



# 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.



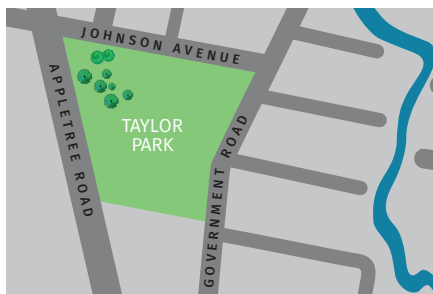
### DOGS ARE PROHIBITED FROM BEING:

- 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



## Belmont North

Lenaghan Park, Wommara Avenue

Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays only



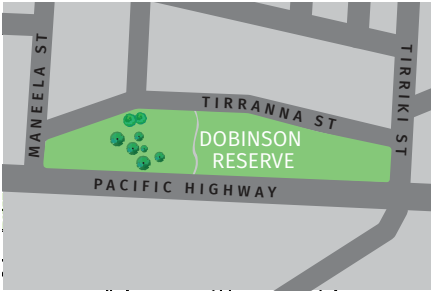
## Blackalls Park

Blackalls Park Reserve, Blackall Avenue

Leash free at all times

# OFF-LEASH PARKS AND RESERVES

Off-leash area



**Blacksmiths**  
Dobinson Reserve, Pacific Highway  
Leash free at all times



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



**Bolton Point**  
Bay Road, Bolton Point  
Leash free at all times



**Buttaba**  
Foreshore Reserve, Ilford Avenue  
Leash free at all times



**Bonnells Bay**  
Pendlebury Park, Grand Parade  
Leash free at all times

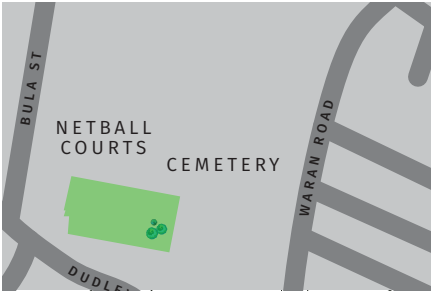


**Cardiff**  
Orchard Street  
Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays only

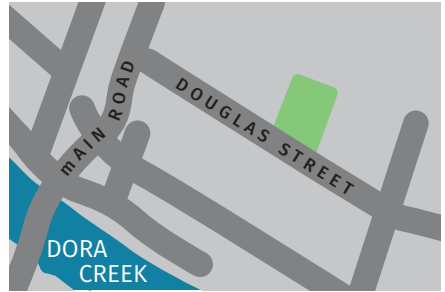


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Charlestown Dudley Road  
Leash free at all times except when netball in progress



Dora Creek  
Douglass Street  
Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays



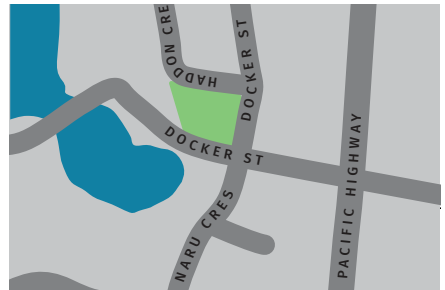
Coal Point  
Gurramba Reserve, Skye Point Road  
Leash free at all times



Gateshead  
Willow Road  
Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays



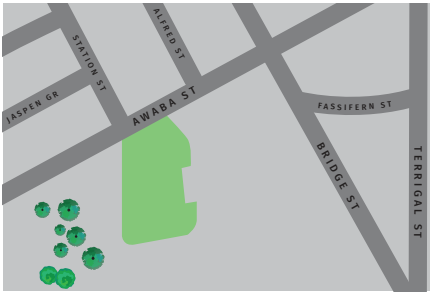
Eleebana  
Thomas H Halton Park, Bareki Road



Marks Point  
Haddon Crescent  
Leash free at all times

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## Morisset

Gibson Oval, Awaba Street, Morisset  
Leash free except during organised sport and training



