

The Ultimate Birmingham Dog-Friendly Guide

2026 Edition

Parks • Trails • Restaurants • Hotels • Shopping • Training



Your complete guide to enjoying Birmingham,
Alabama with your four-legged best friend!

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■ **4.9 Stars | 80+ Five-Star Google Reviews** ■

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■ Dog-Friendly Restaurants

Birmingham's food scene is one of the best in the South, and tons of restaurants welcome your pup on their patios!

Ghost Train Brewing Co.

Dogs welcome INSIDE and outside! One of the few Birmingham spots where your dog can truly hang out everywhere.

ghosttrainbrewing.com

Avondale Brewing Company

They sell dog travel bowls, leashes, and collars on-site! Water bowls usually set out. Large outdoor area.

avondalebrewing.com

Good People Brewing Company

Across from Regions Field. Dogs welcome in spacious indoor and outdoor areas. Water bowls and treats often available.

goodpeoplebrewing.com

Back Forty Beer Co. - Sloss Docks

Spacious outdoor patio with firepits right next to historic Sloss Furnaces. Craft beer and great food.

backfortybeer.com

Cahaba Brewing Company

Near Pepper Place. Outdoor patio and covered porch. Food trucks frequently visit.

cahababrewing.com

Slice Pizza & Brew

Multiple locations. New York-style pizza with dog-friendly patios. Lakeview location is a favorite.

slicebirmingham.com

Rojo Restaurant

Highland Park. Mexican cuisine with generous outdoor seating. Adjacent park for post-meal strolls.

rojobirmingham.com

The Essential

Upscale Parisian cafe atmosphere. Beautiful patio seating. Open for brunch, lunch, and dinner.

essentialbham.com

General Birmingham

Charming cafe in Avondale. Coffee, pastries, light fare with dog-friendly outdoor seating.

Big Spoon Creamery

Small-batch ice cream with sidewalk seating. Ask about pup-friendly flavors!

bigspooncreamery.com



■ Best Dog Parks in Birmingham

Remy's Dog Park at Red Mountain Park | [6 acres](#) | [FREE](#) | [Small Dog + Special Needs Areas](#)

Featured by Southern Living as a 'Top 10 Southern Dog Park.' Separate areas for large, small, and special needs dogs. Shaded benches, waste stations, gorgeous scenery. Inside 1,500-acre Red Mountain Park with 18+ miles of trails.

2011 Frankfurt Dr, Birmingham, AL 35211 | Daily 7am-7pm

Good Dog Park & Bar | [10,000 sq ft](#) | [Membership/Day Pass](#)

Alabama's first dog park + bar! Turfed, fenced, covered space with trained dog handlers on staff. Sip craft beer while your dog plays. Dogs must be spayed/neutered, 4+ months, with current vaccinations.

2307 1st Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35233 | Tue-Sun

The Barkery at CityWalk BHAM | [50,000 sq ft](#) | [Membership/Day Pass](#)

Massive urban dog park with water features, custom play equipment, and competition area. Under highway bridges for some weather protection. Adjacent Bier Garten with food, games, and entertainment.

CityWalk BHAM, Birmingham, AL

Cahaba Beach Dog Park | [3 acres](#) | [Membership Required](#)

Private paradise with groomed trails, open meadow, shallow pool, and a waterfall! Staff evaluates every dog before membership. Also offers daycare, boarding, and grooming.

3555 Cahaba Beach Rd, Birmingham, AL 35242

Hoover Dog Park at Loch Haven | [Medium](#) | [FREE](#) | [Small Dog Area](#)

Separate areas for dogs under 35 lbs and larger dogs. Canine obstacle course, 0.4-mile walking track, and covered picnic pavilion. Great for active dogs!

Loch Haven Park, Hoover, AL

Tails by the Rails | [Medium](#) | [FREE](#) | [Small Dog Area](#)

Irondale's freshly renovated off-leash park named after beloved vet Dr. William Weber. Custom play equipment, walkways, native plants, and pavilion.

Ellard Park, Irondale, AL 35210

Green Springs at George Ward Park | [Medium](#) | [FREE](#)

Gated park with obstacle course and plenty of fetch space. Family can enjoy disc golf and tennis nearby.

George Ward Park, Birmingham, AL

Jemison Trail Dog Park | [Small](#) | [FREE](#)

Quiet, well-maintained Mountain Brook park. Dog water fountain, benches, shade. Double-gated entrance. Perfect for calmer dogs.

Near Mountain Brook Elementary

Wald Park Dog Park | [Medium](#) | [FREE](#)

Off-leash area in Vestavia Hills near pickleball and tennis courts. Walking trails, playgrounds, and baseball fields nearby.

Wald Park, Vestavia Hills, AL

Pelham City Off-Leash Dog Park | [Medium](#) | [FREE](#)

Convenient for Pelham residents and anyone visiting the OLK9 training facility nearby. Fenced off-leash area with water and tables.

Pelham, AL



■ Dog-Friendly Hiking Trails

Over 100 miles of dog-friendly trails surround Birmingham! Dogs must be leashed on all trails unless in a designated off-leash area.

