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**A quick
reference
guide**

Access Areas for Dogs

• Off leash • On leash • Prohibited



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Off-Leash Areas in the Shoalhaven:

Shoalhaven City Council understands that it's necessary for our community's dog owners to have access to suitable exercise and play facilities¹¹.

Our 16 Off-Leash Areas (OLAs) on Council managed land provide dog owners the opportunity to enjoy their pet's company for recreation and training without the restraint of a lead.

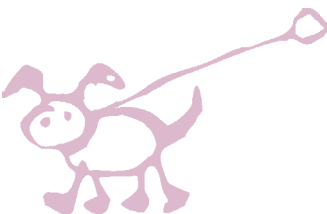
Please make use of these facilities – throw a frisbee, toss a ball – and get more out of your pet¹⁰!

If your dog is in any public place other than an approved off-leash area¹¹ s/he must be under the effective control of a competent person by means of a chain, cord or leash.

Guidelines for Off-Leash Areas:

Dogs are only permitted to be off-leash in these designated Council managed areas and then still under the control of their handler, which should be a responsible adult.

- ◆ all dogs are to be leashed before entering and before leaving off-leash areas¹⁷;
- ◆ all dogs must wear a collar and tag that show the name of the dog, and the address and/or telephone number of the owner of the dog;
- ◆ all dogs should be identified (microchipped) and registered²⁰;
- ◆ no restricted breeds, or dogs declared dangerous, nuisance or aggressive²¹ are permitted in off-leash areas;
- ◆ a leash and poo bags should be carried at all times, and all faeces must be picked up and disposed of as required;
- ◆ no aggressive type games are permitted;
- ◆ harassment of wildlife, livestock, dogs or other users is prohibited;
- ◆ dogs that become uncontrollable or aggressive should be removed from off-leash areas;
- ◆ all off-leash areas will be regularly patrolled and all regulations enforced¹⁹;



Areas Where Dogs are Prohibited

Dogs are totally prohibited from entering the areas described below and the areas specified in the following maps. This restriction does not apply to police dogs or dogs used to assist people with disabilities.

- ◆ within 10 metres of any children's playing apparatus or food preparation/consumption areas in public areas. This does not apply if the food preparation/consumption area is a public thoroughfare and where a 10 metre separation distance is not possible.
- ◆ within the grounds of any child care centre or school without the approval of the person in charge.
- ◆ within 200m of identified shorebird nesting sites.
- ◆ within 200m of 'flagged' beach patrolled areas subject to site specifications for access.
- ◆ within all Council owned/operated swimming pool complexes.

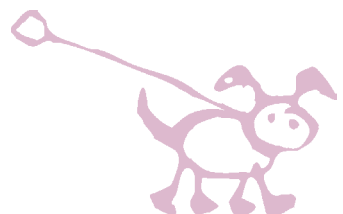
**Penalties for non-compliance apply
under the Companion Animals Act**

**This policy pertains to land enforced by
authorised officers of Council under the
Companion Animals Act.**

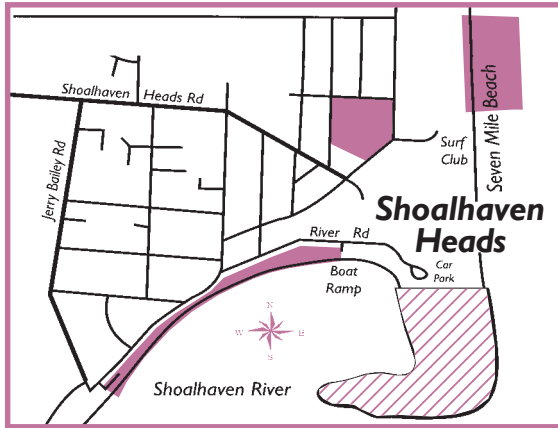
**This access for dogs policy was adopted by
Shoalhaven City Council at its meeting of 27/5/08
and is subject to further reviews.**

This brochure is correct at time of printing and subject to change without prior notice.

**Take your dog!
Take a lead!
Take a poo bag!**

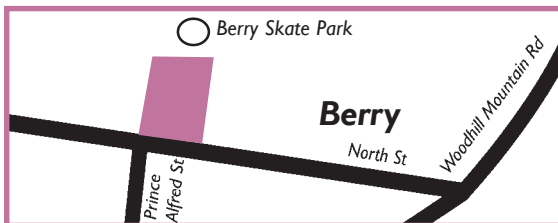


Shoalhaven Heads



- Jerry Bailey Reserve cricket field
Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day - on leash from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm each day.
- The section of Shoalhaven Head Beach 200m north of the Surf Club building to the public access way through the Shoalhaven Heads Golf Course
24 hours off leash
- River Road Reserve adjacent to the river edge - from the Boat ramp in the east to the wharf at the end of Jerry Bailey Road.
24 hours off leash
- Shoalhaven River entrance sand spit at the southern end of Seven Mile Beach south-east of the River Road car park.

