

Attachment A: Current dog access rules for Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area

Explanatory Notes:

About the schedules of dog access rules

- *Schedules 1 and 2 identify where dogs may be taken, whether they need to be under control on a leash or allowed to be under control off a leash, and where they are prohibited.*
- *Schedule 1 contains general dog access rules that apply across Auckland.*
- *Schedule 2 contains dog access rules specific to a local board area.*
- *The rules in Schedule 1 prevail over any rule in Schedule 2.*
- *Department of Conservation rules are included in Schedule 2 as explanatory notes in italics for information purposes only. Department of Conservation rules are not subject to any rules in Schedule 1 or any other rule in Schedule 2.*

Schedule 1 General dog access rules

(1) Playgrounds under the control of the council

Dogs are prohibited on any playground at all times and must be under control on a leash in the vicinity of any playground when in use.

(2) Sports surfaces under the control of the council

Dogs are prohibited on any sports surface at all times and must be kept under control on a leash in the vicinity of any sports surface when in use.

Dog access rules in the above places are stated in Schedule 2. For the avoidance of doubt, dogs must still be kept under control on a leash in the vicinity of the sports surface when in use.

(3) Roads, private ways, and council-controlled car parks and boating areas

Dogs must be under control and on a leash on all –

- (a) formed public roads (including any street, highway, access way, service lane, and any footpath, cycle track, bus stop and berm within the boundaries of the road);
- (b) private ways;
- (c) council-controlled car parks; and
- (d) council-controlled boating areas (including any wharf, jetty, boat ramp, boat marshalling area).

For the avoidance of doubt, this rule does not apply to any unformed road, or any walkway, track or road within or surrounded by a park.

(4) Council cemeteries, council camping grounds and council holiday parks

Council cemeteries

Dogs are allowed under control and on a leash in the following council-controlled cemeteries:

- (a) North Shore Memorial Park
- (b) Waikumete Cemetery

Dogs are prohibited from all other council-controlled cemeteries unless permission is obtained from the council (e.g. a park manager with the appropriate delegated authority), or signage indicates dogs are allowed and provided the person whom the dog is accompanying complies with any reasonable conditions imposed by the council in relation to the entry or presence of the dog.

Camping grounds and holiday parks under the control of the council

Dogs are prohibited from all council-controlled camping grounds and holiday parks unless permission is obtained from Council (e.g. park manager with delegated authority), or signage indicates dogs are allowed, and provided the person whom the dog is accompanying complies with any reasonable conditions imposed by the Council in relation to the entry or presence of the dog.

(5) Default dog access rules

Unless otherwise stated in Schedule 2:

- (a) dogs must be under control and on a leash in all council-controlled public places with unrestricted access; and
- (b) dogs are prohibited in all other public places (e.g. fenced sports stadiums, libraries, cafes, shopping malls, school grounds, non-council cemeteries and urupa) unless permission is obtained or signage indicates dogs are allowed from –
 - (i) council, in relation to places under control of the council; or
 - (ii) the person in charge of the place, in relation to places not under control of the council; and
 - (iii) provided the person whom the dog is accompanying complies with any reasonable conditions imposed in relation to the entry or presence of the dog.

Explanatory Notes:

Dog Faeces

The owner of any dog that defecates in any public place or private way must immediately remove and dispose of the faeces in a way that does not cause a nuisance.

Dogs confined in a vehicle or cage

Dogs confined in a vehicle or cage are not exempt from prohibited dog access rules. They are exempt from under control on leash dog access rules.

Working dogs (includes disability assist and police dogs)

Dog access rules in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 do not apply to any working dog accompanying and assisting a person with work, or accompanying a person genuinely engaged in the dog's training.

Female dog in season

The owner of any female dog in season must ensure that dog does not enter or remain in any public place or private way unless that dog is completely confined in a vehicle or cage for the purposes of transportation, or the owner of that dog has the permission of the occupier or person controlling the public place (such as a veterinary clinic) in relation to the entry or presence of the dog, and complies with any reasonable conditions imposed.

Temporary Changes to Dog Access Rules

The council may make temporary changes to dog access rules in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 in relation to leisure and cultural events (including dog friendly events), dog training, threatened or 'at risk' protected wildlife vulnerable to dogs, pest control in any park and/or beach, and events of a comparative nature.

