

Overnight Canine Hike

Doggin' The Diamond State

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Some of the parks that can be included...

Brandywine Creek State Park (trail time - 90 minutes)

We will visit the five best state parks in Delaware for canine hiking, beginning with this spectacular tract of land surrounding the Brandywine Creek. We'll cross open fields with expansive views of Delaware's Chateau Country and drop down to the Brandywine Creek - ideal for canine swims. We'll finish up walking along Rocky Run, as close as the First State gets to a mountain stream.

Along the way we'll learn about the legacy of the duPont family, who donated much of this land for public use. The favorite breed of dog of the duPonts? The greyhound.



Dogs will enjoy romping across the grassy hills above

Cape Henlopen State Park (trail time - 3 hours)

Delaware's largest state park lies along the Atlantic Ocean and offers explorations of white sand beaches, coastal dunes, maritime forest trails and military history. Some of the trails we'll test will be the 2.5-mile *Dune Overlook Trail* that offers a detour to a restored World War II observation tower. And of course, there is plenty of ocean and bay beach open to dogs. Much of the canine hiking at Cape Henlopen is on paw-friendly natural sand surfaces.



Dogs can get on Cape Henlopen sand year-round.

CANINE HIKE HIGHLIGHT: A SHORT DETOUR OFF THE DUNE OVERLOOK TRAIL LEADS TO VAST EXPANSES OF SAND THAT ARE THE FAMOUS "WALKING DUNES" OF CAPE HENLOPEN.



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Doggin' The Diamond State

\$119 per person

2 Days/1 Nights

Includes:

- * campground fee, tents, sleeping bags, insect repellents and other campsite amenities
- * camp breakfast and dinner; picnic food each day
- * dog food, water and bowls
- * human and canine first aid kits

*only want to meet us for one day?
one day rate - \$49*



Trap Pond State Park (trail time - about 90 minutes)

The northernmost natural stand of baldcypress trees are the primary attraction of Delaware's first state park, so designated in 1951. The 90-acre pond was originally created for the



The cypress trees in Trap Pond are among the

harvesting of these trees favored by builders. We'll get close-up looks at these fascinating trees on two easy-to-hike trails: the *Island Trail* and the *Cypress Point Trail*. The trails jostle under stately loblolly pine trees that call more to South Carolina than Delaware.

CANINE HIKE HIGHLIGHT: A QUIET, WOODED CAMPGROUND FOR OUR GROUP



The distinctive "knees" in a cypress swamp are put out to help trees breathe.

Killens Pond State Park (trail time - about 90 minutes)

The *Pondside Trail* at Killens Pond is one of the best canine hiking experiences we know.

The packed sand and pine straw path with few roots is just about perfect for any paw.

The millpond we'll be walking around dates to the 18th century and the sporty terrain of small hills is something you wouldn't expect in boxtop-flat central Delaware.



James Farm Ecological Preserve (trail time - about 90 minutes)

Year-in, year-out this hidden gem is the favorite of our canine hikers. Even when the beaches across the road are jammed we can hike here in solitude with our dogs. And the swimming in the gentle bay waters are always a highlight of the tour.

Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge (trail time - about one hour)

We have found this to be the perfect wind-down to our tours with an easy ramble through a loblolly pine forest and a beach hike on the Delaware Bay with its frisky ocean-like waves.

Yes! I want to join the pack for the Doggin' Delaware Hike Trip

Date: _____

Both Days? Day One Only? Day Two Only?

Name (s): _____ Dog Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____