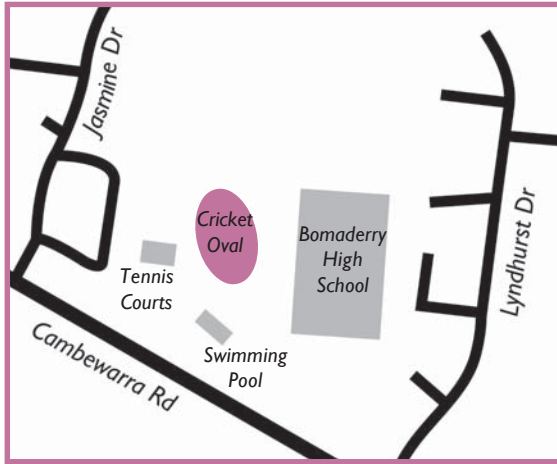
Berry



- The area at Berry Sporting Complex, between the Skate Park and North Street.
24 hours off leash.

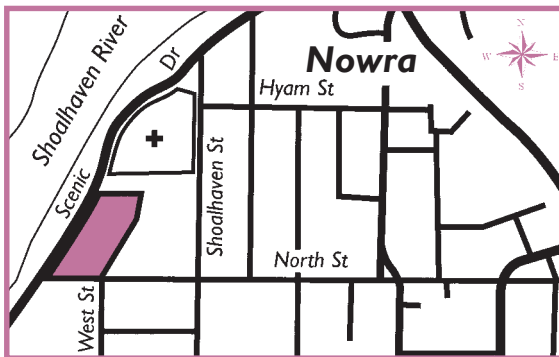
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Bomaderry



The cricket oval area immediately adjacent to the Bomaderry Aquatic Centre. **Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day - when not used by sporting groups.**

Nowra

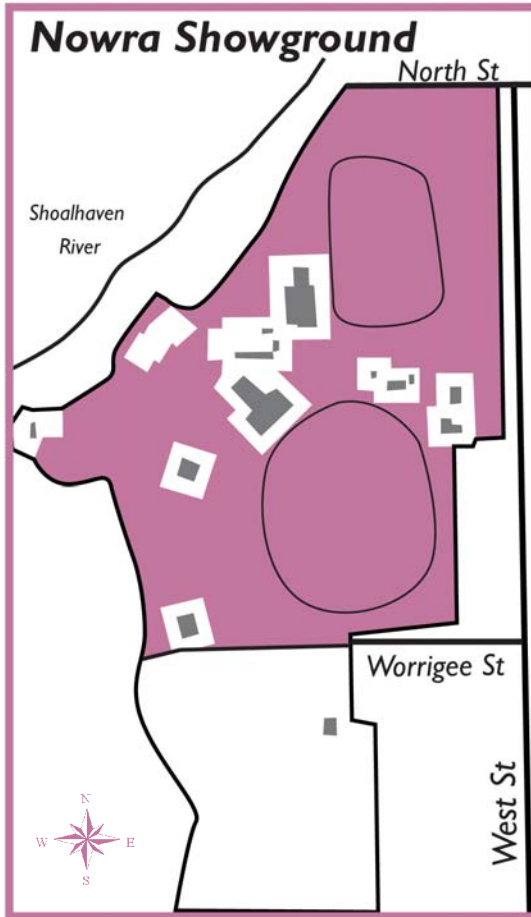



Western section of Nowra Recreation Ground bordered by North Street, Scenic Drive and Hospital car park.

24 hours off leash.


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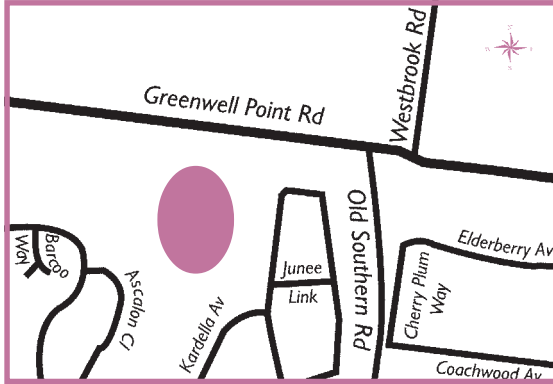


 The area north of Worrigeer Street except within 10 metres of any building or picnic area. This dog off-leash area only applies when there are no major events.

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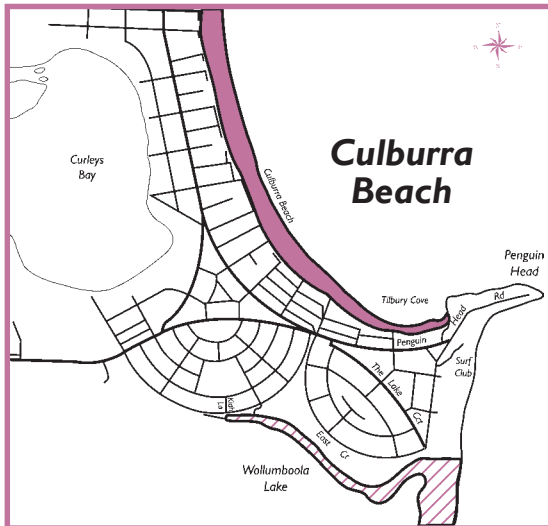
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Worrige





Ratcliff Park cricket field via Greenwell Point Road
Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day.

