



RHODE ISLAND STATE PARKS PET POLICY

RI DEM is pleased to welcome you and your pet and recognizes that your pet is an important part of your recreation experience. **If an area is not listed, it does not permit pets.** Please note that some areas have exceptions.

Pets are permitted at the following locations:

- Beavertail State Park
- Blackstone River Bikeway
- Brenton Point State Park
- Burlingame Campground

[Pet Certification Form Required](#)

Pets are permitted in the designated area of the campground only, not in the day use area.

- Colt State Park
 - East Bay Bike Path
 - Fishermen's Memorial Campground
- [Pet Certification Form Required](#)

- Fort Adams State Park
- Fort Wetherill State Park
- George Washington Campground

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- Goddard Memorial State Park
- Haines Memorial State Park
- John H. Chafee Nature Preserve
- Lincoln Woods State Park
- Pulaski State Park

Cross country skiers are not allowed to bring dogs on designated cross country ski trails

To ensure an enjoyable and safe visit for your pet and park visitors, please familiarize yourself with the following rules and regulations. Your cooperation is appreciated.

- Pets are prohibited from all state bathing beaches from April 1st through September 30th.
- Pets are limited to cats and dogs.
- [Pet Certification Form Required for Campgrounds](#)
 - No more than two (2) pets per campsite.
- All pets must be on a leash of not more than six feet [6'] in length.
- Owners may be required to show a current rabies vaccination certificate.
- All dogs must be wearing a collar with valid license tag.
- The owner is responsible for cleaning up and proper disposal of all animal waste.
- Washing of pets is prohibited in any natural water body.
- Pets shall not be left unattended at any time. *[Only pets being used for hunting or dog trials between September 1 and March 31 may be left unattended in a vehicle].*
- The release of any pet within any state park, management area, or beach is strictly prohibited.
- All escapes, bites to humans/other animals, and contact with wildlife must be reported to appropriate park staff.
- Violation of any of the above requirements or any provision of [DEM's Park and Management Area Rules and Regulations](#) may result in eviction from the park/management area and penalties not to exceed \$100 for each violation.
- Violations of RI's rabies laws and regulations are considered misdemeanor offenses in accordance with [RIGL §4-13-32](#), and can result in seizure and impoundment of the pet.

For information regarding hunting dogs, horses and other domestic animals in management areas [Arcadia and George Washington] please visit <http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/parkmgmt2.pdf>