

## About the Snowy Plover

With approximately 2000 Western snowy plover remaining, a threatened shorebird under the Endangered Species Act, it is important to understand how we can help lessen the impact on the species. The Morro Strand State Beach and the Montana de Oro Sandspit are important areas of the California coastline that are used for nesting. This small bird lives year round on the beaches. March through September is a sensitive time for snowy plovers, as they are nesting and raising their young.

All shorebirds are susceptible to the effects of constant disturbance by both humans and dogs. Their natural response is to run or fly when they sense danger especially when they're being chased by dogs. Continuous or repeated disturbance uses up their stored energy reserves and may jeopardize future breeding success.

The public can help reduce impacts to shorebirds including the snowy plover by:

- Keeping dogs on leash and only where they are allowed.
- Walking on the wet sand away from the upper beach where snowy plovers and other shorebirds are most likely to be found.

## Dog & Beach Rules

- Dogs must be leashed
- Always pick up after your dogs
- Do not litter & pack your trash
- Stay out of signed nesting areas

Together we can Preserve & Protect the Central Coast



[morrocoastaudubon.org](http://morrocoastaudubon.org)



[westernsnowyplover.org](http://westernsnowyplover.org)



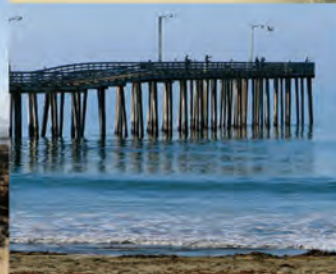
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## Dog-on-Leash



## Walking Areas



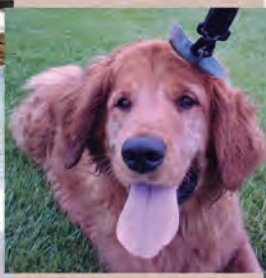
Morro Bay - Cayucos - Montana de Oro



**On-Leash Dog Areas**



- 1. Morro Rock Beach < Coleman Drive > :**  
Dogs, Restrooms, Fishing/Water/Beach Access, Picnic Tables/Benches, Skate Park, Walking Trails
- 2. Del Mar Park < San Jacinto to Ironwood Street > :**  
Dogs, Restrooms, Children's Play Area, Picnic Tables/Benches, BBQ Areas, Walking Trails
- 3. Cloisters < San Jacinto to Coral Street > :**  
Dogs, Restrooms, Children's Play Area, Fishing/Water/Beach Access, BBQ Areas, Picnic Tables/Benches, Walking Trails
- 4. North Point < Yerba Buena to end of Toro Lane > :**  
Dogs, No Restrooms, Fishing/Water/Beach Access, Benches, Walking Trails
- 5. Tidelands < Embarcadero Street > :**  
Dogs, Restrooms, Children's Play Area, BBQ Areas, Picnic Tables/Benches, Fishing/Water Access, Boat Launch, Docks, Walking Trails
- 6. Cayucos Beach < Pier South to Chaney Ave. > :**  
Dogs, Restrooms, Children's Play Area, BBQ Areas, Picnic Tables/Benches, Fishing/Water/Beach Access
- 7. Spooners Cove < Montana de Oro State Park > :**  
Dogs, Restrooms, BBQ Areas, Picnic Tables/Benches, Fishing/Water/Beach Access



Pacific Ocean