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Top pet friendly parks

If you're a pet owner, then you know it's heart-breaking to leave your furry friend behind when you travel.

Pet sitters are hard to come by and, let's be honest, kennels are more like jails than pet motels. Australia boasts one of the highest rates of pet ownership in the world, so it's no surprise that pet-friendly parks is one of the fastest trends in the

recreational tourism sector.

Nevertheless, we still lag well behind the US in terms of the number of parks that will accept pets and sometimes it can be hard work tracking them down.

We asked our readers to nominate their favourites and here are the ones that come recommended with four paws or more.



1 Buronga Riverside Caravan Park
(03) 5023 3040

Offers accommodation to all pets. Guests can tie up dogs out the front of cabins. There are two dog play areas with facilities including a dog bath/wash station, doggy-do-do bags and dog poles to secure your friend for when you use the bathroom.

burongacaravanpark.com.au

2 North Coast Holiday Parks
Moonee Beach
(02) 6653 6552

Offers accommodation to all kinds of dogs, all year round. Nine of their cabins are dog friendly. There's a dog-wash station and best of all, a pet-friendly beach.

northcoastholidayparks.com.au

3 Tathra Beachside Holiday Park
(02) 6494 1302

Welcomes all pets and even recently accommodated a pet lamb! The park has

no restrictions on where pets can wander and there's a leash-free area on the nearby beach. The park offers a complimentary dog treat on check-in, a washing station and are soon to implement an agility course. There is four pet-friendly cabins
tathrabeachside.com.au



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4 Dalmeny Campground
0428 635 641

Allows every kind of animal to stay. They've safely accommodated cats and birds and will even take the odd pony. There's no limits to the number of pets you can bring along but they must be restrained. There are dog-friendly beaches close by and they offer information on local dog grooming facilities.

dalmenycampground.com.au

5 Toowoon Bay Holiday Park
(02) 4332 2834

Allows one dog per powered site. Pets are to be on a lead and must be cleaned up after. The park is also situated on the beach where dogs can play freely.

toowoonbayhp.com.au

6 BIG4 Armidale Highlander Van Village
(02) 6772 4768

Welcomes all kinds of dogs as long as they are on a leash at all times. Your furry friend can stay in specially delegated cabins/sites or in your own caravan.

big4.com.au



1 Prime Tourist Park
(03) 5155 1735

Accommodates all kinds of pets all year round. They have an un-leashed area set-up right next to the entertainment space so you can have a swim while your pooch runs around next door. Prime maintains a compost system which means you don't have to bag your pet's business. Simply pick it up with the station scoopers around the site and place it on the compost heap. This park also donates \$1 to their local animal shelter for every pet that stays.

primetouristpark.com.au

2 Mallacoota Foreshore Caravan Park
(03) 5158 0300

Welcomes all kind of pets. They are permitted around the entire site, just not in the communal areas. There is also a doggy-washing station.

eastgippsland.vic.gov.au

3 Bright Holiday Park
(03) 5755 1141

Accommodates all kinds of dogs, however not in peak times. There is also a dog-friendly beach nearby where your pooch can run around.

brightholidaypark.com.au

4 Gum Tree Caravan Park
(03) 5568 1462

Welcomes all kinds of pets upon application. There are pet-friendly cabins, an off-leash area and a local kennel nearby.

gumtreecaravanpark.com.au

5 Eastern Beach Holiday Park
(03) 5155 1581

As long as your pooch is on a leash, they can walk wound anywhere on site. The nearby beach is dog-friendly.

easternbeach.com.au



1 Wintersun Caravan and Tourist Park
(08) 9941 8150

Pets are allowed on cabin verandas and may be allowed inside, however an additional fee is charged. Wintersun has an enclosed off-leash area for dogs, pet bedding and pet washing facilities. Restricted areas include communal spaces such as the pool and kitchen.

wintersuncaravanpark.com.au

2 Broome's Gateway Caravan Park
0437 525 485

Accommodates every kind of animal from horses to goats and even pet kangaroos. Again the only restricted areas are communal facilities such as the camp

kitchen. There is a fenced off area where pets can be released. If you wish to go into town there are two pet-sitting spots where your animal will be looked after.

broomesgateway.com

3 BIG4 Beachlands Holiday Park
(08) 9752 2107

All dogs are welcome upon application, providing they are de-sexed and are kept on a leash. It's only 100m to the pet friendly off-leash beach.

beachlands.com.au

4 Four Seasons Holiday Park
(08) 9755 4082

A dog-friendly park with no size restrictions. The powered/unpowered sites and cottages can all accommodate your furry-friends.



