



# Chelsea's Guide to the Dog-Friendly ICW

## How We Find Dog Spots

We have yet to find a good guide that easily lists dog-friendly stops along the waterway. This list is far from complete, but it should serve as a starting point to help you on your first journeys.

Our number one source for information on anchorages is the Aqua Map app with Waterway Guide and Active Captain markers turned on. Active Captain usually has the most information from users on pet facilities. The markers for boat ramps are especially helpful.

You can also often spot low-tide sandbars or beaches on satellite images. Plus, you can usually tell if your chosen spot is on private property or not!

To use this list, find your anchorage spot using the ICW Mile Marker. Then look around for the dog sites listed. Marinas are only listed here if there are few other choices in the area. Let us know if you find more or any of these change!



## Remember

- Be respectful of shoreside property owners, don't trespass
- Always pick up after your pet
- Boat ramps are good if you just need to tie up for a few minutes and take a walk
- Look out for town parks that have dog parks! Georgetown, SC and Vero Beach, FL are very convenient
- Many waterside restaurants have dockage and pet-friendly patios



## ICW Dog-Friendly Anchorages

ICW MM	Location	Chelsea's Notes
0	Portsmouth Free Dock	Anchor at MM 0 and dinghy in, or dock at the Free Dock
<i>Dismal Swamp Route:</i>		
10.5	Dismal Swamp: Elizabeth Dock	South of Deep Creek Lock at MM 10.5
28	Dismal Swamp: Visitor Center	Several trails, watch for ticks
44	Goat Island, Pasquotank River	Tiny kayak dock in swamp for relief but no exercise
50	Free Docks at Elizabeth City	Dock at the Midlothian Christian College or town docks, or anchor and dinghy in
<i>Virginia Cut Route:</i>		
12	Free Dock at Great Bridge Bridge	Battlefield Park with nature trail.
49	Coinjock Marina	Paid dockage
81	Alligator River (mouth of river, creeks on east or west side)	There are boat ramps nearby, but we haven't tried them.
84	Alligator River Marina	Paid dockage
104	Alligator River-Pungo River Canal entrance	Boat Ramp, fair distance, through the swamp, floating dinghy dock with a road to walk. Marginal cell service
127	Pungo River	Small sandy patches for relief but not a lot of exercise
135	Belhaven	Town dinghy dock
154	Campbell Creek	Boat ramp through the marshes with a parking lot and highway. Good for relief, can walk down highway if desired
Side Trip: Manteo	Manteo	Free Dock, access to town
Side Trip: Ocracoke	Ocracoke	Anchor and use dinghy dock
187	Cedar and Jonaquin Creek off Adam's Creek	Tiny sandy spit for relief, no walks
205	Beaufort	Town dinghy dock or boat ramp by the BoatHouse further down Taylor's Creek. Dinghy to Carrot Island for nature walks, watch out for wild horses.
Side Trip: Cape Lookout	Cape Lookout	Beaches for long walks
228	Swansboro	Can anchor (space for 3 boats) and dinghy in to town
244	Mile Hammock Bay	No access in basin, but motored dinghies can get to a shoal area around MM243 at lower tides. Shoal beach is popular party place for small boats on weekends.
284	Wrightsville Beach	Several anchorages with shore access or beach access
295	Carolina Beach	Anchor or pick up a mooring. Two dinghy docks. Dogs allowed on beach in winter.
341	Bird Island at Little River Inlet	Settled weather needed. Beach access.
373	Osprey Marina	Inexpensive, especially for a week.
375	Anchor in Enterprise area or G29 oxbow.	Bay Road Boat Ramp
377	Bucksport Marina	\$1 a foot
402	Georgetown anchorage	Great walking, dog park
410	Winyah Bay	Settled weather, great beaches for walking
451	Capers Island	Beaches
469	Charleston Harbor	Marinas give easy access. Currents and bad holding makes anchoring tough.
471	Wappo Creek	Dinghy to Riverland Terrace Boat Ramp

496	Steamboat Creek	Dinghy to Steamboat Landing boat ramp. Can walk down country road.
529	Brickyard Creek	Boat ramp
536	Beaufort SC Moorings	Dinghy dock access. Town is very dog-friendly.
538	Port Royal Area	Anchor and dinghy back to Beaufort
569	Bryan Creek	Low tide beach access
565	Bull Creek	Low tide beach access
585	Turner Creek	Dinghy to marinas (may charge for access) or boat ramp
613	Kilkenny	Dinghy to marina or restaurant
619	Walburg Creek	Beautiful beach for walks on St Catherines Island
644	Crescent River	Tiny beach near Red 156, or large sandbar at low tide
648	Duplin River	Dinghy to ferry dock
670	Fort Frederica	Off-ICW. dinghy to park dock. dinghy dock dry at low tide.
675	St Simons	Dinghy to Gascoigne Park Dock on St. Simons (right next to the bridge)
684	Jekyll Island	Dinghy to marinas or boat ramp
702	Brickhill River	Dinghy to park dock
710	Cumberland Island	Dinghy to main ferry dock or Dungeness dock. NPS fee. Watch for ticks!
716	Fernandina Beach	Anchor or pick up a mooring. Extremely pet-friendly town!
738	Sisters Creek	Free dock or anchor and dinghy to free dock
769	Tolomato River	Dinghy to Guana Reserve beach
775	Vilano area	Dinghy to dock near bridge
777	St Augustine	Anchor or pick up a mooring
793	Fort Matanzas	Beach
829	Daytona Beach	Boat ramp
842	Rockhouse Creek	Dinghy to inlet area for sandbar
878	Titusville	Moorings
925	Spoil Islands	Can land on spoil island
946	Hole in the Wall	Dinghy to beach island
951	Vero Beach	Moorings or anchor, dog park located next to the city boat ramp.
952	Memorial Island	Dinghy to island
965	Ft Pierce	Several anchorages with shore access or beach access
981	Jensen Beach Mooring Field	Town dinghy dock
992	Peck Lake	Beach
998	Hobe Sound	Beach



1014	North Palm Beach	Can use tiny spit under bridge, dinghy thefts have been reported
1017	Peanut Island	Can dinghy to island if you can find a place to anchor
1022	West Palm Beach	Anchor and dinghy or use day use free dock
1047	Lake Boca Raton	Use boat ramp
1065	Lake Sylvia	Anchorage can be tight, use Cox Landing Boat Ramp for walks
1072	North Lake	Boat ramp
1091	Marine Stadium	Spoil island for walks
1095	Dinner Key	Moorings
1096	No Name Harbor	Anchor in or out of harbor, park access
1110	Elliot Key	Sandbar and park access
1134	Gilbert's	Anchor and dinghy in to Gilbert's Restaurant
1144	Hawks Channel: Rodriguez Key	Dinghy to boat ramp
1162	Hawks Channel: Indian Key	Dinghy to small beaches on highway or Robbies Marina, actual island prohibits pets
1193	Boot Key Harbor	Moorings
1207	Bahia Honda	Anchor and dinghy in
1243	Key West	Moorings



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