

Did You Know?

The little birds that run up and down in groups frantically digging for sand crabs on our beaches are Sanderlings. They migrate to Santa Barbara from the Arctic where they nest and breed.



Sanderlings by Adam Lewis

Snowy Plovers, by contrast, breed locally on certain beaches in Santa Barbara County. Due to human disturbance there are only about 2,000 threatened Snowy Plovers remaining on the West coast. One way to distinguish Plovers from Sanderlings is that they run singly, not in groups.

Other Arctic visitors include winter migrating Whimbrels. The remoteness of their breeding grounds allows them to succeed in reproducing without human interference.

Our visiting shorebirds fly hundreds, even thousands of miles to our Santa Barbara shores. To maintain energy and calories for migration and survival, they need to forage undisturbed on our beaches.

You can make a difference!

Paw Laws

Santa Barbara County & City Beaches

Rules for our dogs help with public safety, pet safety, human health, water quality and wildlife protection.

The leash law for beaches under Santa Barbara County jurisdiction requires dogs to be on a six foot leash. Ocean Beach and Guadalupe Beach have seasonal restrictions prohibiting dogs Mar. - Sept. (see Beaches chart and SB County website).

The cities of Goleta, Santa Barbara and Carpinteria all have ordinances that prohibit dogs on the beach except for West Ellwood Beach in Goleta where dogs are allowed on-leash and Shoreline Park Beach to Arroyo Burro in Santa Barbara where dogs are allowed off-leash. Carpinteria's Harbor Seal Rookery only allows on-leash dogs June through November, no dogs allowed Dec. 1 – May 31. No dogs are allowed on the sand at California State Beach Parks in Santa Barbara County.

County Park & Carpinteria City leash law violations are: \$100 fine for the 1st violation, \$200 for the 2nd, \$500 for the 3rd. Call SB City Animal Control 805.963.1513 or County Animal Services 805.681-5285 for more information about regulations.

Helpful Websites:

- 🐕 SB County Parks website, "Canine Corner": "Off-leash Dog Areas" <http://www.countyofsb.org/parks>
- 🐕 Elings Park off-leash areas <http://www.elingspark.org/epdog.html>
- 🐕 Santa Barbara City www.santabarbaraca.gov Menu: Government/City Depts/Police/Animal Control
- 🐕 City of Carpinteria <http://www.carpinteria.ca.us>
- 🐕 California State Parks <http://www.parks.ca.gov/>



Eco-Dog's Beach Guide

For Santa Barbara County Beaches



Dog-friendly Santa Barbara County has 2 miles of off-leash beach and 21 beaches that welcome dogs on-leash. We also share the County's beautiful beaches with wildlife that depend on it for their survival. This brochure provides helpful information for dog owners visiting Santa Barbara County's shoreline and is sponsored by:

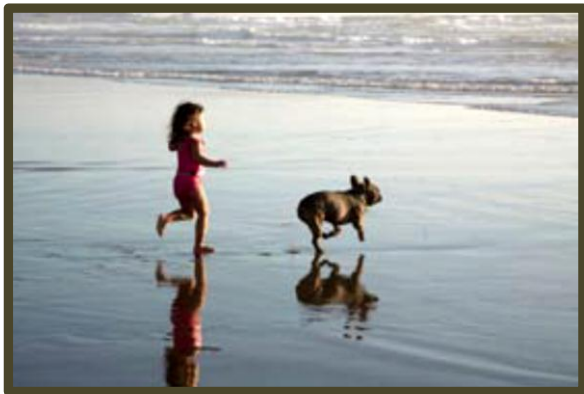
Santa Barbara Audubon Society
www.SantaBarbaraAudubon.org

Friends of the Douglas Family Preserve
www.OurMesaNeighborhood.com



Pawsitive Beach Tips

- 🐕 Bring fresh water & provide shade for your dog to avoid heatstroke on hot days. Drinking sea water can make your dog sick.
- 🐕 Rinse off salt water that can irritate your dog's skin and paws. Remove tar with cooking oil, not solvents. Sunblock can prevent sunburn on noses & pink skin.
- 🐕 Very hot sand or asphalt can burn paw pads.
- 🐕 Practicing the "come" command before you go helps your dog with voice control at the off-leash beach. Bring treats for training. For the safety of all, dogs not under voice control should not be off-leash.
- 🐕 Check www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov to see if the off-leash beach is under water at very high tide.
- 🐕 Carry biodegradable bags with you. Leaving bags on the beach is illegal litter & will pollute the ocean.
- 🐕 Training your dog to go at home before you leave can keep the beach cleaner and reduce environmental & financial costs of plastic bags.
- 🐕 There is a convenient self-serve Monarch Pet Spa warm water dog wash at Arroyo Burro Beach.
- 🐕 Invented & made in Santa Barbara, the "Poop Pac" replaces awkward & flimsy plastic bags. Hands-free & place for keys & cell phone. www.PoopPac.com
- 🐕 Bring your cell phone in case of emergency & call 911 so your call will get to the right dispatch for that beach.



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Sharing the Beach

Our beaches are a thin ribbon of habitat that shorebirds need to rest and feed during their long distance migrations. As our population increases, places crucial for shorebird survival are decreasing. You as a dog guardian can help.

We can be aware & share the beach with four simple actions:

- 🐕 Walk around birds instead of through their flocks.
- 🐕 Leash pets before they chase birds.
- 🐕 Respect closed areas set aside for endangered or nesting species.
- 🐕 Stay away from birds that look sick or are unable to get away from humans.

Shorebirds see our pets as predators and become stressed. Also, harassing wildlife is against the law. Unleashed pets harass & kill birds on our beaches every year. This problem is easy to fix. Watch for shorebirds & leash your dog as needed.

Dogs like to run free on the beach. Happily, pet owners have 2 miles at Shoreline Park Beach from Thousand Steps to east of Arroyo Burro County Beach where off-leash dogs are allowed. By law, all off-leash dogs must be: with a responsible person carrying a leash, properly licensed with tags, healthy, not in heat, not aggressive or dangerous & all waste collected. Dogs not under voice control should not be off-leash.

If you find an injured bird call the Wildlife Care Network at 805.681-1080. Sick birds are vulnerable and will try to defend themselves with their sharp beaks. Call the Marine Mammal Center at 687-3255 if you see an injured mammal.

It's easy to take your leash to the beach

Santa Barbara County Beaches

Off leash	Leashed	No Pets on Sand
		Arroyo Burro East of estuary
		Shoreline Park Beach
		Thousand Steps & Mesa Lane
		Arroyo Burro West of estuary
		Butterfly Beach
		Campus Point
		Coal Oil Point/Devereux
		Ellwood West W. of SB Shores Drive access
		Goleta Beach
		Hammonds
		Harbor Seal Rookery No dogs, Dec 1- May 31
		Haskell's
		Hope Ranch
		Jalama
		Isla Vista
		Lookout, Summerland
		Miramar
		More Mesa
		Ocean Beach Mar 1-Oct 1 restrictions
		Rincon Beach
		Padaro Lane
		Santa Claus
		Carpinteria City W. of Linden, E. of Ash
		Carpinteria State Beach
		East Beach
		El Capitan State Beach
		Ellwood East E. from SB Shores Dr. access
		Gaviota State Beach
		Rancho Guadalupe Dunes restrictions March 1-Oct. 1
		Leadbetter
		Palm Park
		Pt. Sal State Beach
		Refugio State Beach
		Sandspit
		Surf Beach
		West Beach