

Table Mountain National Park

*A Park for All, Forever 'n Park vir Almal, vir Altyd
iPaka yoluntu lonke ngonaphakade*

an interactive guide to Walking your Dog in the Park

To walk your dog within Table Mountain National Park you need a My Activity Permit.

- This will allow you to walk your dog in the areas designated for this purpose within the Table Mountain National Park Environmental Management Plan and dog walking code of conduct for twelve months from date of purchase.
- At certain pay point areas where daily conservation fees are applicable, a My Activity Permit holder will only be allowed access for the purposes of undertaking their specified activity such as walking your dog, e.g Silvermine.
- If a My Activity Permit holder is accessing a pay point area for leisure purposes, normal daily conservation fees apply.
- Cards are not transferable.
- No more than 2 dogs per permit holder may be walked at any given time.

- Dogs need to be under control in all areas and on a lead in the designated areas mentioned below.
- Remain on designated footpaths at all times.
- Be sensitive to other park users.
- Dogs not allowed in accommodation, educational and office nodes across Table Mountain National Park
- Please carry your permit with you at all times when walking your dog as non-compliance may result in a fine.
- Please leave your footprints only and we would appreciate if you could remove litter and dog faeces when departing.



- Table Mountain National Park
- Urban Roads
- Management Tracks
- Footpaths
- No Dogs Allowed

Special Permit Areas

Walkers accompanied by dogs may utilise the 'Remote Wilderness' zones on condition they have in their possession a special permit, granted for these areas by TMNP. These 'remote wilderness zones' include:

- Devil's Peak:
1st Waterfall Ravine
- Twelve Apostles:
Hout Bay Corner & Oudekraal Ravine
- Karbonkelberg:
Coastal Route

