

On and Off Leash in East Gippsland



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Parks in East Gippsland

To help you plan your time, we have provided some details (and photos) about our open spaces, to help you decide whether your time will be spent with your dog on or off leash, or both!

Remember, on leash still applies in our parks and reserves within 5m of a shared use path, 20m of a play space or barbeque area and also 20m of a waterway if you're in a township reserve. These requirements may mean a small local park may still be on leash at all times.

It's your responsibility to make sure that your dog is under the effective control of someone capable of restraining it, whether you are on or off leash.

Please be mindful and respectful of other open space users as not everyone loves our pets as much as we do, and some may become distressed when approached by yours, especially children.

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There are many beautiful parks and recreation reserves within the East Gippsland Shire. Some have a lot of facilities and provide you the opportunity to spend quality time outdoors using picnic areas and play spaces, while some reserves only have limited facilities.

How you use these areas with your four-legged family member depends on where you are, what facilities are available and whether any planned activities or sporting events are taking place at the time.



On Leash

Dogs must be on leash, except as provided below, and under effective control of a person in public places in township areas within any area with a speed limit of 60km/hr or less, including:

- all roads and footpaths; and
- shopping precincts and car parks.

Unless otherwise signed, dogs must be on leash;

- within 20m of a waterway (including a river or swimming hole) in parks and reserves in township areas; and
- on all Council managed beaches and foreshores.

Off leash

Unless otherwise signed, dogs may be off leash, but must remain under effective control of a person;

- in all Council managed public parks, recreation reserves, ovals; and
- outside township areas, (excluding beaches and foreshores listed in this factsheet)



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but must be restrained by means of a chain, cord or leash when:

- within 5m of walking and bicycle tracks;
- an organised sporting activity (including training sessions), public meeting, event or market is occurring;
- within 20m of a playground or play equipment area; or
- within 20m of a BBQ or picnic area.



What is effective control

Whether on leash or off leash a dog is required to be under effective control. A dog is deemed to be under effective control if the dog is under the control of someone capable of restraining it.

In an off leash area, the following also applies to the person in charge of the dog:

- carry a chain, cord or leash sufficient to restrain the dog should it behave in a threatening manner; and
- always remain within effective voice or hand control distance of the dog.

Where are the parks located?

We've included all of the Council owned and/or managed parks and recreation reserves here and identified whether the open space is suitable for taking your furry friend there for an off leash play session, depending on what facilities there are.

This list includes Council's fully fenced locations in Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance and a fully fenced community option, Brackenbush Unleashed also located in Lakes Entrance.

Bairnsdale and District

[Bosworth Road Recreation Reserve](#)

Address: Bosworth Road, Bairnsdale, Victoria

Fenced dog park, Lookout

[Bairnsdale Howitt Park](#)

Address: Howitt Park Reserve, Princes Highway, Bairnsdale, Victoria

Play Equipment, Toilets, Gazebo, BBQ (Electric), Boat Ramp, Fishing Platform, BMX Track

[Balmoral Crescent Reserve](#)

Address: 52 Balmoral Crescent, Eastwood, Victoria

Play Equipment

[Bullumwaal Road Reserve, Wy Yung](#)

Address: 127 Bullumwaal Road, Wy Yung, Victoria

Play Equipment, Shade Sail

[Cameron Crescent, Bairnsdale](#)

Address: 24 Cameron Crescent, Bairnsdale, Victoria

Play Equipment

[Davidson Oval](#)

Address: Macleod Street, Bairnsdale, Victoria
Skate Park

[Davies Street, Bairnsdale](#)

Address: 7 Davies Street, Bairnsdale, Victoria

Play Equipment

[Harnham Drive, Bairnsdale](#)

Address: 2a Harnham Drive, Bairnsdale, Victoria

Play Equipment

[Hoddinott Street Reserve](#)

Address: 19 Hoddinott Street, Bairnsdale, Victoria

Play Equipment, Gazebo, BBQ (Electric)



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[Keyte Court Reserve](#)

Address: Keyte Court, Bairnsdale, Victoria

Play Equipment



[McEacharn St Reserve Bairnsdale](#)

Address: McEacharn St, Bairnsdale, Victoria

Play Equipment, Toilets, Gazebo, BBQ (Electric), Boat Ramp, Fishing Platform, BMX Track



[West Bairnsdale Recreation Reserve](#)

Address: McKean St, Bairnsdale, Victoria

Play Equipment, Toilets

Bruthen and District

[Bruthen Rec Reserve](#)

Address: 6 Murphys Lane, Bruthen, Victoria

Play Equipment, Toilets

[Main Street Service Road West](#)

Address: Main Street, Bruthen, Victoria

Play Equipment, BBQ (Electric), Skate Park

[Service Road Reserve Bruthen](#)

Address: Main Street Service Road West, Bruthen, Victoria

Play Equipment, BBQ (Electric), Skate Park

Buchan and District

[Main Street Buchan](#)

