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Stinson Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pets on beach Leashed pets permitted in parking lots and picnic areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High visitor use (designated swimming beach); few conflicts Very low dog use Low potential for resource damage
Whitegate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricted Advanced dog training area in the portion of Whitegate Ranch bounded by Panoramic Hwy, State Hwy 1 and Mt. Tam State Park – southwest of Panoramic Hwy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not currently used for activity specified in 1979 Pet Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrequent visitation; no known visitor conflicts with dogs Restoration work to remove non-native plants and plant native species (1,750 planted so far)
Muir Woods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for resource damage high – redwood forest ecosystem and T&E species, e.g. spotted owl High visitation/crowded trails Very low dog use
Muir Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice control or on leash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice control or on leash on the beach On leash in parking/picnic areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some local residents' dogs run free Heavy visitation on nice days Equestrian/hiking trails nearby Moderate level of visitor conflict T/E species (fish, frogs) and water quality issues (Big Lagoon, Redwood Creek) Wetland and dune habitat
Homestead Valley (4 Corners tract)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice control or on leash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily local use, few conflicts Unique vegetation and habitat for federally listed Northern Spotted Owl

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Tennessee Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No dogs in Tennessee Valley • Pets on leash only on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Miwok Trail between Tennessee Valley parking area-State Route 1. ○ Coastal Trail between Hill 88-Muir Beach. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low levels of use on trails, but dogs are often off-leash (staff estimate about half are off leash) • Thick brush lining the trails, but this does not stop dogs from leaving trails esp. in pursuit of wildlife • Tennessee Valley contains large tracts of relatively undisturbed vegetation and wildlife habitat • Conflict with coyotes • Equestrian trails nearby; Tennessee Valley heavily used by hikers, bicyclists
Oakwood Valley (including Alta Ave.)	<p>Pets allowed under voice control on following trails only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oakwood Valley Road to Alta Avenue • Alta Avenue between Marin City and Oakwood Valley 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusing regulations in Alta area (unclear as to what sections of Alta were open to voice control by the 1979 Pet Policy etc.) • Alta at Marin City (Donahue St) has high commercial use; many dogs off leash, but visitor conflicts are low • Moderate to high use by dogwalkers • Low to moderate use by runners, bicyclists, hikers • Dogs off leash at knoll east of Oakwood V. trail in federally endangered mission blue butterfly habitat, especially high use in morning • Mission blue butterfly habitat in Alta Ave. area – some now fenced • Coyote conflicts

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Marin Headlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice control on Rodeo Beach at Fort Cronkhite. • Silent on parking and picnic areas • Silent on Rodeo Lagoon <p>Voice control on following trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Coastal trail</u>: from Golden Gate Bridge to junction of Wolf Ridge Trail (Hill 88) • <u>Loop trail</u>: from (Rodeo Beach) parking area up to Pacific Coastal trail to paved road near Battery Townsley and return via paved road. • <u>Wolf Ridge Trail</u>: between Coastal trail and Miwok Trail. • <u>Miwok Trail</u>: between Wolf Ridge Trail and Coastal trail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice control on Rodeo Beach • On leash in parking and picnic areas • No pets permitted in Rodeo Lagoon • Trails policy same as 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate to high levels of dog use on Rodeo Beach; low to moderate levels of dog use on trails • Moderate to high levels of use of trails by hikers • Moderate to high levels of use of beach by other visitors • Visitor conflicts low • Dogs off leash on these trails (historically, during "on-leash period" and now) • Some of these trails are in mission blue butterfly habitat identified through USFWS Section 7 consultation • Steep terrain of loop trail keeps people on trail • Rodeo lagoon has T/E species (Tidewater goby, pelicans) • Dogs along west end of lagoon can flush birds • Water quality concerns
Fort Baker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not included in 1979 Pet Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leashed pets permitted in designated areas. • Pets not allowed on pier or Chapel trail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs often off-leash at parade ground, Battery Yates and behind museum • Mission blue butterfly habitat in area; much of that has been restored
Alcatraz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No dogs present • Resource damage to nesting birds possible if dogs on island

