



Pets on Holidays

The unspoilt Shoalhaven is recognised as one of Australia's leading pet-friendly destinations. Our unique mix of pet-friendly accommodation and activities offers visitors the ultimate pet-friendly paradise.

Pets bring out the best in us and encourage us to relax and enjoy the simple life, so it makes sense that you would want them to join you on your holiday – they are a furry family member after all!

Shoalhaven off-leash areas include beaches, parks, rivers and trails and dog parks, all of which are perfect for running or relaxing. Great for both dogs and their families to gain an enjoyable form of exercise whilst making new doggie (and human) friends.

If your pet needs to stay somewhere else, consider dog and cat boarding kennels where they can enjoy their own relaxed getaway – and you can pop in and give them lots of cuddles so they don't miss out on all the fun.

Horse lovers who want to hitch up their trailers and bring their equine friends along can take their pick from several agistment options, or holiday with their horse at tailor made accommodation offerings.

Loving our seaside cottage... and Snoopy just adores the safe yard and acres of beach.



Pets on the Move

When you're on the road, ensuring your pet has plenty of water and sufficient breaks for relief and a bit of reprieve is a must.

Pet Suitcase Checklist:

- ✓ Bowls for food and water – carry a bottle of fresh water in case you can't find a tap
- ✓ Regular food and some treats. Don't forget a can opener!
- ✓ A 'pooper scooper' and plastic bags to clean up after your pet.
- ✓ A litter tray, waterproof sheet, paper towels and disinfectant.
- ✓ Any required medications
- ✓ Flea and tick protection
- ✓ Tick remover
- ✓ Collars, harnesses and leads
- ✓ Collar and ID tag with your mobile number on it
- ✓ Bedding or travel crate to sleep in
- ✓ Your pet's favourite toys or comfort items
- ✓ Grooming equipment and towels
- ✓ A pet first aid kit (available from St John Ambulance)

- ✓ List of emergency numbers such as poison hotline & nearest vet
- ✓ Ensure you have your pet's microchip number with in case your dog or cat goes missing
- ✓ Pet insurance papers
- ✓ Scratching post for cats

Avoid giving big meals before a long journey as some pets may suffer from travel sickness.

Cats and small dogs should be transported in a carrier & secured with a seatbelt. Bigger dogs should wear a harness.

Keep dogs on a leash when they are outdoors. Cats who are easily spooked should be kept indoors.

Make sure your pet has adequate ventilation and never leave them in a hot car.

Bringing our pets with us saved a lot of worry and expense. With a little forward planning we all had a great holiday.



Always check onsite signage for the most accurate and up to date information or visit www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au for locations, times, restrictions and maps for off leash areas in the Shoalhaven.

Off-Leash Areas

The Shoalhaven has some of the most picturesque off-leash areas in NSW, where you can relax & run free with your dog.

Please adhere to time restrictions noted on signage, carry doggy bags to pick up any mess, and ensure your dog is under the control of a competent handler at all times. Off leash areas in the Shoalhaven can be found at:

- 1 Shoalhaven Heads
Jerry Bailey Oval
Shoalhaven Heads Beach N of Surf Club
River Road Reserve
- 2 Berry
Berry Sporting Complex
- 3 Bomaderry
Cricket Oval Area
- 4 Nowra
Nowra Recreation Ground, Scenic Dv
- 5 Worrigea
Ratcliffe Park
- 6 Culburra Beach
Beach area
- 7 Callala Beach
Beach excepting prohibited area
- 8 Currarong
Beach and foreshore reserve
- 9 Huskisson
Huskisson Beach and reserve
- 10 Vincentia
Nelsons Beach
- 11 Sanctuary Point
Clifton Park
- 12 Basin View
Basin View foreshore reserve
- 13 Swan Lake
Swan Lake foreshore reserve
- 14 Bendalong
Washerwomans Beach
- 15 Milton
Milton Showground Precinct
- 16 Mollymook
Mollymook Oval Reserve
- 17 Ulladulla
Harbour foreshore off Mitchell Parade
Collers Beach
- 18 Bawley Point
Cormorant Beach & foreshore reserve

Scan the QR code below with your smartphone to link to the Shoalhaven Council's Off-Leash Area Information





KANGAROO VALLEY

BERRY

SHOALHAVEN HEADS

NOWRA

CULBURRA BEACH

CALLALA

CURRARONG

HUSKISSON

TOMERONG

VINCENTIA

HYAMS BEACH

BEWONG

WANDANDIAN

SUSSEX INLET

CUDMIRRA

FISHERMANS PARADISE

BENDALONG

LAKE CONJOLA

MILTON

MOLLYMOOK

ULLADULLA

LAKE TABOURIE

TERMEIL

BAWLEY POINT

KIOLOA

Please be aware that it is the responsibility of the pet owner to comply with the off-leash boundaries and off-leash times in the Shoalhaven, as penalties apply for non-compliance. Off-leash maps and further information can be found through onsite signage and on Shoalhaven City Council's website at <http://shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/My-Property/Pet-ownership>.

