

# Dog Friendly Areas

## Yarra Bend Park

Yarra Bend Park offers many areas to walk your dog and enjoy some time together in nature. As a courtesy to other park users, and to help protect the park's wildlife, dog owners should become familiar with the following information.

### Where can I take my dog?

Dogs are allowed in many areas at Yarra Bend Park, with a maximum of 4 dogs per person at any one time. Commercial dog trainers require a Tour Operator Licence from Parks Victoria.

Most areas require your pooch to be on a lead, but there are also some off-lead options.



### No dogs

Dogs are **not** allowed at Galatea Point, Fairlea Netball Courts, the golf courses or in any playgrounds. They are also not permitted on sports grounds/facilities during any sporting event or function.

### On-lead areas

Dogs can walk on-lead around most of Yarra Bend Park. Please take note of the signage which helps define the right areas.

### Off-lead areas

When dogs are in off-lead zones, a lead must be carried, and dogs should be under effective control at all times. Dog owners must ensure their dogs do not worry, threaten, attack or otherwise interfere with any other person or animal. The areas are off-lead only when not being used for sporting activities or events.

Dog off-lead areas:

- Merri Creek Valley & Escarpment Picnic Area
- Andrews Reserve
- Deep Rock
- Deep Rock East
- Westfield
- Wills St Lookout
- Lower Loop Picnic Area
- Dights Falls Loop Trail
- Corben Oval
- Fairlea Sports Precinct (excluding netball courts)

You can even take your dog for a swim in the Birrarung (Yarra River) at Deep Rock.



### Municipal parks and reserves

You can also walk your dog on and off lead in nearby local council parks or reserves.

Specific rules apply within each municipality. For further information contact:

City of Yarra Ph. 9205 5555

City of Boroondara Ph. 9278 4444



## Code of conduct

- Consider other park users and ensure that dogs are under effective control.
- Carry a lead at all times.
- Do not bring more than 4 dogs to the park at once.
- Commercial dog trainers require a permit.
- Supervise children whilst near dogs, as they are vulnerable to attack.
- Ensure your dog's identification, registration and vaccinations are up to date.
- Minimise any disturbance to native fauna, including birdlife in the park.
- Clean up after you dog.

## Cleaning up after your dog

Please carry plastic bags to pick up droppings and take your litter home. There are also bins available at key picnic areas. This reduces environmental and health risks associated with dogs visiting the park.

## Beware of snakes

Snakes are native reptiles that live in Yarra Bend Park and part of the natural ecosystem. They are surprisingly common, especially near water and thick vegetation.

Dogs are quickly poisoned by snakebite, and it is often fatal. Anti-venom treatment is very expensive and relies on you knowing quickly that your dog has been bitten.

Be safe rather than sorry and keep your pet close by, and only off-lead in the designated areas, in short grass.



## Monitoring the policy

Parks Victoria Rangers regularly patrol Yarra Bend Park. They provide information and education on appropriate dog behaviour.

**Fines may be issued to dog owners who break park regulations.**



## Further information

Thank you for taking responsibility for your dog and complying with the park regulations. We hope that you and your pup enjoy your visit to Yarra Bend Park.

For further information, visit the Parks Victoria website at [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) or phone 13 1963.

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