Culburra Beach

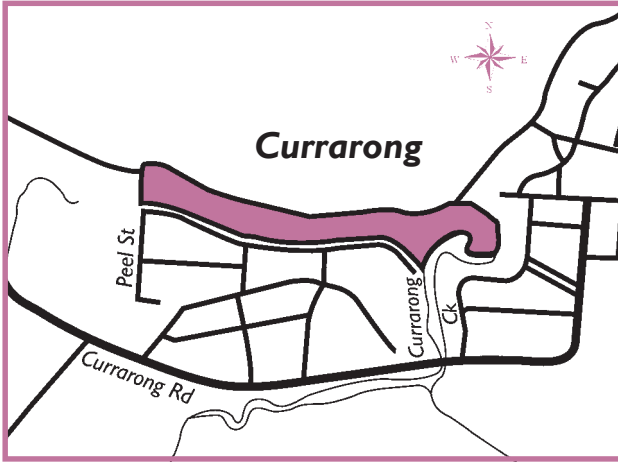



Culburra Beach and foreshore reserve between Park Row and Tilbury Cove.
Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day.

Wollumboola Lake Foreshore - southern end of The Lake Circuit to Kiah Lane.

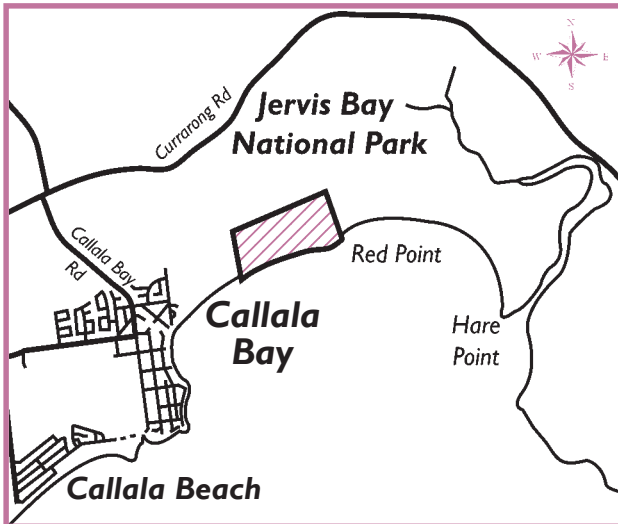
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Currarong



-  Currarong Beach and foreshore reserve from Currarong Creek to Peel Street. Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day.

