

Central Park covers 843 acres. Dogs and their owners can enjoy much of the Park off-leash before 9:00 am and after 9:00 pm.

Thousands of dogs and their owners visit the park regularly. Many choose to visit one of the 23 dog-friendly areas that are scattered around the Park.

There are 12 dog fountains around the Park and more will be installed. Please allow your dogs to drink from these special fountains, not standard drinking fountains, or bring your own receptacle.

The 250 acres of lawns in the Park are used in many ways throughout the day. You may allow your dog to play in open spaces but not to dig. Please pick up after

your dog so other visitors can enjoy the Park as well.

There are 6.1 miles of roadway in the Park that pedestrians, skaters, and cyclists use each day. Accidents can sometimes happen, so always be attentive and keep your dog on a short leash when crossing the drives.

There are 150 acres of water in 7 water bodies in the Park, with many fish, turtles, and water fowl. Please respect the animals and do not allow your dog to swim in the water bodies.

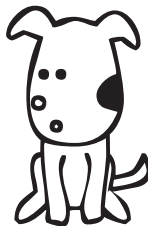
There are 136 acres of woodlands in the Park where we plant and preserve our native species.

Please visit these areas and enjoy the scenic beauty of the woodlands with your dog on-leash at all times.

Over 275 species of migratory birds have been sighted in the Park. Please enjoy wildlife from a distance and do not allow your dog to chase other animals.

Over 175 species of trees grow in the Park. Urine damages trees, so please do not allow your dog to urinate on tree pits.

The Park has a limitless amount of natural material that birds use to create their nests. Please do not add to this natural supply by brushing your dog in the Park.



INFORMATION & RESOURCES

New York State law and New York City Health Code require that dogs be vaccinated against rabies and every dog owner carry proof of a current dog license and rabies vaccination while in public.

For information about licensing and vaccinations, contact the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene through 311, or visit www.nyc.gov/health.

For information about dog runs and park rules City-wide, contact the Department of Parks & Recreation through 311, or visit www.nyc.gov/parks/dogs.

For information about lost or found dogs, contact Animal Care and Control at 212-788-4000, or visit www.nyacc.org.

For information about spaying or neutering, contact the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at 212-876-7700, or visit www.aspc.org

For information about pet adoption, contact the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals at 212-252-2350, or visit www.animalallianceny.org.

For information about other dog owner groups, contact the New York Council of Dog Owner Groups at www.nycdog.org.

DOG OWNERS
A guide for _____ in Central Park



FOR MORE INFORMATION

To report problems or make suggestions.....311
 Central Park Police Precinct212-570-4820
In an emergency, dial 911
 Parks & Recreation
 Ballfield Permits212-408-0226
 Special Events Permits212-408-0226
 Central Park Conservancy Operations212-628-1036
 Central Park Conservancy Membership212-310-6639
 Central Park Conservancy Volunteers212-360-2751

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For information about the Central Park Conservancy, please call
 212-310-6600, or visit www.centralparknyc.org



For information about Central Park PAWS,
 please call 212-628-1036 ext. 53, or visit
www.centralparkpaws.org



Central Park PAWS is an organization of dog owners who use Central Park. Its steering committee — an advisory group to the Central Park Conservancy — is made up of dog owners representing varied areas of the Park as well as representatives from the Central Park Conservancy and the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation. PAWS members facilitate communications between dog owners and the Conservancy, create a forum to address dog issues in the Park, and produce programs and events in Central Park involving people and dogs.

WAYS TO ENJOY THE PARK

Most of the unfenced park landscapes are available for dogs and their owners to enjoy, off-leash from 6:00 am until 9:00 am and 9:00 pm until 1:00 am. Dogs must be on-leash from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm.

We have identified 23 dog-friendly areas  throughout the Park. These are some of the spaces where dogs and their owners gather, often in the mornings and evenings, to participate in a shared community of responsible dog ownership and fun.

In some areas of the Park, dogs are allowed but must remain on-leash at all times.

There are also places in the Park where dogs are not allowed at any time because they are reserved for specific uses or are particularly sensitive.

Dogs On-Leash at All Times

- Woodlands
- Bridle Path
- Cedar Hill
- Strawberry Fields
- Conservatory Garden
- Shakespeare Garden
- Kerbs Boathouse Plaza
- Turtle Pond Lawn
- Arthur Ross Pinetum

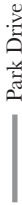

Dogs Not Allowed Any Time

- Ballfields
- Water Bodies
- Playgrounds
- Lilac Walk
- Sheep Meadow
- East Green
- Elm Islands at the Mall
- Reservoir Running Track
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Ornamental Fountains

If you are unsure about the rules for a particular place in the Park, ask a zone gardener or consult a nearby sign.

Please respect signs, closed fences, and red flags. They may indicate closures, often temporary, that are required because of maintenance or weather conditions.

Map Key

-  Dog-Friendly Area
-  Dog Drinking Fountain
-  Woodlands
-  Water Body
-  Park Drive
-  Path
-  Transverse Road
-  Restroom (some open seasonally)
-  Wheelchair Accessible Restroom

The Central Park Conservancy's mission is to restore, manage, and preserve Central Park, in partnership with the public, for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The Central Park Conservancy is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1980 that maintains and operates Central Park under a contract with the City of New York and the Department of Parks & Recreation. Since its founding, the Conservancy has developed and implemented a major management and restoration plan, funded major capital improvements, created programs for volunteers and visitors, built an endowment to ensure continued Park maintenance, and set new standards of excellence in park care.

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