Pets in the Park

Dogs are allowed in the park, but their activities are restricted.

If you see someone with a dog, please pass on the rules.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

Even if its legs are short and it can't hop over rocks.

Dogs cannot be more than 100 feet from a road, picnic area, or campground.

Out of sight doesn't mean out of mind. Rangers can walk that far, too.

Dogs are not allowed on trails.

Yup, even the Real Hidden Valley Loop.

Dogs must never be left unattended — not even in a vehicle.

If your dog is at the base of a climb while your partner is bringing you up, your dog is unattended.

Why shouldn't I bring Fido to Joshua Tree National Park?

Your canine companion may be a model of good behavior, but even a tied up dog can wreak havoc on plant life or soil at the crag. Dogs are predators and its mere presence stresses native animals. The native plants and animals have priority over domesticated pets and are protected in the park.

DOG FECES Dog feces have high nitrogen content and can affect soils, watersheds, and plants; it is unsightly and negatively affects the experience of park visitors.

DOGS AND PEOPLE Some people do not like to encounter a dog, even a leashed dog. Non-dog owners can be made uncomfortable, even frightened, when a strange dog comes close, barks, or shows aggression. Since dog owners consider close contact with their dog to be a pleasant experience, they may think that everyone enjoys this, too, and not be sensitive to the experience of other park visitors.

CRAGS WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE ROAD

CRAG	AREA
Roadside Rock	Lost Horse
Milepost	Real Hidden Valley
Intersection Rock	Hidden Valley
Old Woman—East Face	Hidden Valley
Chimney Rock—East face	Hidden Valley
Manure Pile	Ryan CG
Grotto Rock	Sheep's Pass
Castle Rock	Belle CG
Bovine Dome	White Tank CG
Hodgepodge Rock	Indian Cove
Group Camp 8 Wall	Indian Cove
Center Crag	Indian Cove
Billboard Buttress	Indian Cove
Bilbo Buttress	Indian Cove
Short Wall	Indian Cove
Chipped Wall	Indian Cove