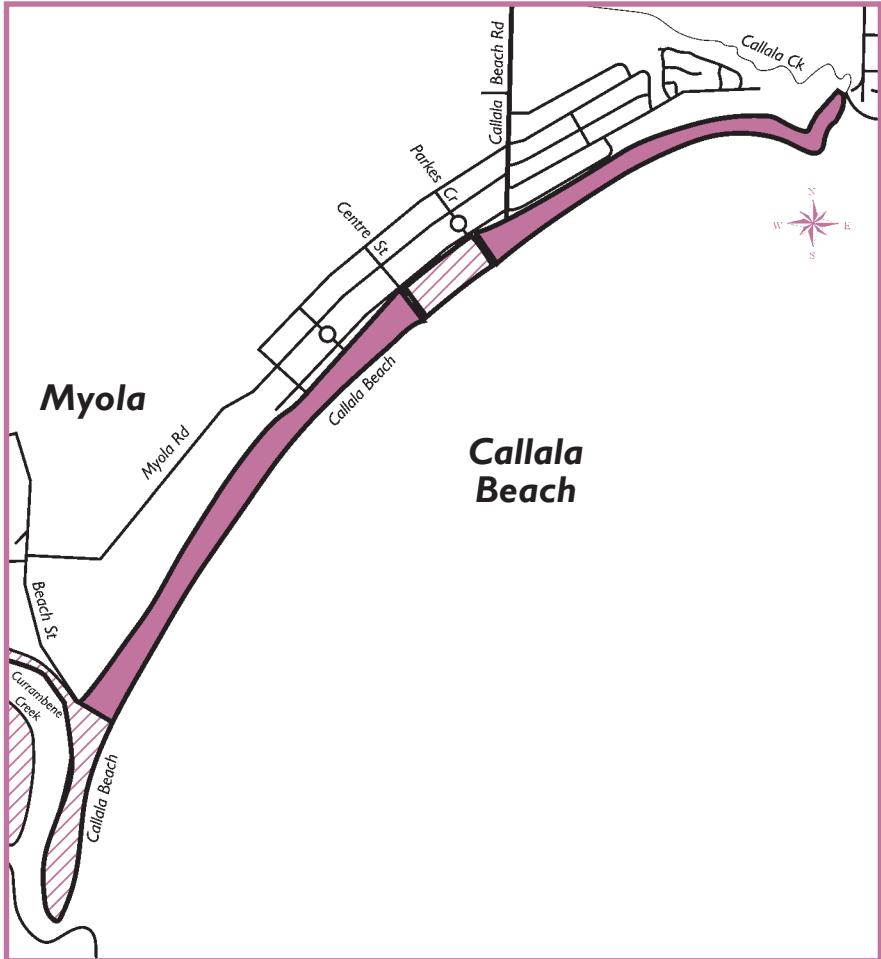
Callala Bay




-  Crown land known as 'Red Point Reserve'.


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Callala Beach and Myola



 From Parkes Crescent to Callala Creek. From Centre Street to Beach Street car park at Myola.


Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day. On leash from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm each day.

 Callala Beach between Parkes Crescent and Centre Street. Southern end of Callala Beach south of the Beach Street car park at Myola.


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Huskisson




 Huskisson Beach and foreshore reserve between Tapalla Point (corner of Nowra Street) and Tapalla Avenue.

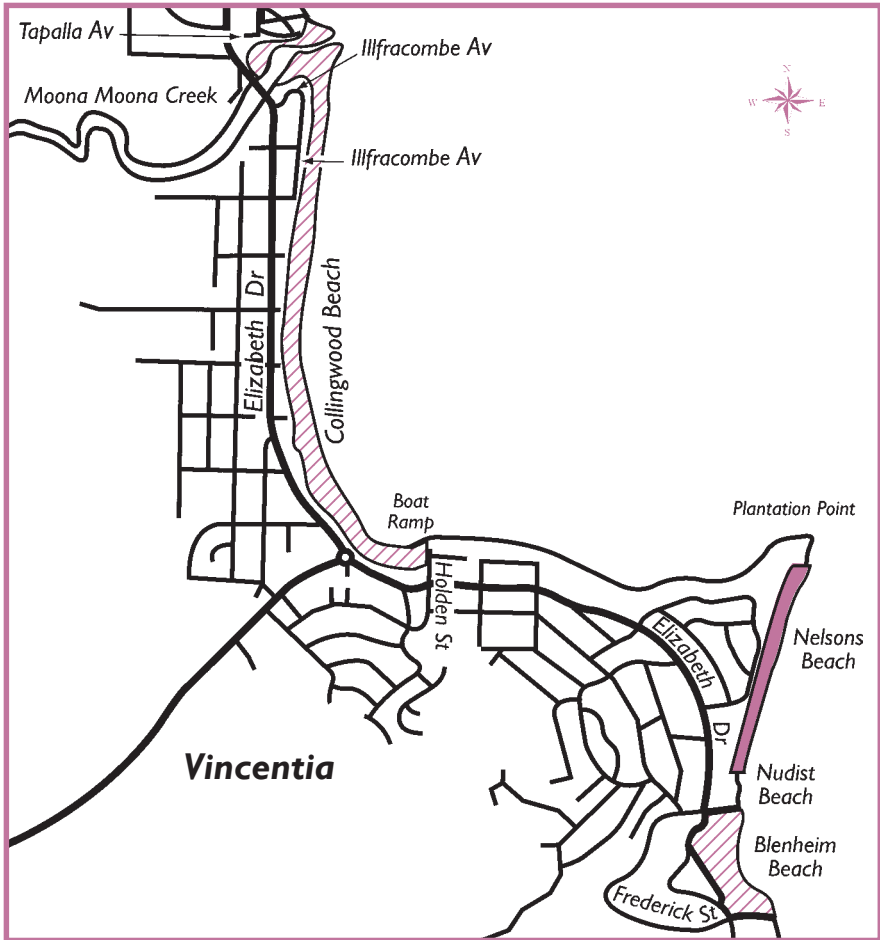
Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day – on leash from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm each day.


 Huskisson sand / rock foreshore area between Currambene Creek and Nowra Street.


Moona Moona Creek sand/rock foreshore area between Jervis Street and including Collingwood Beach to Holden Street boat ramp – see next page.
Council managed land which forms Currambene Creek Mudflats Sanctuary Zone.



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Vincentia

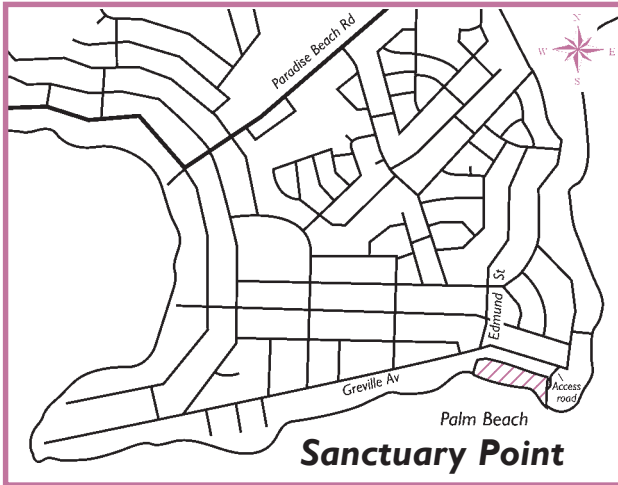



 Nelson Beach & foreshore reserve between Plantation Point & Nudist Beach.
Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day.

