



ABOUT COYOTES IN OUR AREA



The coyote can be found in almost every type of environment in Santa Barbara County. They are dog-like in appearance, weighing an average of 25-40 pounds. Their coat can be gray or cinnamon.

They have very long, thin legs, very pointed and erect ears, and long, bushy tails that are tipped with black and held low when running. Coyotes are mostly nocturnal, but during cooler seasons may be seen hunting during daylight hours. Coyotes are highly intelligent opportunistic feeders and are often attracted to urban areas by uncovered garbage cans and pet food. Their natural diet is varied and includes rodents, rabbits, gophers, birds, insects and fruit. They will occasionally prey upon small domestic pets.



Although coyotes can be found almost anywhere in Santa Barbara, they use stream beds and open areas to travel from the wild into residential areas.

Please use caution when walking your smaller dogs near stream beds, in wild areas and on mountain trails, avoiding these areas after daylight. For more information please visit <http://sbwcn.org/wildlife-education/living-with-wildlife/coyotes/>

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BEST PLACES TO WALK YOUR DOG - SANTA BARBARA & GOLETA

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BEST PRACTICES FOR DOG WALKERS

- Owners must clean up after their dogs as required by law. Always bring waste bags with you and discard them in trash receptacles.
- Each dog walker must act responsibly.
- Always take your dog out in public on a leash as required by law. Unleash them only in designated off-leash areas.
- Take only well-behaved dogs who are comfortable and reliably safe around strangers out in public. Exercise dogs who show aggressive tendencies apart from people or other animals.
- Make sure your dog understands the basic commands, such as "sit", "stay" and "down".
- Stay on designated trails and prevent dogs from destroying vegetation or harming wildlife.
- Leave dogs with contagious conditions at home. Make sure pet vaccinations are up to date.
- It is best if your dog is spayed or neutered. Do not bring a dog who is in heat out in public.
- Use flea preventive to avoid picking up and spreading fleas and ticks.
- Make sure your car can comfortably accommodate your dog.
- Make sure your dog has access to water for longer or more challenging walks or hikes.
- Be respectful of people with allergies and those who are uncomfortable around dogs.
- Reward your dog frequently for good behavior.
- Exercise your dog daily
- Remember the toys and treats
- Have fun!

ABOUT THIS MAP

This map was created for dog lovers and their humans to facilitate their exercise and good health. The criteria for dog-friendly streets are:

- quieter streets away from heavy auto traffic
- not too steep
- easily accessible on public roads
- with sidewalks or trails
- wide enough for dogs and autos
- in residential non-commercial areas

Also included are trails, parks, official off-leash areas, beaches and urban coyote habitat areas.

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While every effort has been made to provide accurate information, we cannot accept liability for any mishaps as result of using this map.

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Andree Clark Bird Refuge	E10	Rattlesnake Canyon Park	C9
Alameda Park	E8	Rattlesnake Trail	B9
Arroyo Burro Trail	B7	Rocky Nook Park	D8
Chase Palm Park	F9	Rose Garden	D8
Cold Springs Trail	C10	San Antonio Canyon	
Douglas Preserve	F7	County Park	C5
East Beach	E9	San Antonio Creek Trail	C5
Elings Park	F7	Santa Barbara	
Evergreen Open Space	D1	Botanic Garden	C8
Girsh Park	E2	Santa Barbara Shores	
Goleta Beach Park	E3	County Park	E1
Hendry's Beach	F7	Sea Lookout Park	F2
Honda Valley Park	F8	Shoreline Park	H8
Jesusita Trail	C7	Skofield Park	C8
Leadbetter Beach & Park	F9	Stevens Park	C7
Los Carneros County Park	D3	Stow Grove Park	D3
Mackenzie Park	D7	Tabano Hollow	D5
More Mesa	E5	Tuckers Grove Park	C5
Oak Park	E7	Tunnel Trail	B8
Parma Park	D9	West Beach	F8
Patterson Open Space	D4		

Have a new spot to share? Constructive suggestions are welcomed. Look for the community page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/SBDogWalk



