



EXERCISING YOUR DOG

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Keeping your dog in your backyard without exercise and socialisation can lead to boredom, health issues or nuisance behaviour.

Walking your dog is an integral part of being a responsible owner. Regular walks are not only enjoyable for the dog but have wonderful health benefits for owners.

Remember that dogs must be always on a leash unless otherwise indicated such as an off-leash park.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AT OFF-LEASH AREAS

When exercising your dog in an off-leash area, please show consideration for other park users and nearby residents.

Where small children are present, dogs should not be let off-leash regardless of whether the area is a designated off-leash area or not.

When near bushland areas, please be mindful of native wildlife in the area and keep dogs on established tracks.

SCOOP YOUR DOG'S POOP

When walking your dog in public, always remember to scoop your dog's poop and put it in the bin. It is an offence that carries a \$275 on the spot fine.

ALWAYS UNDER YOUR CONTROL

Even when your dog is off-leash, your dog must remain under your control at all times. This means the dog must respond immediately to commands such as 'stop' and 'stay'. These commands are particularly important when other dogs or children are using the off-leash area.

Even in an off-leash area, you have responsibilities under the *Companion Animals Act*.

OTHER PARKS AND RESERVES

You can exercise your dog in other parks and reserves around the city as long as they are on a lead at all times.

Failure to comply with the *Companion Animal Act* could result in an on the spot fine.



DOGS ARE PROHIBITED FROM BEING:

- within 10m of food preparation and eating areas
- on a sportsground during use for games or training
- any areas signposted by Council as a dog exclusion area



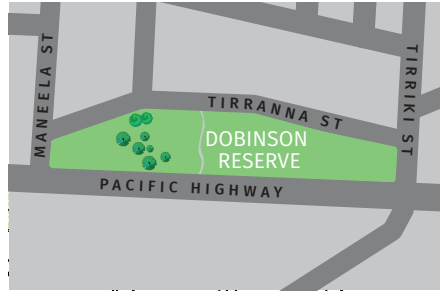
OFF-LEASH PARKS AND RESERVES

Off-leash area



Barnsley

Taylor Park, Johnson Avenue
Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays only



Blacksmiths

Dobinson Reserve, Pacific Highway
Leash free at all times



Belmont North

Lenaghan Park, Wommara Avenue
Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays only



Bolton Point

Bay Road, Bolton Point
Leash free at all times



Blackalls Park

Blackalls Park Reserve, Blackall Avenue
Leash free at all times



Bonnells Bay

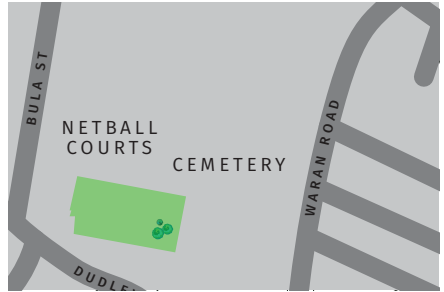
Pendlebury Park, Grand Parade
Leash free at all times

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Off-leash area



Booragul dog exercise area
Booragul Foreshore Reserve, Marmong Street
Leash free at all times



Charlestown Dudley Road
Leash free at all times except when netball
in progress



Buttaba
Foreshore Reserve, Ilford Avenue
Leash free at all times



Coal Point
Gurramba Reserve, Skye Point Road
Leash free at all times



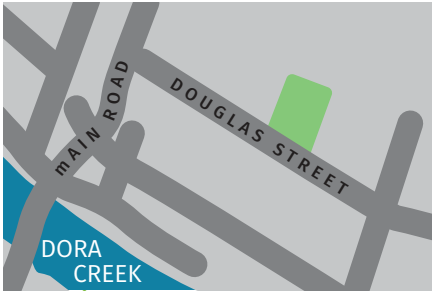
Cardiff
Orchard Street
Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays only



Eleebana
Thomas H Halton Park, Bareki Road

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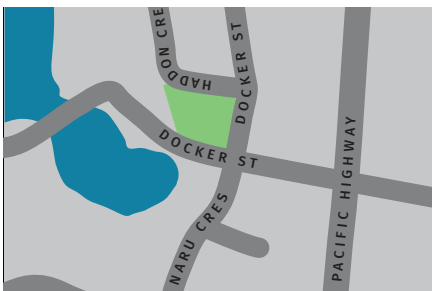
Off-leash area



