

Pet Friendly Hiking and Walking around Bryson City

Oconaluftee River Trail

The Oconaluftee River Trail is one of two walking paths in the National Park on which visitors can walk dogs and bicycle. The other is the Gatlinburg trail. Pets and bicycles are prohibited on all other park trails. The trail travels 1.5 miles one-way from the Oconaluftee Visitor Center to the outskirts of the city of Cherokee, NC. It is relatively flat, but does have a few small hills. The trail runs through the forest along side the Oconaluftee River and offers beautiful views of the river.

Old 288 River Park

Old 288 River Park is about two miles from downtown Bryson City on Old Highway 288 (Bryson Walk).

Island Park

Island Park is in downtown Bryson City. Take Everett Street to Bryson Street. Cross the bridge over to the park at the end of Bryson Street.

Recreation Park

There is a walking trail in the Recreation Park on West Deep Creek road just outside of downtown Bryson City. Take Everett Street to Depot Street. Then take West Deep Creek Road to the park.

Nantahala National Forest

Trails in the National Forest are pet friendly. One paved trail is the Nantahala River Bike Trail TR368. A nice flat trail that begins at the rafting launch site (Off Hwy 74, south of the NOC, turn left on Wayah Road). Park at the launch site and take the bridge across the river. The trail follows the river for about 1.5 miles.

