Sports Complex and sporting fields
South Stradbroke Island	all parks and reserves South Stradbroke Island, residents and property owners excepted, provided dogs are registered and kept in an enclosure

Central Suburbs

Off-leash dog exercise areas	
Ashmore	Botanic Gardens, Ashmore Road, western end as indicated by signage
	Glenmore Park, Galloway Drive
	* Sun Valley Park, Sun Valley Drive
	Green Glen Park, Expo Court
Benowa	Benowa Park, Sylvan and Evans Drive
	Scenic Park, Scenic Avenue
Biggera Waters	O'Connell Park, corner Morala Ave and Ocean Street
Boonooroo Park	Boonooroo Park, Hickey Way
Broadbeach	Southern end of Pratten Park, Old Burleigh Road
Broadbeach Waters	Hart Park, Alaska Ave and Cypress Drive
	Gooding Park, Cleland Crescent
	Albert Park, Fremar Street, excluding all pathways
	Moana Park, Kalimna Drive
Carrara	Stoner Family Park, Merridown Drive
Chevron Island	Chevron Island Park, Thomas Drive
Clear Island Waters	Takasu Gardens, Markeri Street
	Markeri Park, Markeri Street
	Robina Capes Waterway Park, Markeri Street
Helensvale	Samford Court Reserve, Samford Court
	Discovery Park, Discovery Drive
	Careel Reserve, from Careel Close to the sewage pump station
	Salix Reserve, between Mildura Drive and the railway line
	Rugby Park, behind kindergarten at Ashford Road to the swimming pool as signed
Isle of Capri	Franquin Park, The Corso
Labrador	Collingwood Court, Parklands and The Biggera Creek Retardation Basin from Olsen Avenue to Napper Road
	† * Nick Pavlis Park, Brown Street
Mermaid Waters	* Pizzey Park, Oceanic Drive, limited to area around lake between tennis courts and athletics track as indicated by signs
Nerang	Carol Moore Park, Dugandan Street, north east section only
	Aaron Andrews Park, Bushmead Street
	Morgan Family Park, Birribi Avenue
	Burchill Park, eastern side of Pacific Hwy
	Swift Park, Centurion Crescent
	† * Kamholtz Family Park, Souter Street,
	Explorers Way Northern Linear Park, Alexander Drive

Pacific Pines	Galapagos Park, Galapagos Way
Parkwood	Abbot Park, East of Parkwood Blvd to the golf course, west of drain to Woodland Way
Robina	Robina Lions Club Park, 15 St Johns Circuit
	Robina Lions Club Park, Cheltenham Drive
Sorrento	Gladys Moncrieff Park, Boomerang Crescent
Southport	The Spit, from the Seaway wall to the dunes in line with Muriel Henschman Drive
	Matron and Sister Higman Park, Brighton Pde
	James Overall Park, Brighton Parade
	Ward Park, Dandar Drive
	Buckley Family Park, Bambarra Street
	Merinda Park, Merinda Way
	Ron Short Park, Alicia Street
	Lilli Pilli Park, Lilli Pilli Drive
	Coolibah Park, Tongarra Street
	† * Musgrave Park, Musgrave Street
	Black Stump Park, Wardoo and Baratta Streets
	Keebra Park Reserve, Blake Street to Minnie Street
	Regatta Parade Park, Regatta Parade, 5am to 7am and 5pm to 7pm daily
area of foreshore between the Seaway and Muriel Henschman Avenue as signed	
Surfers Paradise	Paradise Waters Park, Commodore Drive

Prohibited areas	
Ashmore	athletics track, Community Drive
	Botanic Gardens, Ashmore Road, limited to the pond area only
Budds Beach	Budds Beach Reserve, River Drive, including the beach area
Bundall	the lake and beach area behind the Council Administration Centre
Labrador	Harley Park Swimming Enclosure, including lagoon area
Southport	Keith Hunt Park, Musgrave Avenue, sporting fields
	Botanic Gardens, Musgrave Avenue
Surfers Paradise Beach	from lifeguard tower 37, Higman Street south to tower 33 Clifford Street

Southern Suburbs

Off-leash dog exercise areas	
Bonogin	Davenport Park, Jackmans Road
Burleigh	Burleigh Lake Park, adjacent to Burleigh St Reserve between Connor and Ocean Streets
Burleigh Waters	Deodar Park, Burleigh Street Burleigh Lake Park, Cnr West Burleigh Road and Dunlin Drive
Coolangatta	Goodwin Park, Jarvis Lane, limited to area east of path as indicated by signs
Currumbin Valley	Ridge Top Park, Currumbin Creek Road
Elanora	Elanora Oval, Park Court * Eddie Kornhauser Reserve, Guineas Creek Road, limited to island area
Lower Beechmont	fenced area, Syd Duncan Park, Beechmont Road
Miami	Ernie Tebb Park, Mountain View Avenue
Mudgeeraba	Campbell Duncan Park, Franklin Drive * Hinterland Regional Park, Hardys Road Little Nerang Road Park, Little Nerang Road
Palm Beach	Mallawa Drive Sports Complex, 19th Avenue and Melaleuca Drive (excluding soccer field and netball courts) Salk Oval, Thrower Drive (excluding marked playing fields) Laguna Park (limited to around lake area as indicated by signs) from lifeguard tower 13 south to Currumbin Creek entrance (as indicated by signs)
Reedy Creek	Wonga Park, Wonga Street Observatory Estate, Barden Ridge Road
Robina	Elfin Park, Cnr Christine Ave and Olympus Drive Jack Wilson Park, Cheltenham Drive Kerrydale Park, Priddey's Road * Robina Common, limited to the western end off Brighton Court Eastern side of Robina Parkway, opposite Boowaggan Road

Tallebudgera	part of Schusters Park as indicated by signs area north of the Tallebudgera bathing reserve to the Tallebudgera Creek entrance Robinson Park, Tallebudgera Creek Road Tallebudgera Beach, from the Tallebudgera Creek groyne south to Tallebudgera Surf Life Saving Club
Tallebudgera Valley	George Dacca Bramley Park, cnr Tallebudgera Creek Road and Rusty Court
Tugun	* Betty Diamond Park, Adina Avenue Atkin Park, Station St, limited to northern end adjacent to Bowls Club, indicated by signs
Varsity Lakes	† * Frascott Park, Yodelay Street
Worongary	Pioneer Downs Park, Vince Hinde Drive

Prohibited areas

Burleigh Heads	beach from the viewing platform south to the National Park including John Laws Park and Apex Park, Goodwin Terrace
Currumbin	the area of Currumbin estuary from Currumbin rock west to the Gold Coast Highway bridge
Kirra and south	from the drainage outlet at Kirra Beach south to Coolangatta, Greenmount Beach, Rainbow Bay Beach and Snapper Rocks area
Mudgeeraba	Firth Park, Somerset Drive
Palm Beach	Murlong Crescent Park, barbecue and children's playground areas, indicated by signs Tarrabora Reserve, Palm Beach parklands as signed
Tallebudgera	part of Schusters Park, including the ponyclub field, dressage arena and habitat area indicated by signs Tallebudgera Tourist Park and adjacent swimming enclosure area of Tallebudgera Creek (except walkway around caravan park)

* denotes agility area

† denotes fenced area



For further information please contact Council on (07) 5581 6664 or visit goldcoastcity.com.au/dogs and follow the link to dog exercise areas.