



City of
Canada Bay

How to be a responsible dog owner



Companion Animals Act 1998 responsible dog owner requirements:

When using Council's off-leash dog parks, owners are liable under legislation if their dog attacks a person or animal. Please ensure your dog:

- Is under the effective control of a competent person
- Will return to you when called
- Is not a nuisance to other dogs and their owners
- Is on a lead when outside of the off-leash parks
- Is not a dog that has been declared menacing, dangerous or a restricted breed that is prohibited in off-leash areas.

Note: on the spot fines for breaches of these requirements may be issued by Council officers.

Pet registration:

It is a mandatory requirement to register pets with your local Council. It is an offence under the Companion Animals Act 1998 to not microchip and register your dog.

Registering your pet and keeping your records updated assists in the return of your pet if it is ever lost. Visit bit.ly/petregistration to learn more.

Keep your dog on a lead whenever in public. Take your dog out for regular exercise and undertake vet health checks to ensure it remains fit and healthy.

Protecting our Godwits:

The City of Canada Bay is one of the few areas in Sydney where critically endangered Bar-tailed Godwits still survive. They are sensitive to disturbance and fearful of dogs. If you own a dog, you can help protect these birds from extinction.

"My dog is playful and will not harm the birds!"

The problem is not dogs killing birds, it is dogs chasing or disturbing birds when they need to forage. Migratory shorebirds need to feed sufficiently to rebuild their strength for the 11,000km flight back to the Arctic summer. If they don't get enough food or rest, they are unlikely to survive their journey.

How can dog owners help protect the Godwits?

Obey leash laws – keep your dogs on a leash, especially along the foreshore, and never allow them to chase birds. Go around large flocks of birds – whether they are feeding or resting, these birds need plenty of space. If birds run or fly away, you are too close. Clean up after your dog – picking up your dog's poo reduces the chance of harmful bacteria impacting other dogs, wildlife and the water quality of Parramatta River.

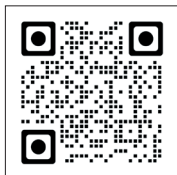


The City of Canada Bay is a pet-friendly Council with many beautiful parks and open spaces that can be enjoyed with our furry friends. Thousands of households within our Local Government Area own a dog and we know that for many residents dogs are important members of the family.

In 2019, the City of Canada Bay created a Dogs in Public Spaces Strategy which outlines our plan to provide places where dogs can play and exercise off-leash while balancing the needs of other park users. You can read the strategy on Council's website at bit.ly/ccbdogs.

We encourage responsible dog ownership and have compiled handy information on common questions about:

- Microchipping and lifetime registration
- Barking dogs
- Dangerous dogs
- Lost and found animals
- The Local Pet Service Directory
- Our Companion Animal Management Plan.



Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/ccbpets to learn more.



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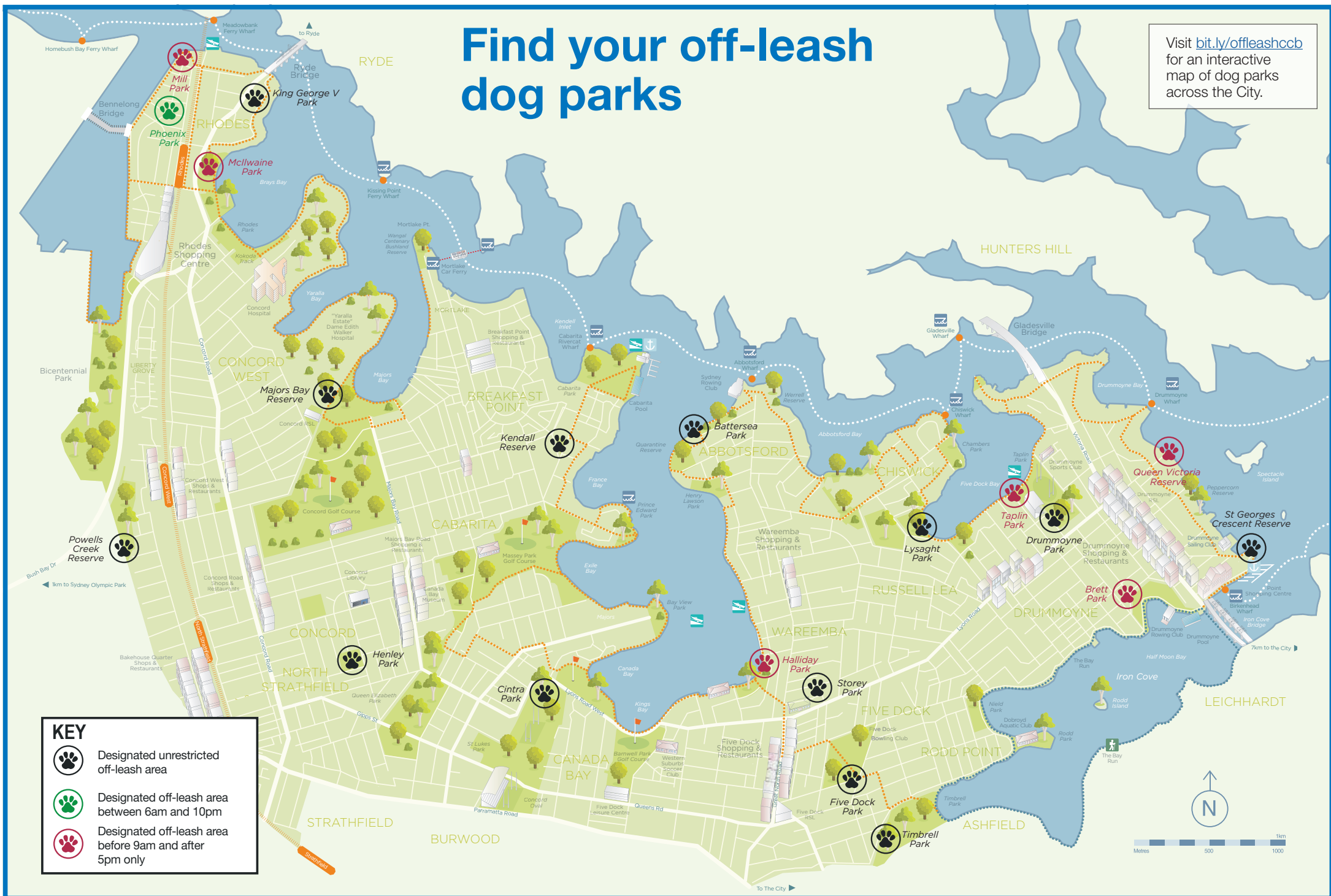
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Find your off-leash dog parks

Visit bit.ly/offleashccbc for an interactive map of dog parks across the City.



Please note that penalties may apply for not following Council notices regarding animals under Section 632, Local Government Act 1993.