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Fort Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not included in 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leashed pets permitted, except inside historic fort • No pets permitted on pier due to safety issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate to high visitor use of promenade area by runners, bicyclists, walkers; some dog-related conflicts
Crissy Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice control or on leash • On leash in parking and picnic areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as 1979 pet policy • GGNRA initiating special regulation to close the wildlife protection area to dogs; close restored marsh and dunes to visitors and dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High visitor use; high conflict area • High use by bicyclists, walkers, picnickers, windsurfers • Dog fights, bites, harassment • Many commercial dog walkers • Restored dune habitat, fenced with low fence; this works fairly well to keep dogs out of dunes • Marsh provides important bird habitat • Fencing and boardwalk help keep off leash dogs out of marsh • Dogs run free on beach • Federally threatened snowy plovers have been using Wildlife Protection Area
Fort Mason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On leash only • Pick up pet litter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many off-leash dogs • High use, but low conflict area; primarily local use • Moderate to high use by bicyclists, runners, walkers on paved trail through Great Meadow

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West Lobos Creek Boardwalk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not included in 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pets on boardwalk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low use, low conflict area • Drinking water comes from this creek; riparian area
Baker Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice control (north beach area) • No pets (south beach area) • On leash only (picnic/parking area) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as 1979 pet policy • South beach defined as south of Lobos Creek 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate to heavy use by visitors; low to medium use of area by dogwalkers • Heavy use of north beach by sunbathers • Heavy use of picnic areas • Low to moderate visitor conflicts • Potential for impacts to restored dune habitat
China (Phelan) Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formerly designated swimming beach • Low levels of visitor use, primarily local use • Low potential for resource damage
Lands End	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low dogwalking use • Moderate use by hikers, bikers • Safety concerns tend to keep dogs on leash • Few visitor conflicts • Natural seeps, coyotes and migratory birds in area • Restoration to remove non-native plants and rework trails ongoing
Fort Miley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice control • Pick up pet litter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low dog use • W. Ft. Miley moderate to high picnicking use • Ropes course in W. Ft. Miley

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Sutro Heights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leashed pets permitted • Pick up pet litter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as 1979 pet policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low visitor use, low conflict • Some off leash dog use; complaints by neighbors • Nesting birds and raptors • Landscaped area, used for weddings and other events.
Ocean Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice control • On crowded days visitors between Cliff House and stairwell 15 may be asked to leash pets or move south to less crowded areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as 1979 pet policy • GGNRA initiating special regulation to require dogs on leash in plover area – Sloat Blvd. to Stairwell 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-leash dogs common • High visitor use, moderate conflict area kept from being worse by large geographic area • Moderate to heavy use by joggers, picnickers, surfers, windsurfers • Snowy plover and other shorebirds. • Plover area between Sloat and Stairwell 21; plover use most intense between July through April
Fort Funston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as 1979 pet policy except: • No pets in designated habitat/wildlife protection areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unrestricted area has high use, high commercial use and visitor conflict • Dog bites, horse/dog conflicts, dog/human rescues occur • Equestrian use from adjacent stable • Human and pet-caused erosion of cliffs potentially damages state endangered bank swallow nests • Disturbance on beach or cliffs in closed areas

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Milagra Ridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included in 1979 Pet Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leashed pets permitted on trails only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low to moderate visitor use Some off leash dogwalking; higher levels of on-leash dogwalking Mission blue butterfly, red-legged frog, San Bruno elfin butterfly habitat; coyote conflicts
Sweeney Ridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included in 1979 Pet Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leashed pets permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate visitor use for hiking Occasional bicycle use Some off leash dogwalking Mission blue butterfly, red-legged frog, San Francisco garter snake, coyote, bobcat and mountain lion habitat
Mori Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included in 1979 Pet Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leashed pets permitted in designated areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate use, primarily by locals Moderate bicycle use Dogs often off-leash; waste issues San Francisco garter snake; red-legged frogs
The Phleger Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included in 1979 Pet Policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steep terrain Dogs not allowed on San Mateo Co. park trails accessing site Equestrian use, moderate bicycle use, low to moderate hiking use Possible steelhead, red-legged frog habitat