

Beach and Park access by Council area

Most beaches and parks in Northern Ireland are accessible to dogs, however, there are restrictions in place at certain times of the year, and within each individual Council area. Each Council is responsible for setting their own regulations: -

Ards and North Down Council

Ballyholme and Groomsport beaches dogs must be on a lead from 1st June through to 31st August (11am – 8pm daily). Dogs must be kept on a lead in Londonderry Park, and dogs are banned from the playing pitches and children's play area. The Seacliff Road dog park is available for use all year round. www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council

Dogs are NOT permitted in Council play parks at any time (exception for a person with a disability). Dogs must be kept under control in Council parks and facilities and where a lead is required, this will be displayed locally. www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/resident/dog-control

Belfast City Council

In Belfast City Council, under the Parks and Open Spaces Regulations, dogs must be kept under control in public parks and open spaces. You can only have four dogs under your control at any one time in a public place.

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/leisure/parks-openspaces/parksAtoZ.aspx

Causeway Coast and Glens Council

Dogs are **prohibited** from play parks and playing fields at all times. Beaches are open to the public and dogs all year round, **except** from June 1st – September 15th, when dog restrictions apply on some beaches due to children and other beach users. For full details and beach restrictions visit www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Between April and September in Newcastle Town and beach, dogs must be on a lead between 10am and 6pm daily.

www.newrymournedown.org/animal-welfare

Fermanagh, Omagh District Council

Dogs are not permitted to enter any play parks, football and artificial pitches, multi-use game areas, bowling greens or tennis courts within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area. Dogs are permitted to be walked on a lead in **certain** public parks, tourist and leisure facilities, community centres, cemeteries and burial grounds.

www.fermanaghomagh.com

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council

Dogs are **NOT** permitted in play areas, multi-use Game areas, artificial pitches, bowling greens, tennis courts and golf courses. Dogs must be on a lead in cemeteries, burial grounds and caravan parks. Explanatory signs are present in all parks showing the designated zones. Playing fields are out of bounds 1st September - 30th April.

www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/resident/dog-control-service/dog-control-order

Mid and East Antrim Council

Dogs must be on a lead at all times from 1st June through to 31st August from 11am – 6pm daily, and on Public/Bank Holidays on Carnlough, Brown's Bay and Ballygally beaches. Dogs must be on a lead at all times in Cemeteries and certain promenades. Carnfunnock Park has other restrictions in place so please visit the Council website for further details. Leads must be no longer than 6 feet long.

www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/resident/dogs-animal-welfare/

Please note:

If you are the person in charge of a dog, then you are responsible for controlling the dog's behaviour in public. If you or the dog owner need help with dog training, you should contact a dog trainer. If a dog's behaviour is aggressive or threatening you may be prosecuted.

Dogs that behave dangerously may be seized by a council dog warden and the owner's prosecuted.

Report any dog related issues to your local council dog warden.