 Vincentia foreshore and reserve from northern end of Illfracombe Avenue to the boat ramp at the end of Holden Street, including Collingwood Beach and foreshore but excluding the Collingwood cycleway which is an on leash area.
Within Blenheim Beach Reserve - Fredrick Street to Elizabeth Drive.

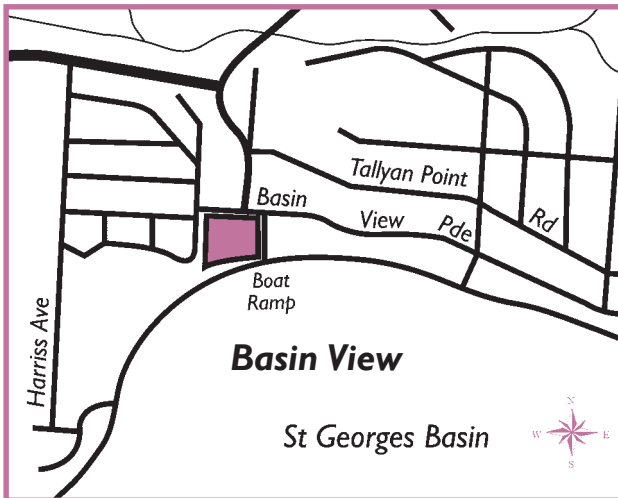
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Sanctuary Point





-  Palm Beach - from the eastern boundary (reserve access road) to Edmund Street access steps.

Basin View

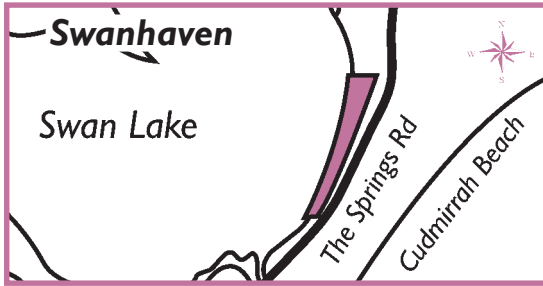


-  Basin View foreshore reserve west of boat ramp, bordered by Basin View Parade.

Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day.

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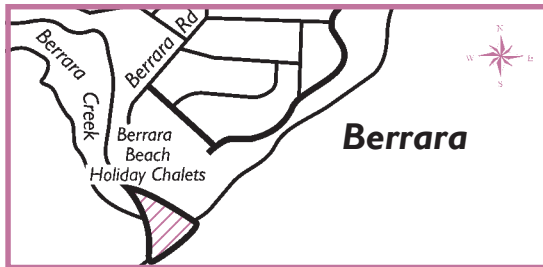
Swan Lake



Swan Lake foreshore reserve between northern boat ramp and Swan Lake Water Ski Club boat ramp.

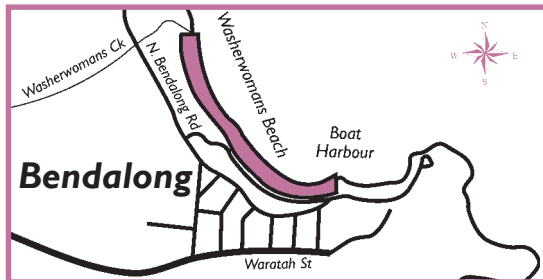
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Berrara



Northern headland of Berrara Creek - south of Berrara Beach Holiday Chalets.

Bendalong

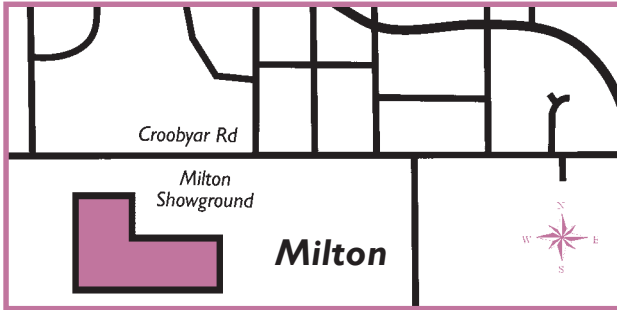


Washerwomans Beach and foreshore reserve between Washerwomans Creek and Boat Harbour Rocks.

Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day.

