

A Dog Owner's Guide to Central Park

Visit Responsibly

Thousands of dogs and their owners visit Central Park every week and are part of the vibrant community that makes Central Park a special place. You can help us to keep the Park clean and safe by respecting these rules:

- Dogs must be on-leash at all times from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm.
- Dogs must be under the control of their owner at all times.
- Dogs must have a NYC license tag and valid rabies tag.
- Dogs must not dig, chase, or harm wildlife; damage Park property; or interfere with other Park users.
- Always clean up after your dog, including dog hair that you brush off in the Park.
- Please respect signs, fences, and red flags that may indicate temporary closures due to restoration, maintenance, or weather conditions.

These rules are part of the NYC legal code; **dog owners may be fined for any violation.**

Get Involved

Paws is a Central Park Conservancy working group which meets quarterly to discuss ways to enhance the Central Park experience of dog owners and dogs while encouraging Park stewardship, responsible dog ownership, cooperation with other Park user groups, and an understanding of the Conservancy's role and mission. Participants in the Paws Working Group are dog owners who represent the numerous dog communities within the Park and are interested in working with the Conservancy in establishing and maintaining a productive and mutually beneficial relationship with those communities.



For more information about the Paws Working Group, please contact the Conservancy at centralparknyc.org/contact

The mission of Central Park Conservancy is to restore, manage, and enhance Central Park in partnership with the public.

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Dogs in Central Park

• Dogs are allowed off-leash when the Park is open from 6:00 am to 9:00 am and from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am when the Park closes. **Dogs must be on-leash at all times from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm.**

• Even during off-leash hours, there are some areas where dogs must be on-leash at all times and other areas where dogs are not allowed at all.

Dogs must always be on-leash

- All Lawns posted as 9:00 am areas
- Arthur Ross Pinetum West
- The Bridle Path
- Cedar Hill
- Children's Glade (Great Hill area)
- Conservatory Garden
- Dene Slope
- East Green
- East Meadow Oval
- Kerbs Boathouse Plaza
- The North Woods and The Ravine
- The Ramble
- Shakespeare Garden
- Strawberry Fields
- Turtle Pond Lawn

Dogs are never allowed

- All Ballfields and Recreational Courts
- All Playgrounds
- All Sand Volleyball Courts
- All Water Bodies, Streams and Ornamental Fountains
- Elm Islands at the Mall
- Great Lawn Oval
- Hallett Nature Sanctuary
- Lilac Walk
- Reservoir running track
- Sheep Meadow

Map Key

- Dog Drinking Fountain
- Park Drives (Always leash dogs when on or crossing the Drive. Use marked recreation lane and crosswalks.)
- Shared Bike Path
- ♿ Restrooms / Closed Winter
- ♿ Wheelchair Accessible



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