



SEASIDE GEMS AT VENTURA

2024 ANNUAL CFMS-AFMS SHOW & CONVENTION

The National Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show!

May 24-26, 2024

TRAVELING WITH FIDO

Pet-friendly Places in Ventura

If traveling with a furry four-legged companion, these suggestions are for you!



PET STORES

The 38th Annual “Best of Ventura” reader survey of the *VC Reporter* rate these as “tops”:

- **The Wharf.** 980 E. Front St., Ventura, <http://store.thewharfonline.com/>
- **Ventura Pet Barn.** 3203 E. Main St., Ventura, <https://venturapetbarn.com/>
- **Petropolis.** 5800 Santa Rosa Rd., Suite 144, Camarillo, www.petropoliscamarillo.com

In addition, consider:

- **Pet Smart.** 4840 Telephone Rd., Ventura, <https://www.petsmart.com/stores/us/ca/ventura-store1144.html>
- **Petco.** 4300 E. Main St., Ventura, <https://stores.petco.com/ca/ventura/pet-supplies-ventura-ca-187.html>



OFF-LEASH PARKS

- **Arroyo Verde Park.** 5009 Foothill Rd., Ventura (rated 4 bones out of 5 by BringFido.com)
- **Camino Real Park.** 4010 Varsity St., Ventura (BringFido rating: 3 bones.)
- **Springville Dog Park.** 801 Via Zamora, Camarillo (BringFido rating: 4.5 bones.)
- **Camarillo Grove Dog Park.** 6968 E. Camarillo Springs Rd., Camarillo (BringFido rating: 3.5 bones)

A Note on Local Beaches:

Some stretches of beach (for instance, where dune restoration is underway and/or sensitive bird nesting habitats reside) are off-limits, even if a dog is on leash, but most of the beaches stretching from downtown Ventura to the Ventura Harbor and beyond are open to dogs. Although you’ll see dogs on- and off-leash, on-leash is usually preferred.



DOG-FRIENDLY LODGING

Due to costs and restrictions imposed when securing a host hotel with a block of rooms, we will not have a formal host hotel. Following are within approximately a 5-mile radius of the Ventura County Fairgrounds. Although these selected hotels indicate a pet-friendly policy (usually with a fee), you should confirm this before making a reservation (for instance, sometimes weight and size limits apply). When checking prices, you can find best deals via travel sites such as Travelocity.com, Trivago.com, Tripadvisor.com, Expedia.com, Hotels.com, Booking.com, etc.

Hotels/Motels

- Ventura Beach Marriott, (805) 643-6000, marriott.com
- Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, (805) 856-9533, ihg.com
- Best Western Plus, (805) 648-3101, bestwestern.com
- Four Points by Sheraton Ventura Harbor Resort, (805) 658-1212, marriott.com
- The Pierpont Inn, (805) 643-0245, pierpontinn.com (a Ventura classic)
- Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach, (805) 648-2100, ihg.com

For more options, check out BringFido: <https://www.bringfido.com/>

RV Camping

Because rates vary considerably, you should call for costs and availability of RV spots. Also, additional fees may be added for pets, specific amenities, water and dump fees, car passes, etc.

- Ventura County Fairgrounds. Details on costs and availability of RV camping at the Fairgrounds will be posted and updated on the show website. Spaces are limited, especially with hook-ups. Again, watch the website for further details or email Show Chair Diane Cook at info@vgms.org.
- Ventura Beach RV Resort, (805) 643-9137; <https://www.venturabeachrvpark.com>
- McGrath & Emma Wood State Beaches, (805) 585-1850; <https://www.parks.ca.gov>
- Faria Beach Park, (805) 654-5000. Gets filled fast by locals, so definitely call ahead! Offers hook-up & non-hook-up sites at prices ranging \$47 to \$68 per day depending on type of site and time of year.

Bed-and-Breakfast Options

The following websites help you explore options for short-term house rentals within Ventura. Be sure to confirm if a specific option you find allows for pets!

- <https://www.vrbo.com/>
- <https://www.booking.com/>
- <https://www.airbnb.com/>
- <https://www.vacasa.com/>