



SHARING OUR SHORES

Phillip Island's beaches and reserves are for everyone to enjoy. We are lucky to be able to visit many of these areas with our dogs.

Observing signs and following regulations keeps people, dogs and wildlife safe.

Hooded Plovers

These highly threatened shorebirds nest along the high tide line or in the sand dunes during spring and summer. Eggs and chicks are well camouflaged making them difficult to see and easily stepped on. Keeping your dog on a lead and away from signed nesting areas, helps to ensure their survival.

Short-tailed Shearwaters

These migratory birds live and breed in sand dune burrows from September to May and fly to the northern hemisphere over our winter. Please keep dogs on a lead and stay on paths - burrows are easily collapsed.

Responsible dog owners and wildlife can live together - thank you for sharing our shores.



Let's care for each other and our dogs by observing the regulations which are for everyone's comfort and safety.



HERE'S HOW WE SHARE OUR BEACHES RESPONSIBLY:

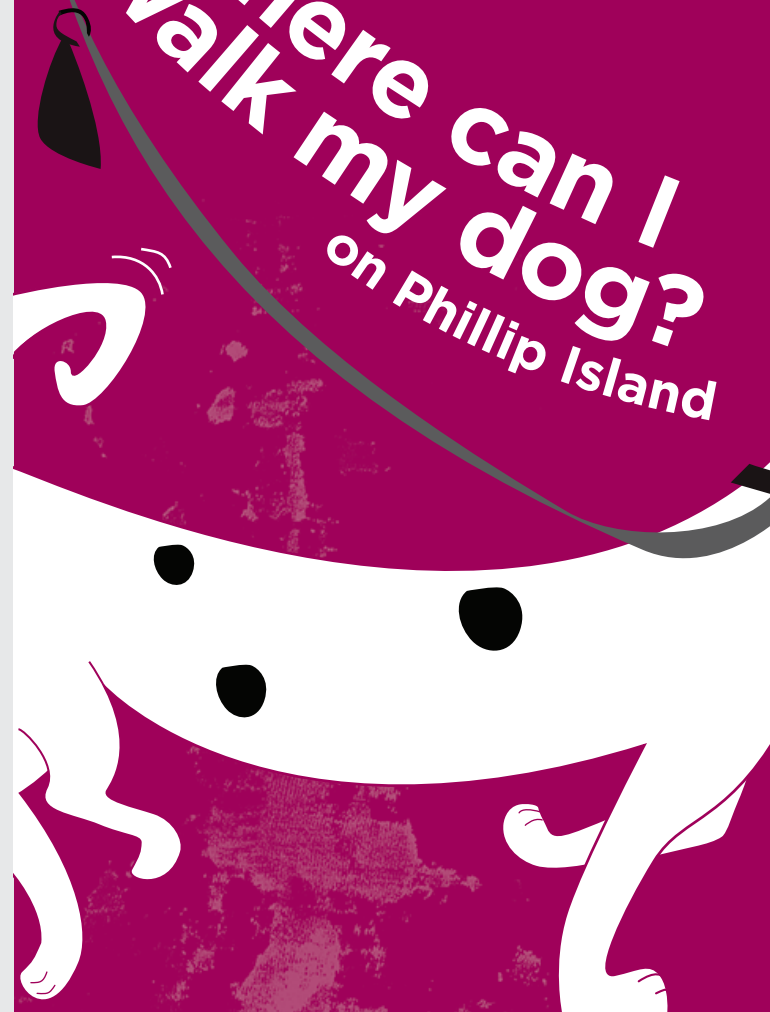
- **Always check beach access signage**
Permitted times change seasonally, so be sure to check the signs. Penalties apply for not following regulations.
- **Only use designated beach access points**
Informal tracks can be dangerous to yourself and wildlife and cause dune erosion.
- **Stay out of the sand dunes**
Hooded Plovers and Short-tailed Shearwaters breed there.
- **Keep your dog on a lead**
By law dogs must be on a lead in all public places in Bass Coast Shire except in designated off leash areas or private property.
- **Pick up your dog poo!**
By law all dog walkers are required to have a suitable container to clean up after their dog.
- **Register your dog**
All dogs over three months of age must be registered.
- **Never leave your dog in a car on hot days**
A dog will quickly overheat if left in a car on a hot day. Confine your dog to your property when you are not with it.
- **Report injured wildlife to
Phillip Island Nature Parks on 5951 2800**

For further information contact;

Phillip Island Nature Parks:
5951 2800
www.penguins.org.au

Bass Coast Shire Council:
1300 BCOAST (226 278)
or (03) 5671 2211
www.basscoast.vic.gov.au

Where can I
walk my dog?
on Phillip Island



Phillip Island
**NATURE
PARKS**



DON'T RISK A FINE
**Always read the beach
access signs.**

WALK YOUR DOG HERE

SEASONAL RESTRICTIONS APPLY to all dog walking areas: (except Ventnor off leash area)

From the 1st December to the 30th of April
Dogs allowed 7am-10am and 5pm-8pm

From 1st May to 30th November
Dogs allowed anytime

VENTNOR off leash area - dogs allowed anytime, all year round

 **Dogs permitted on leash**

 **Designated off-leash area**

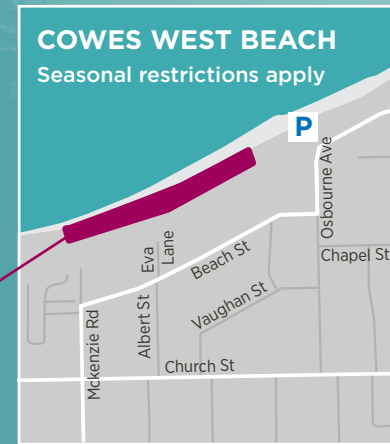
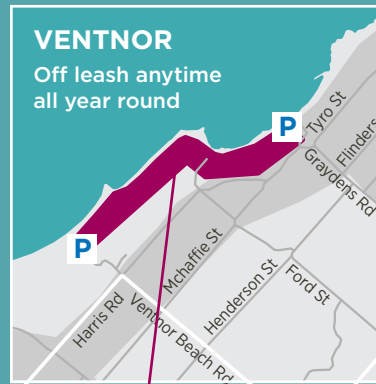
Dogs in off-leash areas must be put back on leash within fifty metres of a signed wildlife refuge.

When using off-leash beach areas with your dog you must:

- carry a leash and use it immediately if the situation calls for it
- have your dog under effective voice control at all times
- not allow your dog to rush, jump on any person or attack any person or animal
- keep your dog in sight at all times
- put your dog back on leash within fifty metres of a signed wildlife refuge

 **Car parking locations**

 **No dogs anytime**



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and learn, the Bunurong People and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.