RESTRICTION GUIDELINES

Dogs in the Shoalhaven are required to be 'on-leash' at all times EXCEPT when in an off-leash area.

Dogs are **totally prohibited** from entering the following areas across the Shoalhaven, whether or not they are otherwise leashed or controlled:

- **Children's play areas** (within 10 metres of any playing apparatus provided in that public place or part for the use of children)
- **Food preparation/consumption areas** (within 10 metres of any apparatus provided in that public place or part for the preparation and consumption of food for human consumption)
- **Recreation areas where dogs are prohibited**
- **Public bathing areas where dogs are prohibited** (including a beach)
- **School grounds** (other than any property used for a residence or the curtilage of a residence)
- **Child care centres** (other than any property used for a residence or the curtilage of a residence)
- **Shopping areas where dogs are prohibited**
- **Wildlife protection areas**

For more detailed information and for any updates visit <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au> and search for the Companion Animals Act.





Sharing the Shore

Did you know that beach nesting birds are some of the most threatened in the world? By simply following a few guidelines with your pet you can have a huge impact on their survival. You and your pet can help by:

Our Lucky loves the sand, and every afternoon we played on the beach and watched the sun set. It was divine!

- Sharing the shoreline by respecting 'Dog Prohibited' beach zones. These areas are designated as prohibited because vulnerable shorebirds nest here between August and April each year.
- Making use of Council's numerous Dog Off Leash beaches, specially designated for off leash fun!
- Keeping your dog on a leash on permitted beaches. Beach nesting birds & chicks perceive unleashed dogs as a great threat. Even if your dog isn't the type to chase, the birds don't know that!
- Look out for temporary signs that alert you to the presence of nesting birds or chicks
- If you see little birds running swiftly along the beach or hear the larger oystercatchers calling out, please give these birds space. If it is spring or summer, chances are they have a nest or chicks nearby
- Disturbance to these birds can be lethal, the perceived threat of unleashed dogs causing them to leave the eggs or hiding the chicks for dangerously long periods.



For more information contact the NPWS Shorebird Recovery Coordinator on (02) 44549500



On-leash Dog Trails

Experience Shoalhaven's bushland, reserves and coastline with your best friend by your side.



Ben's Walk

BOMADERRY CREEK GORGE (from Narang Road, Bomaderry)

2-3 hrs Medium grade

Steps and ladder, Features rock walls, narrow gorges, moist gully, wildlife.

BANGALEE RESERVE (from Koloona Drive, North Nowra)

2-3 hrs Easy/medium

All seasons, Pioneer history, river views.

THE GROTTTO (from Yurunga Drive, North Nowra)

1-4 hrs Medium grade

Many steps, rainforest, zigzag down 45 metres from cliff-tops to the banks of the Shoalhaven River.

BEN'S WALK (from Nowra Showground along Nowra creek)

1.5 hrs Easy grade

Many steps, cliffs, weir crossing, suspension bridge, history.

ABRAHAMS BOSOM (from Beecroft Parade, Currarong):

Wreck Walk

1hr Easy grade

Wreck of S.S. Merimbula, flat terrain with few steep sections, firm ground or boardwalk, whale spotting.

Coomies Walk

3 hrs Medium grade

Panoramic views, undulating terrain

BASIN FORESHORE WALK (Sanctuary Point/St Georges Basin),

1-4 hrs Easy grade

Best late in the day, birdlife, lighting on lake, café,
Dogs must avoid Palm Beach and Red Head.

WIRRECOO WALKING TRAIL & MANGROVE BOARDWALK

(from Jervis Bay Maritime Museum, Huskisson)

1-2 hrs Easy grade

Boardwalk, estuarine wetlands, forest, history.

CORRAMY REGIONAL PARK (from Wool Road, Basin View)

1-2 hrs Easy grade

forest, wetland, boardwalk, fishing, birdwatching. Use trails only.

BENDALONG BOAT HARBOUR AND HEADLAND

1.5 hrs Easy grade

All seasons, views, cliffs, beaches, stingrays, café.

ULLADULLA HARBOUR, HEADLAND AND MILLARDS CREEK

(including One Track for All Aboriginal Cultural Trail)

2.5 hrs Easy grade

All seasons, aboriginal artwork, views, creek, café.

WARDEN HEAD (from Deering Street)

including the Coomee Nulunga Cultural Trail

2.5hrs Medium grade

Tide affected, lighthouse, whale-watching, cultural sculptures.

ULLADULLA WILDFLOWER RESERVE NATURE WALK (from Green St)

<1hr Easy grade

Woodland, wildflowers.

BOARDWALK TO CONJOLA BEACH (from Lake Conjola Entrance Road)

<1hr Easy grade

Beach and lake views. Dogs are prohibited near endangered shorebird nesting site on sandspit north of boardwalk.



Bendalong Boat Harbour

To find out more about these walks contact the Shoalhaven Visitors Centre on 1300 662 808 or www.shoalhaven.com.au

Bendalong Headland



Basin Foreshore



Warden Head Lighthouse

