



# Tahoe National Forest

## Dogs

The Tahoe National Forest is dog friendly with abundant and varied recreation opportunities for your enjoyment as a dog owner. Consider the information below if you plan on taking your dog on a forest adventure.

### Dogs on the Tahoe National Forest

As you are pack for your hike, camping trip, or other outing, please consider what would happen if you became separated from your dog. Be sure to have accurate identification and vaccination tags on his collar. If you become separated and cannot find your dog, call local authorities such as county animal control and veterinarians to see if anyone has found your dog. If you are at a campground or other facility, inform the campground host. The best way to avoid this situation is to keep your dog on a leash or under voice command at all times.

### Your Packing List Should Include

- 6-foot leash
- Identification
- Pick-up bags

### Basic Dog Owner Rules

Dispose of pet waste responsibly.

Owners must be available to take immediate control of their pet at all times.

In most areas, a leash is strongly recommended and may be required by County leash laws.

Be aware that dogs off-leash may threaten wildlife or present a hazard to the safety or convenience of other visitors.

Dogs in developed recreation sites are required to be leashed at all times.

### County Rules in the National Forest Land

**Nevada:** Dogs do not have to be on a leash in the forest but must always be under direct control of the owner.

**Placer:** Dogs must be under immediate control of the owner or on a leash at all times.

**Sierra:** Dogs must always be under immediate control of the owner.

**Eldorado and Yuba:** Dogs are required to be kept on a leash at all times.

### Please Be Aware

Dogs noses are sensitive to the sun, so be sure to apply sunscreen to their noses as often as you do for yourself.

Dogs can become injured and may develop very sensitive paws after long hikes, so be sure your dog is capable of handling the elements.

Ticks are abundant in the Tahoe National Forest. be sure to check your animals for ticks to avoid Lyme disease.

Giardia can be present in Sierra streams and lakes. Use caution and watch for symptoms when letting your pet drink the water from lakes and streams.

Consider whether you can carry your dog back to your starting point if he becomes injured or tired.

### Dogs in Granite Chief Wilderness

Dogs are **prohibited** from May 15<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup> each year in the Granite Chief Wilderness in the following deer fawning areas: The Wilderness portion of the French Meadows Game Refuge (except for the area east of the Pacific Crest Trail), the Big Springs Trail, and the portion of Five Lakes Creek that parallels that trail.