Schedule 2
Specific dog access rules by local board

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Area

(1) **Dogs are allowed under control off a leash** on all parks, beaches or foreshores in the former Manukau City not specifically identified as a prohibited or under control on a leash area.

(1) **Dogs are allowed under control off a leash** in the following dog exercise areas **, ***:

- (a) Portage Canal Reserve (1,2a Church St, 4-12 Portage Rd, Otahuhu) (c) Seaside Park Foreshore (17 Brady Rd, Otahuhu)
(b) Portage Canal Foreshore Reserve (4-12 Portage Rd, Otahuhu) (d) Stringers Point Reserve (1A Clements St, Otahuhu)

(2) On Shelly Bay Beach, **dogs are allowed under control off a leash** before 9.00am and after 7.00pm during daylight saving, and are allowed under control off a leash at all times outside of daylight saving. **Dogs are prohibited** from 9.00am to 7.00pm during daylight saving on Shelly Bay Beach and Kiwi Esplanade from Mangere Boat Club to Shortt Ave unless for the purpose of moving through the park and boat club and their dog is controlled on a leash.

(3) On beaches in the former Auckland City during summer (the Saturday of Labour Weekend and Easter Monday) –
(a) **Dogs are allowed under control off a leash** when the dog is swimming or walking in areas of the water (excluding safe swimming areas or lanes) before 9am or after 7pm.
(b) **Dogs are allowed under control on a leash** on areas of a beach not covered by water before 9.00am or after 7.00pm.
(c) **Dogs are prohibited** on all parts of a beach from 9.00am to 7.00pm, and dogs are prohibited at all times from safe swimming areas or lanes marked out or identified by council.

(4) On beaches in the former Auckland City during winter (the Tuesday after Easter Monday until the Friday before Labour Weekend) –
(a) **Dogs are allowed under control off a leash** on areas of a beach not covered by water before 10.00am or after 4.00pm. Dogs are allowed under control off a leash at all times when the dog is swimming or walking in areas of the water (excluding safe swimming areas or lanes)
(b) **Dogs are allowed under control on a leash** on areas of a beach not covered by water from 10.00am to 4.00pm.
(c) **Dogs are prohibited** at all times from safe swimming areas or lanes marked out or identified by council.

(5) **Dogs are allowed under control on a leash** in the following areas –

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| (a) Kiwi Esplanade Reserve. | (e) All areas in the former Auckland City within a park, beach or foreshore (except an area identified as a prohibited area or a dog exercise area) identified by the District Plan as a significant ecological area. Dogs must remain on a leash at all times in these areas and shall not be let off a leash to swim or walk in the water in these areas. |
| (b) All farm paddocks in a park occupied by stock in the former Manukau City. | |
| (c) All park and foreshore areas in the former Auckland City not specifically identified as a prohibited, off-leash or dog exercise area. | |
| (d) Any area in the former Auckland City that is developed or marked out as a picnic area or fitness apparatus area. | |

(6) In the area of **Ambury Regional Park** dogs are allowed under control on a leash on the Ambury Farm loop road connecting Kiwi Esplanade to Ambury Road. Dogs are prohibited at all times from all other areas of Ambury Regional Park and associated foreshore (including foreshore associated with the Mangere Waste Water Treatment Plant).

Reasons for Department of Conservation dog access rule –

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| ¹ High population of protected wildlife vulnerable to dogs | ² Inter-tidal areas with various species vulnerable to dogs |
| ³ Potential conflict with other users (members of the public) | ⁴ Vulnerable wildlife present |

Department of Conservation conditions of entry –

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| ⁵ Faeces to be removed | ⁶ Leash rule does not apply to hunting dogs. |
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**** Explanatory Note:** *The region-wide rule that prohibits dogs on any sports surface (unless exceptions are stated) and that requires dogs to be kept under control on a leash in the vicinity of any sports surface when in use as stated in Schedule 1, Rule 1(2) continues to apply. This note is specified in relation to particular parks where a sportsfield is known to exist to assist readers.*

***** Explanatory Note:** *The region-wide rule that prohibits dogs on any playgrounds and that requires dogs to be kept under control on a leash in the vicinity of any playground when in use as stated in Schedule 1, Rule 1(1) continues to apply. This note is specified in relation to particular parks where a playground is known to exist to assist readers.*