

Your Dog-Friendly PA State Parks & Forests

Pets Allowed in Designated Campgrounds and Cabins

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The Outdoor Dog

Izzy's outdoor adventures began at Pinchot State Park

Photo (above) by Marci Mowery

Your well-behaved pooch is always allowed in all of the Pennsylvania state parks (be aware of areas where they are expressly prohibited) as long as they are on a leash (6' long or less).

And when it comes to overnight stays, a pet parent's options are extensive. Designated loops or campsites where your furry one is welcome have long been available in park campgrounds. In 2012, a pilot program to permit dogs in select state park cabins began the trend for expanded pet places.

Additional fees (\$5/night for modern and rustic cabins and \$2/night for a standard camping cottage at press time) are

assessed at the time of booking. DCNR pet camping guidelines allow only leashed, house-trained dogs with up-to-date rabies vaccinations to stay in cabins and cottages.

Responsible ownership is the key to everyone's enjoyment!

For additional information visit DCNR's website:

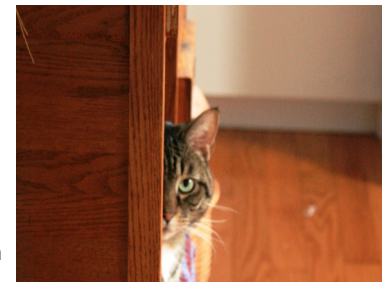
<https://ppff.online/dcnr-petsinparks>

The following chart lists campgrounds with pet sites and where cabins/cottages (designated with an *) are available. Check the "Dogs in Cabins" factsheet DCNR updates each year as facilities expand.

<https://ppff.online/dcnr-dogsincabins>

Meanwhile, pets are permitted on state forest land and campsites so long as they are "kept under control and attended at all times."

Wherever you like to go in the parks and forests, we hope you and your pet have a safe and fun experience!



Emma was always suspicious of camping

Photo by Pam Metzger

Bald Eagle	Greenwood Furnace	Lyman Run	Raccoon Creek
Black Moshannon	Hickory Run	Moraine*	Ravensburg
Blue Knob	Hills Creek*	Ohiopyle*	Reeds Gap
Caledonia	Hyners Run	Oil Creek	Ricketts Glen
Chapman*	Kettle Creek	Ole Bull	Ryerson Station
Clear Creek*	Keystone	Parker Dam*	S.B. Elliott
Codorus	Kooser*	Patterson	Salt Springs
Colonel Denning	Lackawanna	Penn-Roosevelt	Shawnee
Colton Point	Laurel Hill	Pine Grove Furnace	Sinnemahoning
Cook Forest*	Laurel Ridge	Poe Paddy	Sizerville
Cowans Gap*	Leonard Harrison	Poe Valley*	Tobyhanna
Fowlers Hollow	Linn Run*	Prince Gallitzin	Trough Creek
Frances Slocum	Little Buffalo*	Promised Land*	Worlds End
French Creek	Little Pine	Pymatuning	Yellow Creek
Gifford Pinchot	Locust Lake	R.B. Winter	

Pet First Aid - A Prepared Pet Owner is a Responsible Pet Owner

Nobody likes to think that the great outdoors could be dangerous for your canine companion. There's no substitute for quality veterinary care; however, with a little training in basic pet first aid and the right tools on hand you can provide relief and comfort to your furry friend in the event of an emergency. To find a training course near you, visit the websites of the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org or Pet Tech at www.pettech.net.

The best thing to do in any situation is to keep your head, remain calm and have a system for responding to the situation.

Even when taking a short hike it is a good idea to have some basics available. These basics will fit in your daypack, with a more complete first aid kit in the car. Check the kits regularly to replace missing items and make sure that items have not expired.

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Backpack first aid kit:

- ◆ 4" square gauze pads
- ◆ Cling type bandaging tapes
- ◆ Topical disinfectant cream
- ◆ Tweezers

- ◆ Styptic powder to clot blood from a torn or broken nail
- ◆ Pocket knife (this is also useful if the leash gets tangled in vines and you need to cut it loose)
- ◆ Flashlight
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Veterinarian's phone number

Portable car first aid kit:

- ◆ Adhesive bandages in several sizes
 - ◆ Adhesive tape
 - ◆ Alcohol wipes or ethyl alcohol
 - ◆ Antibiotic cream
 - ◆ Antiseptic solution
 - ◆ Benadryl
 - ◆ Blanket or old beach towel
 - ◆ Calamine lotion
- ◆ Cotton balls
- ◆ Disposable instant cold packs
- ◆ Elastic bandage
- ◆ Eye wash
- ◆ Hand sanitizer
- ◆ Hydrocortisone cream
- ◆ List of emergency phone numbers



Molson Golden models the latest in splint fashion

Photo by Bernetta Dougert

- ◆ Safety pins
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Sterile gauze
- ◆ Syringe
- ◆ Thermometer (rectal)
- ◆ Muzzle
- ◆ Pet emergency pocket guide

After hiking, carefully examine your dog for signs of injury, fleas and ticks, or harmful debris such as thorns or slivers of glass. Look at each paw, especially the pads and between the toes. Look in the ears; run

your hand over his entire body and use a comb through his coat to look for bumps on the skin or thorns, etc.

Not every pet is a natural athlete. After consulting with your veterinarian, find activities your pet enjoys and start an exercise program slowly. Before you set off for a long hike with your dog, it's important to work them up to a reasonable level of fitness.

~Bernetta Dougert & Molson Golden


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Django enjoys the snow at Ridley Creek State Park

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