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### Why Keep Your Dog on a Leash?

When people visit their state parks, they sometimes resist the idea of confining their dog to a leash. Here are some good reasons why the park rangers insist that you keep your dog on a leash:

**TO PROTECT WILDLIFE.** Many animals have homes and nests throughout the park. From lizards to ducks, all wildlife is protected by law. Respect them and their homes by keeping your pets on a leash.

**TO PROTECT PARK VISITORS.** Even if your dog is friendly, people have been frightened, inconvenienced, or even hurt by loose dogs.

**TO PROTECT YOUR DOG.** Loose dogs have become lost or injured going off trails, when spooked by thunder, or when other trail users come around corners.



**Cathy Schoenweitz** If you don't want your dog lost but all means !! You wouldn't want to lose your child now would you !! My dog is always on a leash !! I love my dog !!! And want to keep her safe

at 15:32:04 on 9/04/2012 UTC



**Dawn Watson Weaver** As a person who works in a park AND walks her dog in the parks, thank you very much for posting this. And a special thanks to all those who follow the leash rules. Doing so makes it possible for dogs to continue to enjoy your park activities with you!

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**Mike-Marianna Quinn Smith** It is also a South Carolina state law that if you are off of your own property, you must have your dog on a leash. Thank you for reminding pet owners of the risks they take when they don't keep their beloved pets on a leash.

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**Nancy Rhodes Leach** I love walking with my dogs at parks. And ABSOLUTELY agree with dogs on leashes for all the reasons listed!

at 17:39:27 on 9/04/2012 UTC



**Renee Lean** Good reminder. I think most folks believe "not my dog".

at 19:20:12 on 9/04/2012 UTC



**Natalie Taylor Argaw** What a cute dog :)

at 18:29:42 on 9/05/2012 UTC