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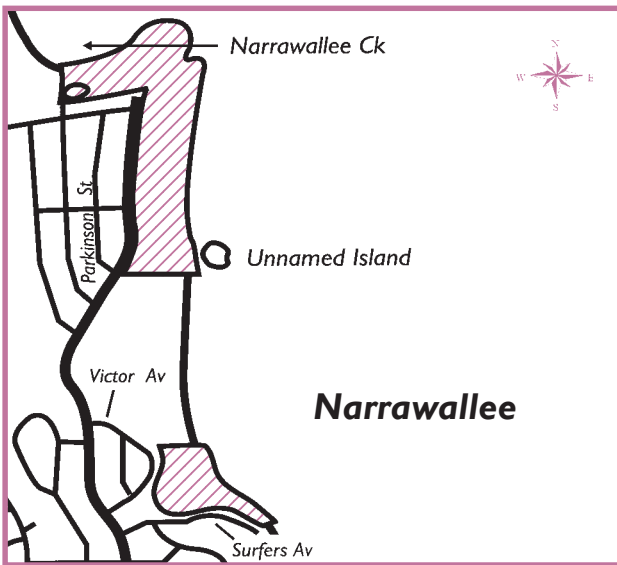
Milton



Area to south west of buildings & Main Oval within Milton Showground Precinct (off Croobyar Road).

Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day.

Narrawallee



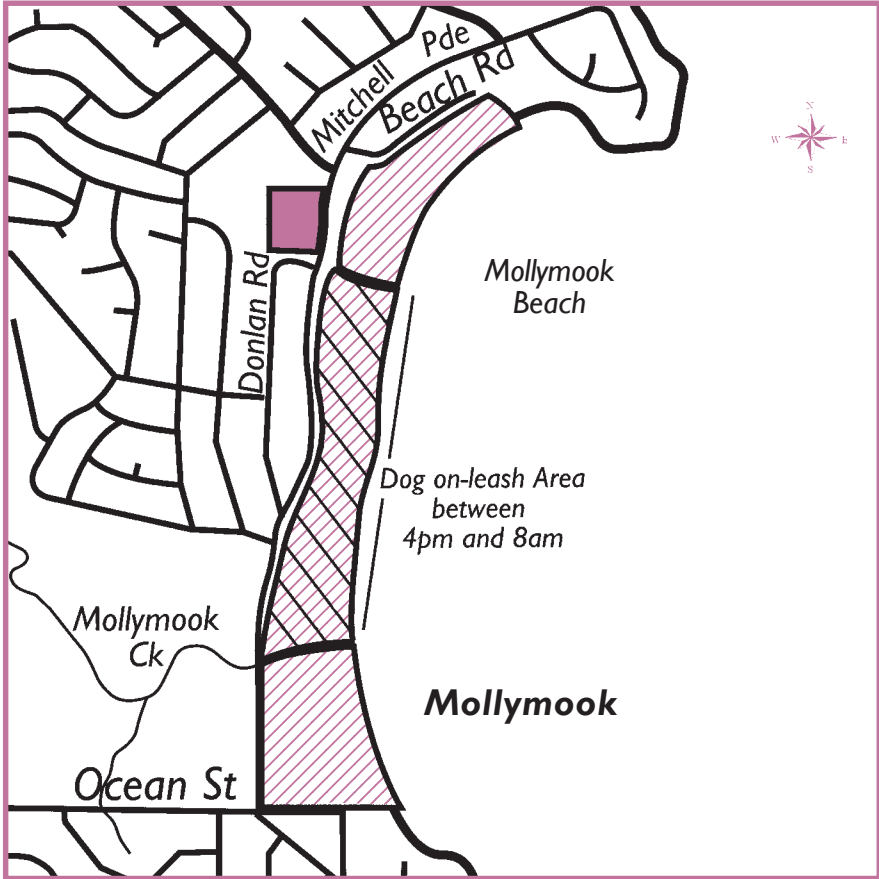
Narrawallee Beach and reserve from Narrawallee Creek to the southern end of Parkinson Street / unnamed island.


Narrawallee Beach and reserve from Victor Avenue access steps to Surfers Avenue.

Central area of beach is on leash 24 hours per day.


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Mollymook




 Grassed area of road reserve to south east of buildings and playing fields off Mitchell Parade, (north of Donlan Road).