Address: 26 Main Road, Buchan, Victoria

Play Equipment, Toilets

Cann River District

[Baum Park](#)

Address: Princes Highway, Cann River, Victoria

Play Equipment, Shade Sail, Toilets, BBQ (Electric), Skate Park

Lakes Entrance and District

[Brackenbush Unleashed](#)

Private property – open to the public

117 Hogs Lane, Lakes Entrance, Victoria

Fenced dog park

[Creighton St Kalimna](#)

Address: Creighton St/Laughtons Road, Kalimna, Victoria

Play Equipment



[Eastern Beach Lakes Entrance](#)

Address: Eastern Beach Road, Lakes Entrance, Victoria

Play Equipment, Toilets, Gazebo, BBQ (Electric)

[Esplanade - Foreshore](#)

Address: Esplanade, Lakes Entrance, Victoria

Toilets, Gazebo, Boat Ramp, Skate Park, Jetty

[Lake Tyers Recreation Reserve](#)

Address: Cnr Lake Tyers Beach & Mill Point Roads, Lake Tyers, Victoria

Play Equipment, Toilets, Gazebo, BBQ (Electric)

[Lakes Entrance Apex Park](#)

Address: Cnr Princes Highway and Marine Parade, Lakes Entrance, Victoria

Play Equipment, Toilets, Gazebo, BBQ (Electric)

[Marine Parade - Foreshore](#)

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Address: 245 Marine Parade, Lakes Entrance, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#), Toilets, [Gazebo](#), Boat Ramp, Jetty



[Palmers Road](#)

Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance, Victoria

[Fenced dog park](#)



[Panoramic Drive Reserve](#)

Address: Panoramic Drive, Lakes Entrance, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#)

[Skidale Close Reserve](#)

Address: Skidale Close, Lake Tyres, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#), [Gazebo](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric)

Lindenow and District

[Amy Shand Reserve](#)

Address: 157-155 Main Road, Lindenow, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#), Shade Sail, Toilets, [Gazebo](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric)

[Lindenow South Recreation Reserve](#)

Address: Fernbank-Lindenow South Road, Lindenow South, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#), Toilets, [Gazebo](#)

Mallacoota and District

[Mallacoota Reserve](#)

Address: 1 Develling Drive, Mallacoota, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#), Toilets, [Gazebo](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric), Skate Park

Metung-Nungurner District

[Patterson Park](#)

Address: 63 Metung road, Metung, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#)

Mountain Rivers District

[Bonang Public Hall](#)

Address: 213A Bonang Highway, Bonang, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#), Toilets

[Nichol Street Reserve](#)

Address: Nichol Street, Bendoc, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#), [Gazebo](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric)



Omeo Region

[A M Pearson Park Omeo](#)

Address: 173 Day Avenue, Omeo, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric)

[Livingstone Park Omeo](#)

Address: 20, Creek Street, Omeo, Victoria

Toilets, [Play Equipment](#), [Gazebo](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric)

[Omeo Recreation Reserve](#)

Address: Park Street, Omeo, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#), Toilets

Orbost and District

[Bemm River Foreshore](#)

Address: Sydenham Parade, Bemm River, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#), Toilets, [Gazebo](#), Boat Ramp, Jetty

[Forest Park Orbost](#)

Address: 1 Nicholson Street, Orbost, Victoria

[Play Equipment](#), Toilets, [Gazebo](#)



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[Koala Court Reserve, Orbost](#)

Address: 15 Koala Court, Orbost, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#)

[Lochiel St Reserve Orbost](#)

Address: Lochiel St, Orbost, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Toilets

[Orbost Recreation Reserve](#)

Address: Salisbury Street, Orbost, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Skate Park

[Scott Street Reserve](#)

Address: Scott Street, Orbost, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#)

[Triangle Park](#)

Address: Marlo Road, Marlo, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Toilets, [Gazebo](#)



Paynesville and District

[A J Freeman Reserve Paynesville](#)

Address: 59-61 Main Road, Paynesville, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Toilets

[Eagle Point Foreshore](#)

Address: Eagle Bay Drive, Paynesville, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Toilets, [Gazebo](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric)

[Ferry Reserve Raymond Island](#)

Address: Seventh Parade, Raymond Island, Paynesville, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Toilets, [Gazebo](#)



[Gilsenan Reserve West Paynesville](#)

Address: Raymond St, Paynesville, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Skate Park

[Newlands Arm Foreshore](#)

Address: Dawsons Cove, Newlands Arm, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Shade Sail, Toilets, [Gazebo](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric), Fishing Platform, Jetty



[Paynesville Community Lions Park](#)

Address: 60 Esplanade, Paynesville, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Shade Sail, Toilets, [Gazebo](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric), Boat Ramp, Jetty

[Simpson Park](#)

Address: Newlands Arm, Newlands Arm, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Shade Sail, Toilets, [Gazebo](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric), Fishing Platform, Jetty

[Sunset Cove Reserve](#)

Address: Sunset Cove, Paynesville, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Toilets, [Gazebo](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric), Boat Ramp, Jetty



Twin Rivers District

[Nicholson River Reserve](#)

Address: Princes Highway, Nicholson, Victoria
[Play Equipment](#), Shade Sail, Toilets, [Gazebo](#), [BBQ](#) (Electric), Boat Ramp, Fishing Platform, Jetty

Designated on leash beaches and foreshore areas

Council understands that there is a desire for dog owners to take their dogs swimming and you can take them to some locations outside of townships with the new rules.

