



Where is my dog allowed?



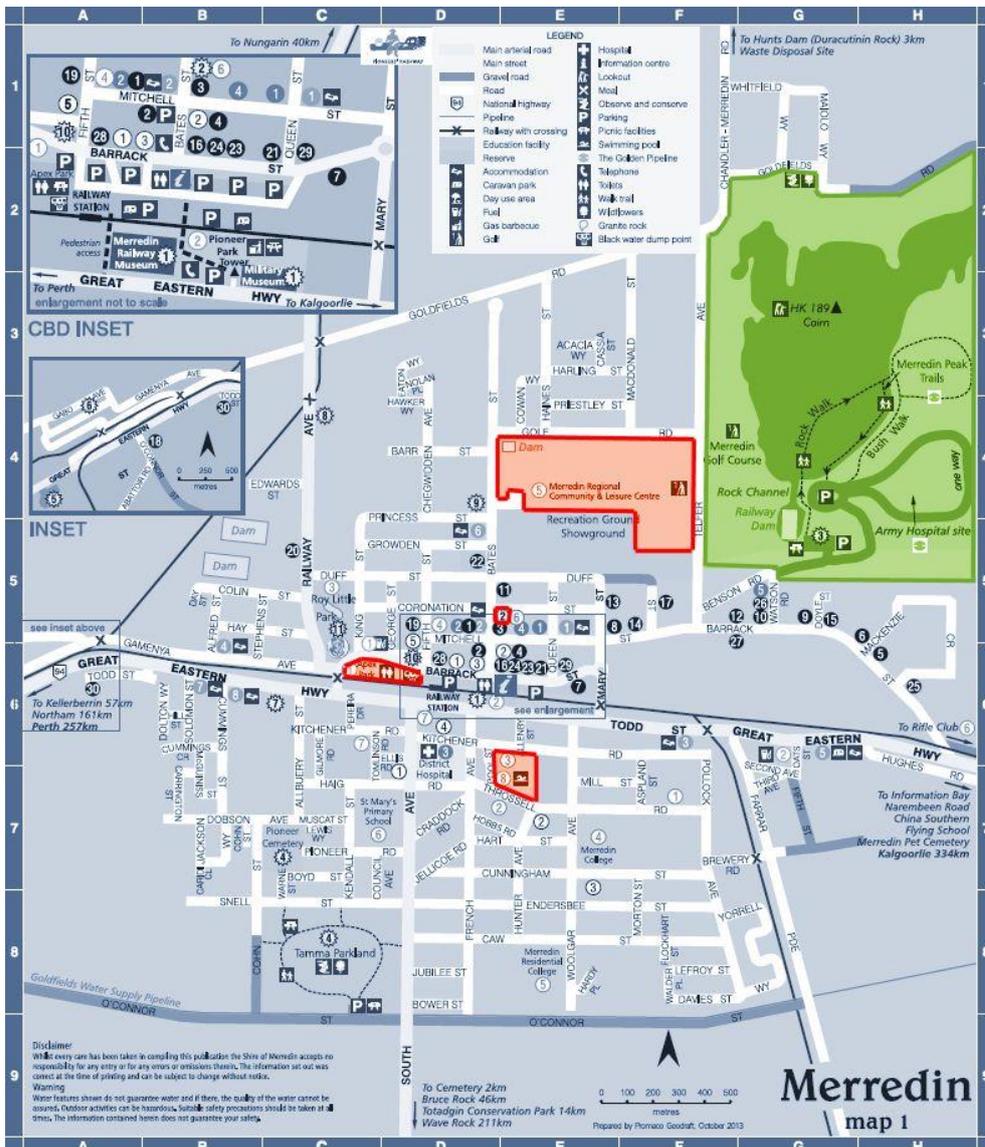
Emergency?
 Phone 9041 1611 (office hours) or
 0400 240 787 (out of hours)

Well behaved dogs are permitted on a leash in **all public open spaces** in the Shire of Merredin except for:

- The grassed areas at the Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre
- The Merredin Swimming Pool
- Apex Park
- Cummins Theatre

Dogs are permitted off leash at the **Merredin Peak Reserve**; however, dogs must remain under the owner's control at all times.

If you can't call your dog back on request, you may be deemed to not be in control of your dog, and infringements may apply.



Responsible dog ownership

If your dog is in a public place (other than the designated dog exercise area) but not on a leash, causing a nuisance, somewhere where it shouldn't be or is found to be not registered, you could be issued a \$200 infringement on the spot.

If your dog is impounded, you will be liable for an impounding fee (\$75), a release fee (\$50) and daily sustenance charges (\$20), as well as any other infringements that may apply.



Stray dogs dog attacks

What should I do?

The Shire Ranger undertakes regular patrols to ensure that dog owners are doing the right thing.

Owners have a high level of responsibility to ensure their dogs are effectively contained and under the full control by an adult when in public.

The Ranger may take legal action against owners who ignore their responsibilities.

Spotted a stray?

Phone 9041 1611 immediately. We can then despatch the Ranger or another member of staff to pick it up.

The Shire will not despatch a member of staff out of business hours for a stray unless the dog is posing a probable danger.

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Making a complaint

If you wish to make a complaint about any dog related matter, we need as much of the following information as you can provide:

- Time, date and location of the incident(s)
- As much identifying information about the dog as possible
- Address of the owner
- History of behaviour (ie, record all witnessed incidents of noise or the dog running free)
- Victim's details and extent of injuries
- Witness details
- Photographic evidence, doctor reports or vet bills

It is essential that you co-operate with us fully if you wish to lodge a complaint. If our sole victim or witness to a dog attack or other incident is unwilling to sign a witness statement or support prosecution, we will be legally compelled to return the dog to its owner.

No witness/evidence = no legal case

Responsible dog ownership

If you own a dog, you have a legal responsibility to keep it under control. If your dog attacks another person or animal, you will be held responsible.

If your dog escapes from your yard, you could be required to pay infringement fees ranging from \$200 to \$5000, as well as \$145 or more in pound fees.



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