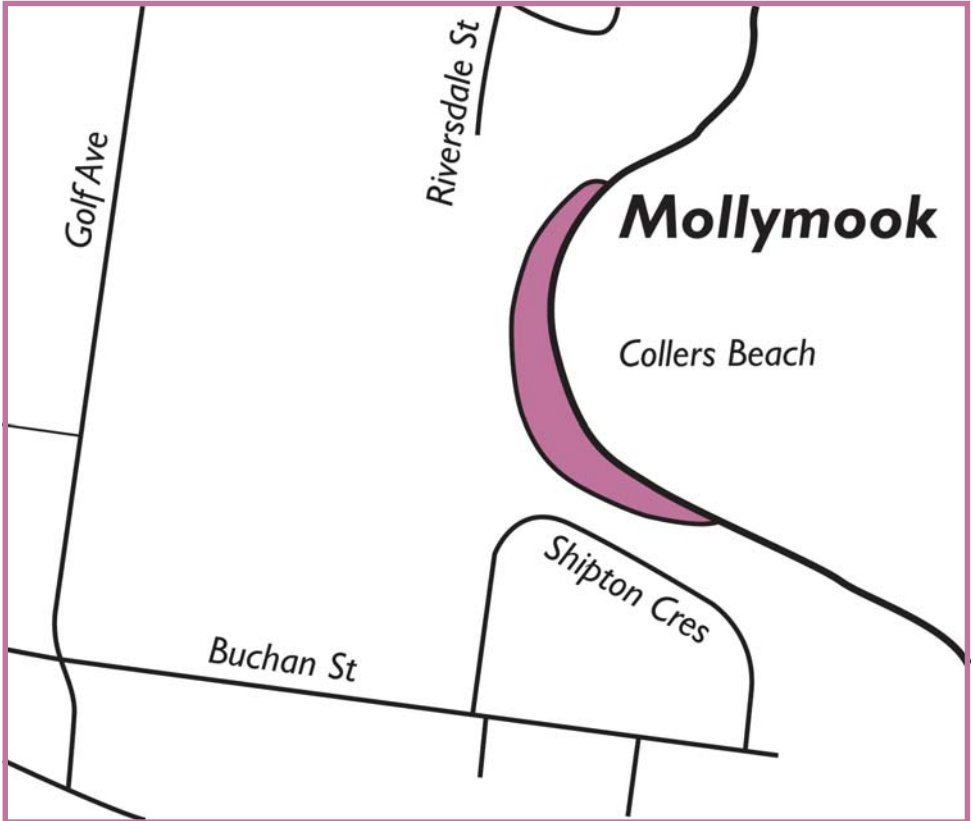
Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day.


 Mollymook Beach and reserve from the northern end of Beach Road to Ocean Street, but excluding the future cycleway (when constructed).



The area from the northern end of Donlan Road to Mollymook Creek is an on leash area between the hours of 4pm and 8am.

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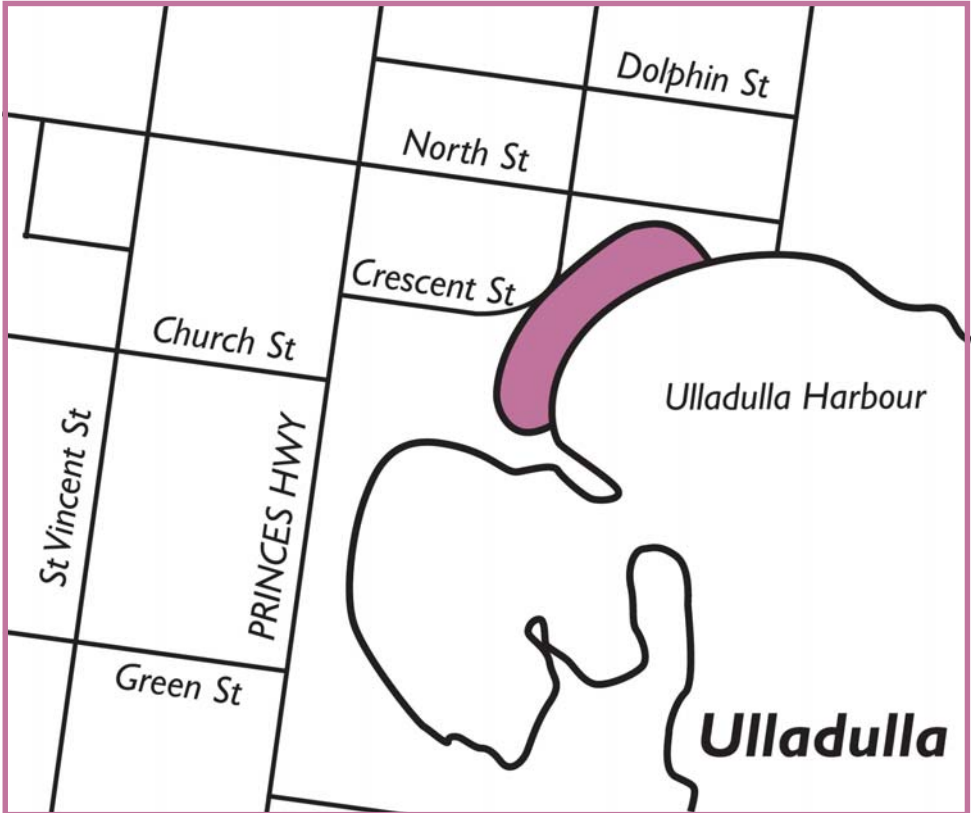
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 Collers Beach.
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Ulladulla

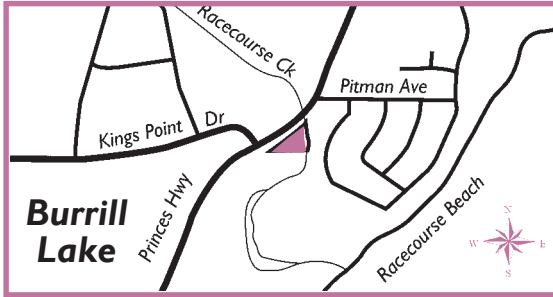


 Beach north of the northern breakwater of Ulladulla Harbour, to the steps adjacent North Street.