Clickable Interactive links

- Maps of popular dog walking areas
- Special Management Areas



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Special Management Areas

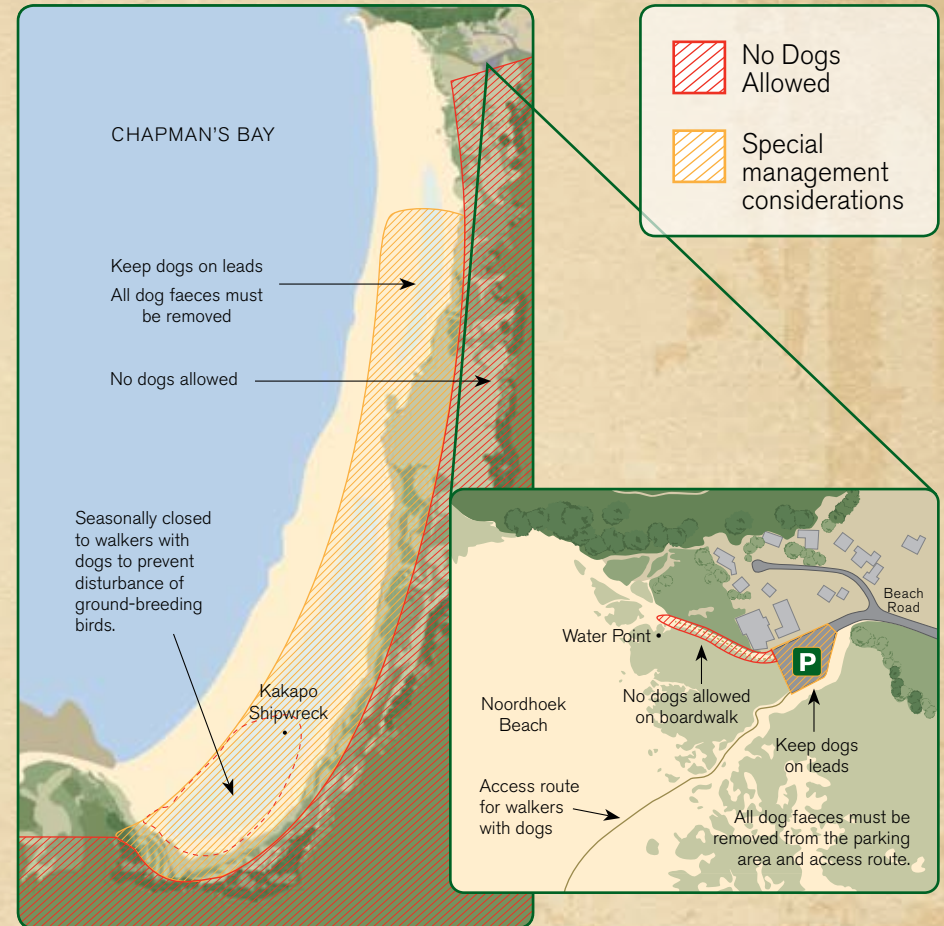
1 Newlands Forest Station



2 Silvermine Dam



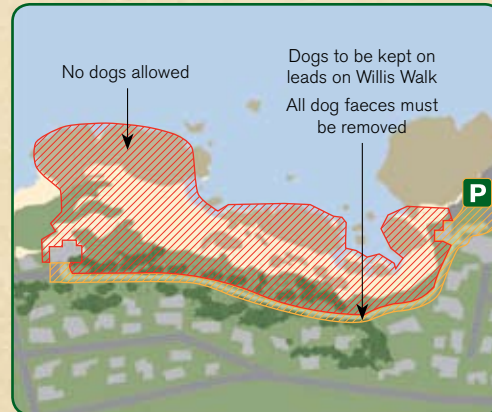
3 Noordhoek Beach



4 Scarborough Beach



5 Boulders Beach / Willis Walk



Dog Walking in the Park

SANParks is committed to ensuring responsible access to, and use of, the Table Mountain National Park for the purposes of walking with dogs. This responsible use is captured in the revised Environmental Management Programme (EMP): Walkers accompanied by Dogs. The EMP sets out the rationale for management of walkers with dogs, as well ensuring compliance with National Legislation.

Code of Conduct

The essence of the EMP is captured in a Code of Conduct which all walkers taking their dogs into the Park are required to adhere to. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to:

- Promote good behaviour and consideration towards other Park users and visitors; and
- Develop a respect for, and reduce the impacts on, the globally and nationally unique natural and cultural features of the Park.

The Code of Conduct is divided into two parts, namely **Compliance** with Park regulations and desirable good **Etiquette** for dog walkers.

Compliance

- Walking with dogs must only occur in the designated areas (see accompanying maps) and subject to any special management conditions that may apply.
- All Park notices and Park signage, and any legitimate instruction from a Park official, must be complied with.
- All dog handlers must carry a valid Wild Card, issued in their name, with the necessary dog walking activity permit loaded onto the card.
- Dogs taken into the Park must be under effective control of the handler at all times (Should the handler or their dog cause an incident, the dog will be deemed to be out of control and the handler can be held liable).
- Dog handlers must always carry a leash.
Dogs must be leashed:
 - Upon instruction from any Park official.
 - As required by any official Park notice and/or signage.

- While passing through designated parking areas, picnic areas and braai sites.
- If the handler is unable to control the dog or if it is aggressive or otherwise dangerous.
- Dog handlers must remain on Park approved paths and tracks at all times, unless in the event of an emergency or in exceptional circumstances.
- Dog handlers must remove their dog's faeces from paths, car parks and any other demarcated areas used by park visitors and/or Park staff.
- In special management areas (as indicated by signage), faeces must be removed.
- Dog handlers must ensure that their dogs do not injure or kill any wild life.
- Aggressive dogs must be muzzled.
- No more than two dogs per person may be taken into the Park (unless the handler has obtained a special permit from the Park).

Etiquette

- When meeting a leashed dog, the handler of the unleashed dog should provide space for both dogs to pass without contact.
- Dog handlers should not allow their dogs to foul footpaths and tracks; hence faeces should be removed and deposited in bins, where these are provided.
- Dog handlers should not allow their dogs to interfere with the pleasure of other users in the Park.
- Dog handlers should give right of way to people unaccompanied by dogs.
- Dogs should be called to heel if the handlers see horses and joggers approaching.
- Dog handlers should restrain their dogs from disturbing any wild life.
- Bitches in heat should not be walked in the Park.
- Dogs taken into the Park should have a valid rabies vaccination.
- Dog handlers should be sensitive to other Park users. Not everyone likes dogs and some people are afraid of them. Handlers should control their dogs if anyone in the immediate area seems ill at ease.
- Dogs should be leashed at the beginning and end of walks.