## Rathmines

Rathmines Park, Stilling Street  
Leash free at all times



## Myuna Bay

Myuna Bay Foreshore Reserve, Wangi Road  
Leash free at all times



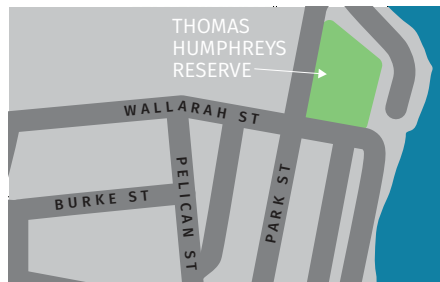
## Redhead

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



## Nords Wharf


Nords Wharf Oval, Crangan Bay Road  
Leash free at all times

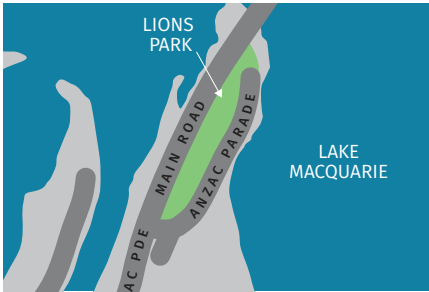


## Swansea

Thomas Humphreys Reserve, Dobinson Drive  
Leash free at all times

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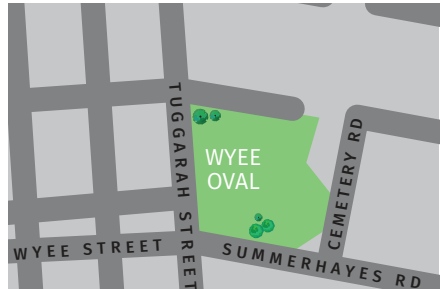
**Toronto**  
Toronto Lions Park, Anzac Parade  
Leash free sunrise to 10am daily



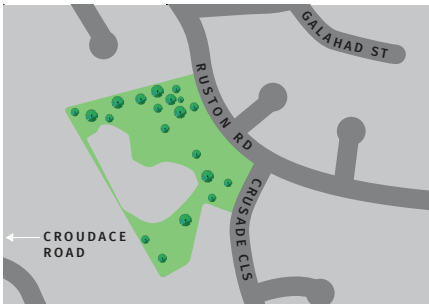
**Windale**  
Bahloo Reserve, Merrigum Street  
Leash free sunrise to 10am weekdays



**Toronto**  
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

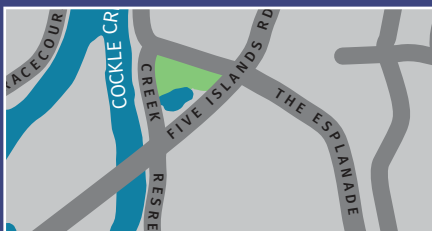


**Hams Beach**  
Access off Mawson Close  
Leash free area at all times



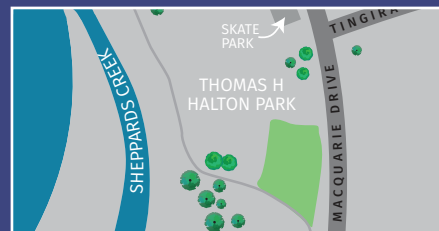
**Redhead Beach**  
Access from Cain Street car park  
Dogs are allowed off-leash at all times on Nine Mile Beach between Second and Third creek. Dogs must remain on a lead at all times on beach access paths, between First and Second Creek, and in other creeks and waterholes along the sand.  
Dogs are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

# FENCED DOG PARKS



**Speers Point, Creeks Reserve Road**

- 10,000m<sup>2</sup> fenced area
- Three agility stations for dogs
- Shaded picnic table and bench seats
- Water fountain for dogs and their owners



**Eleebana, Bareki Road**

- 2000m<sup>2</sup> fenced area
- Agility station for dogs
- Shaded picnic table and bench seats