Red Mountain Park | 18+ miles | Easy to Moderate | FREE

1,500-acre preserve with trails past historic mining sites, treehouses, and scenic overlooks. Skyhy Tree House Trail (3 mi) has panoramic views. Combine with Remy's Dog Park!

Oak Mountain State Park | 50+ miles | Easy to Challenging | Entry Fee

Alabama's largest state park, 20 min south of Birmingham in Pelham. Dog-friendly beach for swimming! Green Trail (3.2 mi loop) is a favorite.

Ruffner Mountain | 11+ miles | Moderate | FREE

1,000+ acres of forest with city skyline views. Overlook Trail via Quarry Trail is the most popular. 150+ bird species. Waste bags at every trailhead.

Moss Rock Preserve | 12 miles | Easy to Moderate | FREE

349 acres in Hoover with boulders, waterfalls, streams, and dense forest. Waterfall Loop (1.5 mi) is stunning. Boulder Field is a great rest spot.

Vulcan Trail | 2 miles | Easy (paved) | FREE

Paved rail-trail near Vulcan Park with sweeping downtown views. Most convenient trail in the city. Great for after-work walks.

Rotary Trail | 4 blocks | Easy (flat, paved) | FREE

Connects Railroad Park to Sloss Furnaces. Beautifully landscaped with public art and lighting. Great for evening walks.

Shades Creek Greenway | Multiple segments | Easy (paved) | FREE

Popular paved trail through Homewood. Flat, shaded, well-maintained. One of the best everyday dog-walking spots.

■ Trail Safety Tips

- Bring 16 oz of water per hour of hiking for your dog
- Watch for overheating: excessive panting, drooling, stumbling
- Check paws for cuts and burrs after every hike
- Avoid peak heat (11am-3pm) in Alabama summers
- Rattlesnakes are present - keep dogs on-trail
- A dog with solid recall training is safer in emergencies



■ Pet-Friendly Hotels

Hotel	Weight Limit	Pet Fee	Best For
Grand Bohemian Mountain Brook	40 lbs	\$150/stay	Luxury
Elyton Hotel Downtown	50 lbs	Contact	Boutique + rooftop
Homewood Suites Downtown	75 lbs	\$75-\$125	Extended stays
Drury Inn Lakeshore	80 lbs (2 pets)	\$50/night	Value + amenities
La Quinta Homewood	No limit!	\$25/pet/night	Big dogs, budget
The Westin Downtown	Varies	Contact	Upscale downtown

Pro Tip: La Quinta Homewood has NO weight limit - best option for large breed dogs on a budget!



■ Seasonal Tips for Birmingham Dog Owners

■ Spring (March-May)

Best season for adventures! Mild temps (60-80 F). Watch for pollen, ticks, and spring storms. Peak time for hiking. Start flea/tick prevention.

■ Summer (June-August)

CAUTION: Temps hit 90-100 F with high humidity. Walk dogs early morning or after sunset. Test pavement with your hand. Bring extra water. NEVER leave dogs in parked cars.

■ Fall (September-November)

Another fantastic season! Cooler temps (55-75 F) return. Gorgeous fall foliage on trails. Watch for acorns (toxic in large quantities) and mushrooms.

* Winter (December-February)

Mild winters (35-55 F). Most parks and trails stay open year-round. Short-haired breeds may need jackets. Great time for board and train programs!



■ Top Veterinary Clinics

Valleydale Animal Clinic

AAHA-accredited. Named one of America's Best Animal Hospitals 2025 by Newsweek. Serving since 1976.

Riverview Animal Clinic

Nearly 40 years experience. 8 veterinarians, 50-member team. Dogs, cats, birds, exotic pets. Hwy 280.

Avondale Animal Hospital

Voted 'Best Veterinarians in Birmingham' by Birmingham Magazine. Comprehensive and urgent care.

Cahaba Valley Animal Clinic

5-star rated. Serving Greystone and Birmingham since 1990. State-of-the-art equipment.

Britt Animal Hospital

Comprehensive care since 1976. Full-service small animal hospital with urgent care and boarding.

Birmingham Animal Hospital & Resort

Woman-operated. Vet services, boarding, grooming, daycare. Serves Birmingham, Pelham, Hoover.



■ Professional Dog Training

A well-trained dog is a welcome dog - at restaurants, on trails, at dog parks, and everywhere in between!

Off Leash K9 Training Birmingham

- ✓ Board & Train (2-4 week programs from \$2,900)
- ✓ Obedience Training (Basic & Advanced from \$650)
- ✓ Aggressive Dog Training (from \$1,100)
- ✓ Puppy Training (from \$100)
- ✓ Service Dog & ESA Training (from \$1,000)
- ✓ Scent Work Training

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Serving: Birmingham, Hoover, Vestavia Hills, Mountain Brook, Homewood, Pelham, Alabaster, Helena, Chelsea, Calera, Montevallo, Trussville, Meadowbrook, Tuscaloosa, Anniston, Gadsden, Cullman, Bessemer & all surrounding communities

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