Off leash 24 hours.

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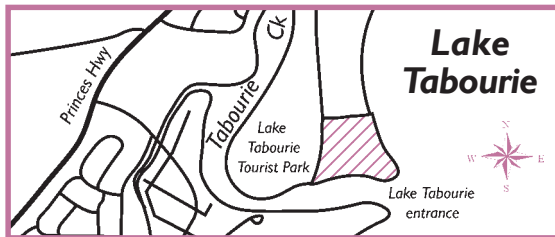
Burrill Lake



Public reserve east of Princes Highway, bounded by Racecourse Creek and opposite Kings Point Drive.

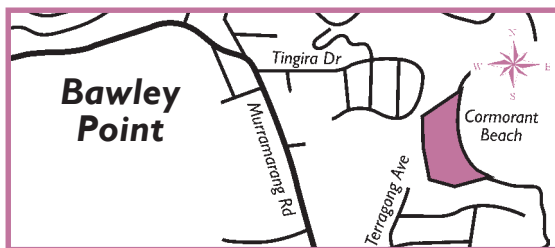
Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day.

Lake Tabourie



Within the reserve north of Lake Tabourie entrance – foreshore adjacent to Lake Tabourie Tourist Park.

Bawley Point



Cormorant Beach & foreshore reserve between Tingira Drive and Terragong Avenue.

Off leash from 4.00 pm to 8.00 am each day.

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Advice for Off-Leash Users:

Control over your dog and respect for the rights of local residents, other users and the environment are the keys to preserving off-leash facilities.

- ◆ please keep within the signposted portions of off-leash areas;
- ◆ your dog should be trained to consistently return to you in the face of distraction;
- ◆ silent-whistle recall training can be a useful aid for off-leash control;
- ◆ if you know your dog has doubtful social skills, is not trained to come when he is called or is the fearful type¹³, do not take your dog to any off-leash areas;
- ◆ don't feed your dog¹¹ before visiting an off-leash area;
- ◆ let your dog know you are carrying food treats as this will keep your dog close by and his focus will remain on you;
- ◆ reward your dog with treats each time he returns or retrieves on command;
- ◆ don't allow your dog to be a nuisance to other users of off-leash areas, and restrain your dog if requested to do so;
- ◆ if your dog approaches another person or dog, don't rush up yelling at your dog as this could incite your dog or the other dog to attack⁵;
- ◆ quietly wait a reasonable distance away until the dogs have lost interest in each other. You should then call your dog, praise and reward him upon his return;
- ◆ ask any person approached by your dog to remain still until the dog has scented them⁶; do this yourself if another dog approaches you;
- ◆ if your dog is approached by another dog while playing with toys, recall your dog, restrain him and remove the toy so that your dog won't feel the need to protect it from the other dog;
- ◆ use your visit to the off-leash area for controlled exercise or play **only**. Please don't allow your dog to wander off and go exploring by himself²³;
- ◆ keep your first visits to an off-leash area to a strict routine and your dog will soon learn 'the drill'.

Useful Contacts:

- ◆ **Environmental Health Services** – barking dog complaints

Telephone: (02) 4429 3441

- ◆ **Animal Management Unit** – all other companion animal issues

Telephone: (02) 4429 3433

- ◆ **Shoalhaven Animal Shelter and Pound** –

• lost dogs and cats • purchase of dogs and cats • surrenders

Flatrock Road, West Nowra, 2541

Telephone: (02) 4429 3410

Open –

Monday to Friday:	9.00 am to 4.00 pm
Saturday:	9.00 am to 11.30 am
Sunday:	9.00 am to 11.30 am – retrievals only

- ◆ **Visitors Centre:**

• Nowra – telephone: 4421 0778 • Ulladulla – telephone: 4455 1269;

- ◆ **Recreation & Leisure** – policy issues

Telephone: (02) 4429 3372

- ◆ **Animal Welfare League** – Telephone: 4421 7561 or 4422 0997 after hours;

- ◆ **RSPCA** – all calls are delegated through Sydney – Telephone: 9770 7555;

- ◆ **NANA** – Native Animal Network Association – Telephone: 0418 427 214.

Check Yellow Pages Directory for:

- ◆ Boarding Kennels/Catteries;
- ◆ Breeders;
- ◆ Dog Training;
- ◆ Pet Care Services eg. grooming and washing, minding, walking and feeding;
- ◆ Pet Cemeteries;
- ◆ Pet Suppliers eg. products to assist with your pet's environmental enrichment eg. toys, housing and enclosures;
- ◆ Veterinarians.

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