Buronga Riverside Caravan Park pet laundry



1 Heritage Caravan Park
(08) 8953 1418

Welcomes dogs as long as they are kept on a leash. Facilities include a doggy-day care and a separate off-leash area.
heritagecaravanpark.com.au

2 Tumbling Waters Holiday Park
(08) 8988 6255

Small dogs are allowed to stay in owners' caravans upon application. They are to be kept on a leash at all times, with owners requested to keep them out of communal areas. Dog-sitting can be arranged.
tumblingwatersholidaypark.com.au

3 Manbullo Homestead Caravan Park
(08) 8972 1559

Dogs, cats and even horses (as long as you bring your own feed) are accommodated at this site. They have a dog-wash station and there are no limits on where your four legged friends can wander about.
manbulloohomesteadcaravanpark.com.au

4 Mataranka Homestead Tourist Resort
(08) 8975 4544

Dogs and cats are welcome here. There are special sites for people with pets and they must be kept on a leash.
matarankahomestead.com.au

5 Pine Creek Railway Resort
(08) 8976 1001

Offers accommodation to dogs and upon request will consider other pets. Your pooch is to be kept on one side of the park delegated as pet-friendly.
pinecreekrailwayresort.com.au

6 BIG4 Howard Springs Holiday Park
(08) 7999 7039

All kinds of pets are welcome here in compliance with a weight restriction of up to 15kg. They are limited to the front section of the caravan park and must be kept on a leash at all times. On arrival you need to sign a form promising to follow the rules. There is an off-leash play area.
big4howardsprings.com.au

Four Seasons has a doggy-spa and there is a pet-friendly beach 250m down the road.
fourseasonsresort.com.au

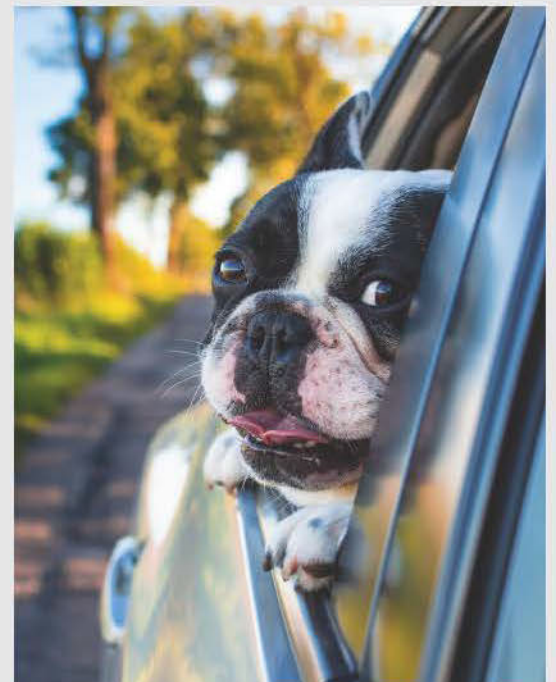
5 Margaret River Tourist Park
(08) 9757 2180

All kinds of pets are welcome. Must be kept on leash at all times and no entry to communal areas. There are also public grounds at the back of the site where your pet can play.
margaretrivertouristpark.com.au

6 Banksia Tourist Park
(08) 9250 2398

Offers accommodation to all kinds of pets as long as they are social. They must be kept on a leash at all times and there are signs around the park detailing which areas they

cannot access. Banksia has a huge exercise area and pen set-up out the front of each cabin complete with a water bowl, bed and poo bags. If you'd like to step-out for the day, the park also offers doggy-day-care.
banksiatourist.com.au





1 Mudjimba Beach Holiday Park
(07) 5448 7157

A dog friendly park within a designated area. There is a maximum of two dogs per booking.

sunshinecoastholidayparks.com.au

2 Jacobs Well Tourist Park
(07) 5667 2760

Offers accommodation to dogs on application. The park is planning to expand the facilities for dogs so they can use most of the park in the near future.

goldcoasttouristparks.com.au



1 Riverbend Caravan Park - Renmark
(08)8595 5131

Offers accommodation to all pets and every kind of dog. They ask that pets be kept on a leash and remain in site areas only.

riverbendrenmark.com.au

2 Waterloo Bay Tourist Park
(08) 8687 9076

Every kind of pet is welcome at Waterloo and they are allowed to stay on site all year round.

visitellison.net

3 Harbour View Caravan Park Hervey Bay
(07) 4128 9374

Accepts dogs and cats as long as they are of a quiet and friendly nature. There is an off-leash play area.

harbourviewcaravanpark.com.au

4 Lake Placid Tourist Park
(07) 4039 2509

Accepts all kinds of dogs on application. There's a dog-wash station and an unleashed area nearby.

lakeplacidtouristpark.com

5 Palm Cove Holiday Park
(07) 4055 3824

Small pets are allowed with one per site, upon application and at the manager's discretion.

palmcovehp.com.au

3 Victor Harbor Beachfront Holiday Park
(08) 8552 1111

Pets are welcome as long as they are kept on a leash. There is a pet-friendly beach nearby where they can run around.

victorbhp.com.au

4 Ceduna Caravan Park
(08) 8625 2012

There are no size restrictions and all kinds of pets are accepted. Ceduna offers pet-friendly cabin accommodation where they can sleep in a breezeway between the bathroom and main cabin. Around the site, pets are to be kept on a leash and with a stroll down to the beach, your pooch can run around freely.

cedunacaravanpark.com.au

5 Port Hughes Tourist Park
(08) 8825 2106

Welcomes your pooch any time of the year, excluding the Christmas and Easter period. They do still accept companion dogs during these times. There are no restrictions on sizes or breeds and they must remain on a leash at all times. Keep an eye out for the special dog statue!

porthughestouristpark.com.au

TOP TIPS travelling with dogs

Set aside time for plenty of exercise before you leave and don't feed them within at least four hours of departure, especially first-timers.


