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The Wildwoods, NJ: Top Shore Destination for Dogs & Their Owners!

The Wildwoods, NJ –The Wildwoods, NJ are thrilled to welcome vacationers and their four-legged friends for a vacation experience that's sure to please! Whether it's a day at the beach, or a week-long vacation, the Wildwoods have dog beaches and dozens of businesses and accommodations that are pet friendly.

Dog Friendly Beach and Recreational Attractions

From May through October, four-legged friends have a special, designated beach area to call their own at Glenwood Avenue in Wildwood. Just to be safe, all dogs must be licensed, must always be leashed, except inside the enclosed beach dog park, and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their four-legged friends. North Wildwood beaches allow dogs during the summer season, anytime when lifeguards are off duty (lifeguard hours 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.).

The Wildwoods Dog Beach has been named one of the Top 10 'Best Dog Friendly Beaches in the US' in the 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest sponsored by USA TODAY. USA TODAY 10Best teamed up with BringFido.com to nominate the 20 most dog-friendly beaches in the nation. The Wildwoods Dog Beach received the second highest number of votes, ranking it #2 overall in the nation.

Tails have been wagging as dogs make their way across the Boardwalk, and onto the sand as they approach the 25-foot-tall red Fire Hydrant Sculpture at the beach Dog Park – right at the entrance to the Dog Beach. The Dog Park is completely fenced in, so your furry friend has enough room to run and stretch their legs and is also separated into two sections – one for large breed dogs, and the other for small breed dogs. As with the Dog Beach, all dogs entering the Dog Park must be licensed, and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their four-legged friends. The block-and-a-half-long, 190-yard-wide area is open from 6 a.m. until dusk, and this section of the beach is well equipped with all-furry amenities including water stations, doggie play stations and shade structures and signs reminding doggy owners to clean up after their loved ones with free plastic bags provided for scooping up after their pets.

Additional dog-friendly recreational attractions throughout the Wildwoods include Sunset Lake, the Sea Wall in North Wildwood, and the Wildwoods Bike Path.

Dog Friendly Businesses

Several Wildwoods establishments welcome four-legged patrons to dine outdoors with their families. Morey's Mariner's Pier is home to the PigDog Beach Bar, a laidback atmosphere accessible via Raging Waters Water Park, the beach, and the Boardwalk. Both family and dog-friendly, this new breed of beach bar is serving up tasty barbecue classics, cocktails and a mix of domestic options and warm weather imports. For more information, visit www.moreyspiers.com/food/pigdog.

MudHen Brewing Company is another Wildwoods eatery accommodating four-legged travelers. Big or small, short, or tall, all dogs are welcome to dine, while on a leash of course, with their owners in its spacious outdoor dining area.

In addition to PigDog Beach Bar and MudHen Brewing Company, several other Wildwoods restaurants and eateries allow dogs to dine outdoors with their owners. Please call ahead to the establishments to inquire about their dog policy before dining.

Dog Friendly Activities and Events

The Wildwoods love dogs, and we've picked four summertime national dog holidays to celebrate here with your furry friend:

- National Pet Week – May 7-13, 2023
- Pet Appreciation Week – June 4-10, 2023
- All-American Pet Photo Day – July 11, 2023
- International Dog Day – August 26, 2023
- National Dog Week – September 20-27, 2023

If you're someone who loves the open sea and everything it has to offer – fishing, crabbing, whale, and dolphin watching – but you don't want to leave your best friend behind on dry land, you need not worry. Several Wildwoods sightseeing charter boats and fishing/crabbing boats allow you to bring your dog on board. Please remember to outfit your pet with an appropriate life jacket to keep them safe during your day at sea.

The July 4th Patriotic Pooch Parade joins in the march of the Independence Day Parade through the island starting at 8th and Atlantic Avenues in North Wildwood. Dogs of all shapes and sizes parade along the streets of North Wildwood dressed in patriotic garb alongside decorated bicycles. Prizes are awarded for the best-dressed pooches.

Your pooch can enjoy a walk on the beach followed by a paddle in the pools of Raging Waters Water Park at Morey's Piers during the Morey's PigDog PuppaPalooza annual event September 9. The day starts with a Doggie Dash – a 1-mile or 5k beach walk/run with your favorite canine – followed by a day frolicking at Raging Waters water park on Mariner's Pier. Throughout the day, the famously dog-friendly PigDog Beach Bar will host "Yappy Hour" specials for you and your "fur"iends. Also, in attendance at PigDog will be Beacon Animal Shelter with items to auction and pups to adopt. Visit www.MoreysPiers.com/events for more information.

Dog Friendly Accommodations

When you're on vacation, it's often hard to find accommodations to suit the entire family. Below is a list of pet friendly places in the Wildwoods. Please call to confirm that the hotel/motel of interest welcomes dogs. Also visit www.WildwoodsNJ.com/plan-a-vacation/places-to-stay and select the 'pet friendly' tab to see all the pet-friendly places to stay. Some pet-friendly hotels/motels are*:

Admiral Resort Motel

7200 Ocean Ave., Wildwood Crest, NJ 609-522-7704

Beach Colony Motel

500 E. Stockton Rd., Wildwood Crest, NJ 609-522-4037

Enchantras Inn Bed & Breakfast

2814 Atlantic Ave., Wildwood, NJ 609-523-1101

Esplanade Suites

230 E. Taylor Ave., Wildwood, NJ 800-522-7850

Island Breeze Motel

411 E. 26th Ave., North Wildwood, NJ 609-522-2700

Jade East Motel

510 E. 4th Ave., North Wildwood, NJ 609-522-1867

Monaco Motel

4211 Ocean Avenue, Wildwood 609-522-2269

Red Horse on the Lake

7705 New Jersey Ave., Wildwood Crest, NJ 609-522-1667

Royal Hawaiian Beachfront Resort

500 E. Orchid Rd., Wildwood Crest, NJ 609-522-3414

Rus Mar Motel

5010 Ocean Ave., Wildwood Crest, NJ 609-522-0101

Sand Box Motel

5310 Park Blvd., Wildwood, NJ 609-846-1200

The Shore House

422 E. 16th Ave., Wildwood 609-602-1769

Tide Winds Motel

231 E. Davis Ave., Wildwood, NJ 609-522-0901

*Pet policies are subject to change. Please check with the property for the latest policy on pets.

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