

# DOG FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

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Sydney is a great city for dog lovers, and as a bonus well-mannered pooches can travel on the ferry too! Whether you're looking to relax at a café, sample a local beer garden or enjoy the company of your four legged friend in an off-leash park or beach, there are several dog-friendly destinations in and around the harbour



## Balmain

Located in the Balmain Peninsula, Mort Bay Park is a popular, dog-friendly park with a playground, basketball court and unrestricted views of Sydney harbour. The park is conveniently situated next to the Balmain Ferry wharf, but if you're looking to venture into Balmain a little more, it's only a ten minute walk to [Our Place on Darling St](#). The dog friendly restaurant is nestled in a strip of great eateries in a suburb where dogs are welcomed with open arms!

[www.ourplaceondarling.com.au](http://www.ourplaceondarling.com.au)

### **Closest ferry wharf: Balmain**

Getting there: Mort Bay Park is located next to Balmain wharf, Thames St.

## Mosman

Sirius Cove Reserve in Mosman is one of the only off-the-leash beaches\* in the city for your pooch to run wild in the shallows. The bushland and foreshore reserve also has playground and BBQ facilities, so you can extend your weekend visit at Sirius Cove.

\*Dogs are allowed off-leash all day Mon-Fri and before 9am and after 4pm on Sat, Sun and Public Holidays.

### **Closest ferry wharf: Taronga Zoo and Mosman**

Getting there: : Sirius Cove is a twelve minute walk from the wharf head from Mosman St to Clanalpine St and join Sirius Cove Rd which takes you down to the reserve.

## Manly

Manly Lagoon, also known as Lagoon Park is a natural, shallow coastal lagoon located at the Northern end of Manly Beach. The lagoon is a ten minute walk from wharf and the good news is that dogs are allowed off-leash 24 hours a day!

If you're looking for a bite to eat afterwards, head down to pet friendly Manly Fish café. Located at the South Steyne, you can enjoy water views and fresh seafood from one of the longest running seafood restaurants in Manly. [www.manlyfishcafe.com.au](http://www.manlyfishcafe.com.au)

**Closest ferry wharf: Manly Wharf**

Getting there: Manly Lagoon is located at the Northern end of Manly Beach..

## Rose Bay

Located a ten minute walk from Rose Bay wharf, you'll find Dumaresq Reserve - a lovely little beach that welcomes dogs on a leash at all times and off leash between 4.30pm and 8.30am. Please note, the beach is tidal, so can be very narrow at times!

Five minutes past the wharf in the opposite direction is Bernasconi's a longstanding café located in the heart of Rose Bays Plumer street. Bernasconi's offer dog friendly seating and a great range of healthy breakfast and lunch offerings. It's the perfect spot to sit back and watch the world go by. [www.bernasconicafe.com](http://www.bernasconicafe.com)

**Closest ferry wharf: Rose Bay**

Getting there: Dumaresq Reserve is located at the end of Dumaresq Rd, a small cull-de-sac located five minutes away from Rose Bay wharf (via Old South Head Road).

## Double Bay

Dogs are permitted off-leash at all times\* at the northern end of Steyne Park in Double Bay (corner of William Street and Bay street). Located next to the water, the grassy oasis is the perfect spot fly a kite or enjoy a picnic!

If the windy air leaves you feeling peckish, head down to Indigo on Cross Street. Known as the café of choice for the paparazzi, Indigo has a great outdoor area for dogs as well as a wide variety

of food and beverage options, you'll find something for everyone. [www.barindigo.com.au](http://www.barindigo.com.au)  
\*Except during organised sailing events.

**Closest ferry wharf: Double Bay**

Getting there: Steyne Park greets you as soon as you disembark the ferry at Double Bay wharf



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