

Hound-friendly Hangouts

Places to go where dogs are people, too.

Larimer Square

Gourmet eateries The Market and Del Mar Crab House allow dogs to rest just outside their patios, and Cry Baby Ranch and Z Gallerie allow well-behaved dogs inside. 15th Street and Larimer Street, 303-534-2367

Washington Park

If you're on the path, you've got a stroller and leashed Lab. If you're at the southeast end of the park, you're a 25-year-old guy using your golden retriever to pick up girls. South Downing Street and East Louisiana Avenue, 303-698-4962

Commons Park

Loads of canines by the river, swimming and playing fetch while their owners check out each other's Crocs and try out the new sport shades they just bought at REI. 15th Street and Little Raven Street, 720-913-0696

Chatfield and Cherry Creek State Park Off-Leash Dog Areas

Chatfield State Park has 200 off-leash acres for dogs to tire themselves out. If your pup likes to swim and splash, bring him to Cherry Creek State Park, home to 880 surface acres of water. Chatfield State Park, 11500 N. Roxborough Park Road, 303-791-7275; Cherry Creek State Park, 4201 S. Parker Road, 303-699-3860

The Museum of Outdoor Arts

Stroll and gawk with your lazy best friend at Greenwood Village's outdoor sculpture gardens. 6350 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Englewood, 303-806-0444

Remington and Friends Neighborhood Bakery

What mutt doesn't want all-natural, liver pâté biscuits? While she digests, browse the shop's selection of classy leashes, beds, and bowls, 278 S. Downing St., 303-282-8188

Red Rocks Amphitheatre

Your pooch can't get into the James Gang show, but on nonconcert days he can sniff around, as long as he's leashed and promises not to bark, "Freebird!" Be there for sunset. 18300 W. Alameda Parkway, Morrison, 303-295-4444