Rivers and beaches are an option, but there are some beaches which are very busy, popular spots with residents, visitors and families in the holiday season and restrictions do apply to some areas.

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Our trial will help to determine appropriate locations and timing to introduce more off leash areas.

To be consistent with Council's current *General Local Law 2017* throughout the trial period, dogs are not permitted to remain in a public reserve area or bathe or swim in the water adjoining a public reserve area, but may pass through the following areas on leash only, between 1 November and 30 April;

Eagle Point

- The beach and foreshore reserve area from the boat ramp to a point 200 metres north of the jetty.



Gipsy Point

- The beach and foreshore reserve area within 200 metres of boat ramp.



Lake Bunga

- The foreshore and beach area at Lake Bunga Beach from 200 metres east to 200 metres west of the beach access track.



Lakes Entrance

- The beach area on Cunningham Arm at the southern end of the footbridge from 200 metres east to 200 metres west of the footbridge.
- The Ninety Mile Surf beach area from 200 metres east to 200 metres west of the beach access track from the Cunningham Arm footbridge.



- The foreshore and beach area at Eastern Beach from 200 metres east of the beach access track to the vehicle turning circle at the western end of Lions Park.

Lake Tyers Beach

- The foreshore and beach area from the Lake Tyers Beach Road boat ramp south west to the western end of the foreshore carpark and 500 metres east.

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- The beach area at Red Bluff from 200 metres east to 200 metres west of the beach access track.



Mallacoota

- The foreshore and beach area from the Bastion Point boat ramp north to Develling Inlet.



- The main surf beach area at Betka Beach from 200 metres east to 200 metres west of the Betka River entrance and the Betka River lagoon foreshore area, including the grassed picnic and BBQ areas.



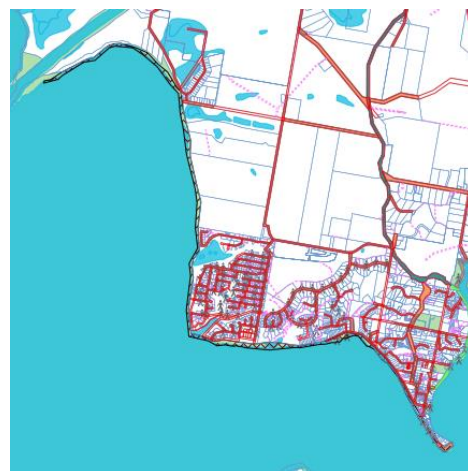
Marlo

- The foreshore and beach area from the Sailing Club to a point 1.2 km east.



Metung

- The foreshore reserve commencing from the boat ramp at Shaving Point around the Point and in a northerly direction to a point 300 metres north of the jetty in Tambo Bay.



Newlands Arm

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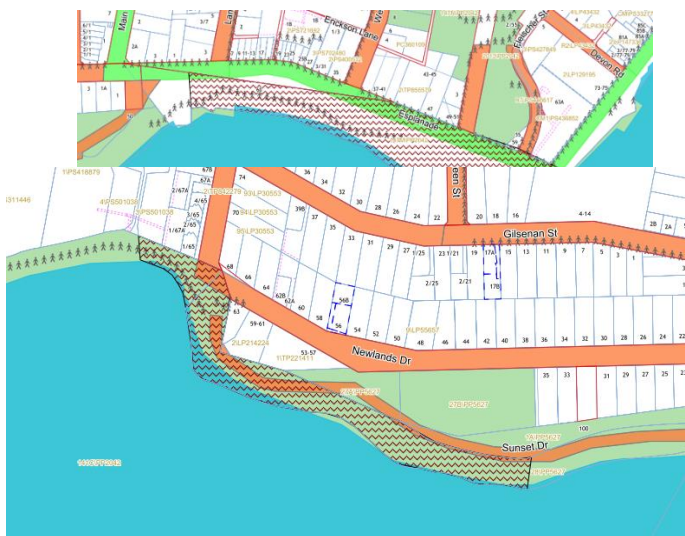
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- The foreshore reserve at Butlers Point.



Paynesville

- The beach and foreshore reserve area along The Esplanade between the Yacht Club and Craft Centre.



- The beach and foreshore reserve area from Old Camp Road boat ramp to a point 500 metres west of the boat ramp.

- The foreshore reserve from Kings Road boat ramp north to the Aquatic Club Tower.



Raymond Island

- The foreshore reserve at Point Montague.



Wattle Point

- The foreshore reserve from the boat ramp south to Wattle Point.



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