Dora Creek
Douglass Street
Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays



Gateshead
Willow Road
Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays



Marks Point
Haddon Crescent
Leash free at all times



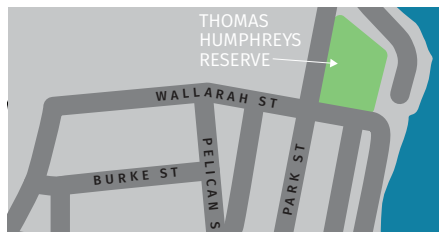
Morisset
Bernie Goodwin Memorial Park
Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays



Rathmines
Rathmines Park, Stilling Street
Leash free at all times



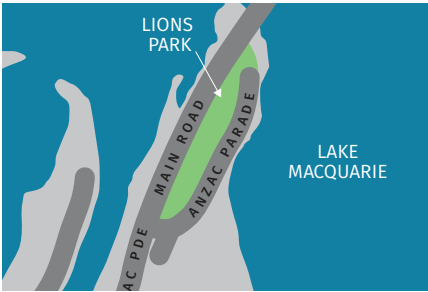
Redhead
Molly O'Connor Park, Kalaroo Road
Leash free at all times



Swansea
Thomas Humphreys Reserve, Dobinson Drive
Leash free at all times

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Toronto

Toronto Lions Park, Anzac Parade

Leash free sunrise to 10am daily



Windale

Bahloo Reserve, Merrigum Street

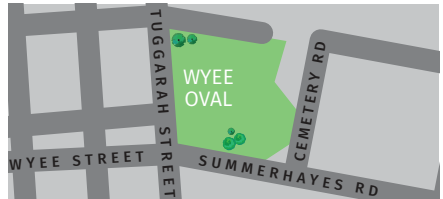
Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays



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Hampton Street Reserve, Hampton Street

Leash free at all times



Wye

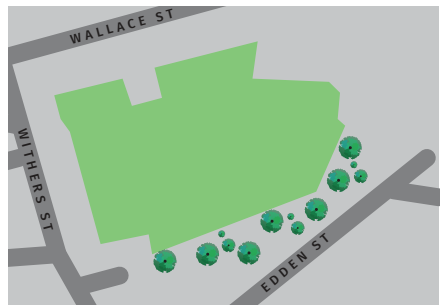
Wye Oval, Summerhayes Road

Leash free at all times



Valentine

Ruston Avenue. Leash free at all times



West Wallsend

Gregory Park, Hyndes Street

Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays

OFF-LEASH BEACHES

Off-leash area

Please remember to keep your dog on a secure lead until you reach the off-leash area. Remember to be respectful and considerate to other beach users in the area.



Blacksmiths Beach
Access from Awabakal Avenue beach car park
Leash free at all times

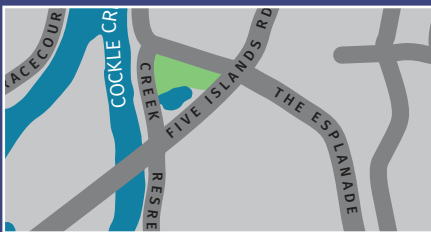


Caves Beach (Hams Beach)
Access off Mawson Close
Leash free area at all times



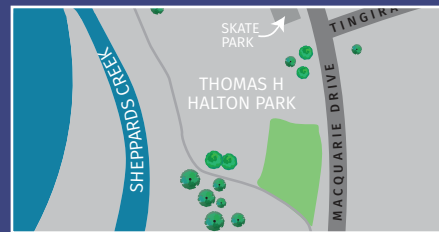
Redhead Beach
Access from Cain Street car park
Dogs are allowed off-leash at all times on Nine Mile Beach between Second and Third creek. Dogs must remain on a lead at all times on beach access paths, between First and Second Creek, and in other creeks and waterholes along the sand.
Dogs are prohibited north of First Creek at Redhead Beach.

FENCED DOG PARKS



Speers Point, Creeks Reserve Road

- 10,000m² fenced area
- Three agility stations for dogs
- Shaded picnic table and bench seats
- Water fountain for dogs and their owners



Eleebana, Bareki Road

- 2000m² fenced area
- Agility station for dogs
- Shaded picnic table and bench seats