

Pet Friendly

Who's a big sweetie? All pets are!

We are over-the-moon for all of our four-legged, furry friends. And they fit right in here in the Myrtle Beach area. Whether going for walks along the beach, or introducing them to new friends at local animal hangouts, those treasured family members with tails are welcome along the Grand Strand.

Myrtle Beach Barc Parcs

Within the city limits of Myrtle Beach are two parks where dogs can be free of the leash and run to their hearts' content. Barc Parc South is the city's original doggie wonderland, a 14-acre park that's centered around a large lake. It's off Mallard Lake Drive near Grand Park and The Market Common. There's a second park in the northern end of the city, adjacent to the Claire Chapin Epps Family YMCA on the 62nd Avenue North Extension. It covers 3.3 acres and opened in the fall of 2009.

Beach buds

Dogs enjoy some quality time alongside the Atlantic just as much as their two-legged owners. The Myrtle Beach area accommodates both man and man's best friend, so both can get their fill of the sandy beaches. In the City of Myrtle Beach and Horry County from May 1 through Labor Day, pets are allowed on the beach any time before 10 a.m. and any time after 5 p.m. For the rest of the year, it's 24/7. In North Myrtle Beach pets are allowed on the beach before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. May 15 to September 15 with the rest of the year being 24/7. On Georgetown County beaches, pets are allowed year round on a leash and in Pawley's Island pets are not required to be on a leash from November to April.

Pet-friendly accommodations

It can be hard to part with that special family pet while on vacation. Fortunately, the Myrtle Beach area offers plenty of accommodations that welcome dogs and cats. Bear in mind that several do require a small pet fee, and prices vary per accommodation. For a complete listing of pet friendly hotels, go to <http://www.visitmyrtlebeach.com/hotels/pet-friendly>.

For additional information on the Myrtle Beach Area, visit www.VisitMyrtleBeach.com or call 1.888.Myrtle1.