



RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Owners are liable for any damage done by or caused by their dog.

Dog leashes must be carried by owners at all times when they are with their dogs in a public place.

Dog faeces must be removed immediately and hygienically disposed of. Doggie doo bags are available free of charge from all Council Service Centres and dispensers throughout the region.

Be respectful of others – do not allow your dog to intrude on another person’s personal space. Be mindful that most people do not appreciate dogs rushing up to or jumping up on to them and small children especially are intimidated by excited uncontrolled dogs.

Know your dog – if on any occasion your dog is likely to injure, endanger, or cause distress to any stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife (Wildlife Act 1953) either avoid the area or ensure your dog is under leash control.

Be aware of your surroundings and your dogs actions. Dogs in hunting mode are likely to be a threat to native lizards and ground nesting birds. If in doubt, either avoid the area or ensure your dog is under leash control.

Be a “wet sand walker” – walking your dog below the high tide mark greatly reduces the chance of disturbing nesting and roosting shorebirds.

Often it can be confusing for dog owners to know where you can exercise your dog. This brochure is designed to help you identify where you can and cannot take your dog and where you must use a leash.

Certain areas have been designated as Dog Prohibited Areas by Council and entry to these areas with your dog is strictly forbidden.

There are many places within Tasman District to exercise your dog, both on and off the leash. There are designated areas specifically for dogs to be able to run free and socialise with other dogs. In all other areas, unless designated as “Dog Prohibited”, dogs must be under “effective control”.

Effective control means that the dog is not a danger to or causing a nuisance to; persons, stock, poultry, domestic animals or protected wildlife and that the person in charge of the dog is able to obtain an immediate and desired response from the dog by use of a leash, voice commands, hand signals, whistles or other effective means.



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CONTROLLED DOG EXERCISE AREAS

Every dog shall be kept under the effective control of a responsible person, responding to voice commands, whistles, hand signals or other effective means.

GOLDEN BAY

- Beach from Milnthorpe Quay to Collingwood (east of township)
- Patons Rock Beach, west of settlement to Pariwhakaoho River mouth
- Pōhara Beach from the end of Pōhara Valley Road to eastern boundary of Pōhara Camp
- Rangihaeata Beach
- Rototai Recreation Reserve and adjacent foreshore out to 300 metres northwest of the reserve

MOTUEKA/KINA

- Batchelor Ford Road
- Riwaka River Mouth to Tapu Bay mudflats
- York Park
- Kina Beach – exposed seaward side of the beach

RICHMOND/MĀPUA

- Dellside Reserve including track up into Richmond Hills
- Jimmy Lee Creek Hill Street southern entrance
- Headingly Lane – mudflat area below high tide mark
- Old Mill Walkway – foreshore from seaward boundary at Mapua Leisure Park to Chaytor Reserve
- Railway Reserve behind Jubilee Park
- Rough Island – Hunter Brown and Greenslade Park

WAKEFIELD

- Faulkner Bush Reserve except for the Leash Control Area, as defined on the map in Schedule 1

DOG PROHIBITED AREAS

Dogs are prohibited on all Council sports fields and complexes, within 10 metres of playground equipment and picnic tables, and in the following areas:

GOLDEN BAY

- Collingwood Camping Ground – summer months*
- Tākaka Township – the Village Green, Pioneer Park, the library carpark, the old library site adjacent playground
- Ligar Bay Beach – summer months*, except between the hours of 5.00 am and 9.00 am
- Onekaka Estuary
- Pakawau Beach (camp frontage) – summer months*
- Parapara Inlet
- Patons Rock Beach in front of the settlement – summer months*
- Pōhara Beach from the sign at the western end of the golf course to the mouth of the Motupipi Estuary
- Pōhara Beach from eastern camp boundary to Selwyn Street Reserve – summer months*
- Pōhara Beach Top 10 Holiday Park
- Rototai to Waitapu Estuary foreshore (excluding Controlled Dog Exercise area adjacent to Rototai Recreation Reserve)
- Ruataniwha Inlet
- Tata Beach – everyday from sunset to 8.30 am and over the period 20 December to 20 January each year from the hours 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
- Tukurua Beach (camp frontage) – summer months*
- Waikato Inlet – including beach area to Ruataniwha Inlet

MOTUEKA/KINA

- Abel Tasman National Park foreshore reserves on Tonga Island, Adele Island and Fisherman Island
- Breaker Bay Beach
- Fearons Bush Camping Ground
- Kaiteriteri Beach
- Little Kaiteriteri Beach – summer months*, except between the hours of 5.00 am and 9.00 am

- Lower Moutere Recreation Reserve – except for dog obedience and tracking classes
- Memorial Reserve Corner Riwaka
- Motueka Sandspit – south of a line drawn through the point NZ Map Grid 2512857.1 (easting) 6009560.9 (northing)
- Otuwhero Estuary and Sandspit
- Motueka Saltwater Baths
- Stephens Bay Beach – summer months*, except between the hours of 5.00 am and 9.00 am

RICHMOND/MĀPUA

- Hope Recreation Reserve and Hall – except for dog events approved by Hall Committee
- McKee Memorial Domain
- Rabbit Island (including the beach)
- Sand Island and the shell bank by Bell Island (situated adjacent to the Nelson Airport runway – disturbed birds are a hazard to aircraft)

MURCHISON

- Riverview Motor Camp – Murchison

LEASH CONTROL AREAS

Every dog shall be kept under continuous control by means of a leash which is secured or held by a person capable of restraining the dog so that the dog cannot break loose:

- In an urban area or cemetery.
- In Faulkner Bush Reserve picnic area.
- On Jimmy Lee Creek walkway from Hill Street (northern entrance) to the gate adjacent to Cushendall Rise.
- While transiting Awaroa Vehicle Access Corridor.

Exception to Dog Prohibited Areas: This prohibition of dogs from specified areas does not apply to game hunting dogs engaged in legitimate hunting activities during the recognised hunting season.

*Summer months = 1 December to 1 March