Pets always need more rest stops than you do. Make stops even more frequently as your dog gets older. Make a few short trips first for dogs unfamiliar with travelling.

Keep them restrained and never leave them in a parked car, even with the windows down.

Do your homework on the park you're staying at to make the most of pet-friendly activities and places.

Be super considerate of neighbours when staying in parks. Put a stop to barking quick smart and always clean up any mess. A good impression means more park owners will welcome pets!

Keep a travel bag ready with all the essentials, including some special toys. It makes the trip even more exciting for your furry friend.



*Moonee Park
happy dog*



1 BIG4 Ulverstone Holiday Park
(03) 6425 2624

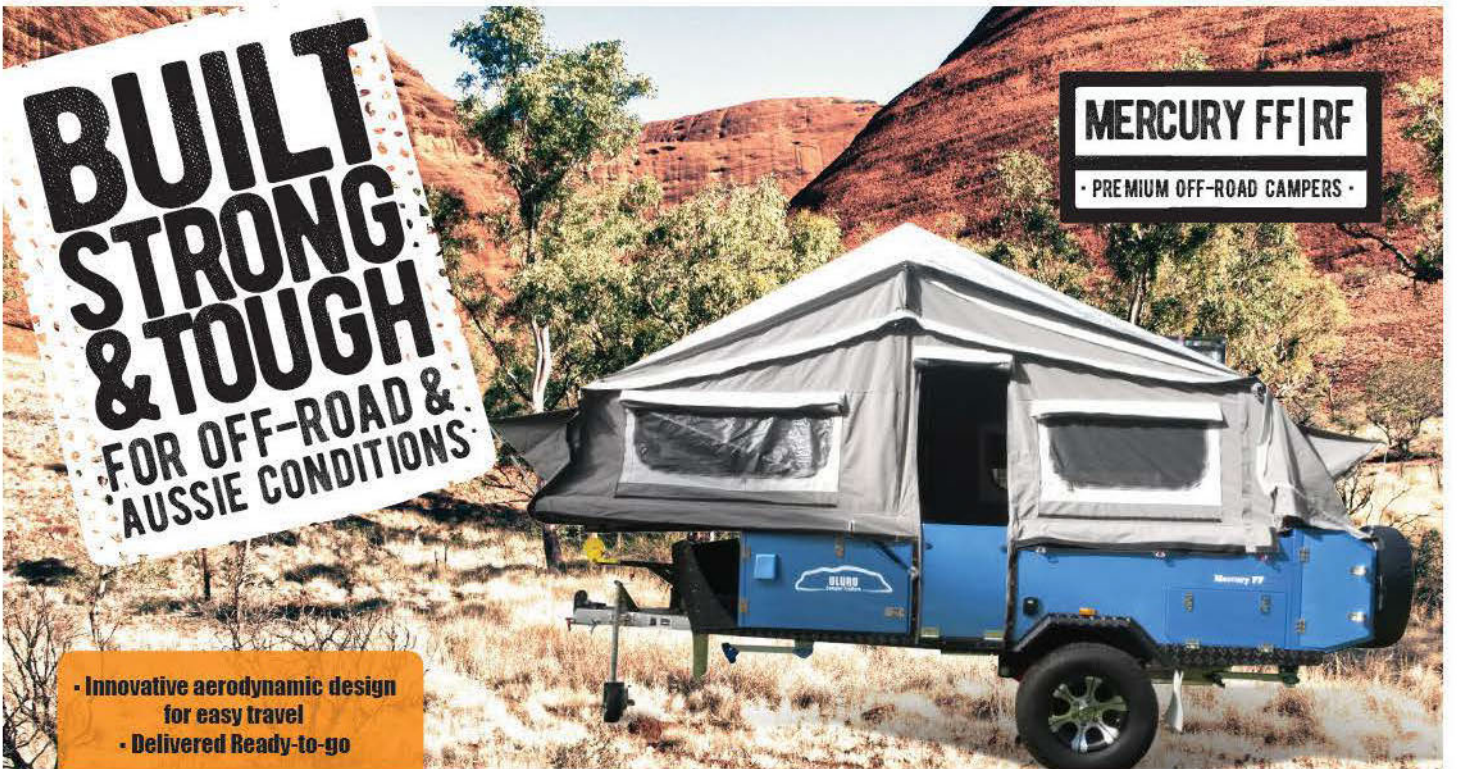
Dogs are welcome as long as they are kept on a leash. Across the road is a dog-friendly beach.
big4.com.au

2 Scamander Tourist Park
(03) 6372 5121

Welcomes all kinds of pets, you can even bring your fish! There are no restrictions on sizes of dogs, as long they're kept on leash.
scamandertouristpark.com.au



Off-leash areas are not a licence to let your dog run rampant. As much as you love and trust your pooch, a first meeting can be threatening to other people and their pets.



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