HIKING WITH YOUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIEND

Water: There is no drinkable water on nearby trails. The American Hiking Society recommends at least 8 ounces of water for your dog per hour of hiking. Carrying a collapsible bowl will make it easy to give your dog food and water. Water is available at the Tram lower terminal.

Leash: Dogs are required to be on-leash when on the Tram Terminal grounds. Leashes are also required in Albuquerque Open Space. We encourage always using a leash as wild animals such as deer and squirrels are often encountered in the area and your dog can quickly become lost chasing after them.

Condition: Consider your dog's condition. Start off with shorter hikes and gradually work up to longer hikes.

Paws: Prepare your dog's feet to go the distance - trails in the Sandia foothills are very rocky and can be hard on your dog's paws. Starting with shorter hikes and working up to longer hikes will allow an opportunity to toughen up your dog's paws. You can also get hiking booties for dogs.

Courtesy: When encountering others, it's common courtesy to step off the trail with your dog at your side to let people pass safely.

Keep Trails Clean: Remember to bring along dog waste bags and clean up after your dog.

Weather: Area temperature can vary considerably from day to day. A doggie jacket may be needed on cooler days. Bring extra water on hot days.

Restrooms: Available at the Tram terminal.



PAW-SOME DOG FRIENDLY HIKES

ACCESSIBLE FROM THE TRAM LOWER TERMINAL



Tramway Trail (82)

Tramway Trail runs north from the Tram and is 2.6 miles long with 929' of elevation gain. Hikers can take a shorter 1.6 mile hike over to the La Cueva picnic area or continue all the way to the junction with La Luz trail. From here, hikers can go another 7 miles to the Tram upper terminal but remember that only service dogs are allowed on the Tram. Be aware that upper La Luz can be impassable with up to five feet of snow in the winter.

Foothills Trail (365)

Heading south from the Tram, Foothills Trail is the gateway to the Albuquerque foothills hiking system with over 3,500 acres of hiking trails. The trail is 13.3 miles long and weaves in and out of Cibola National Forest, Albuquerque Open Space and residential areas.

Foothills Trail connects with many popular area trails including Domingo Baca Trail, Pino Trail, and Embudito Trail which are also paw-friendly but can be more challenging.



Paw-some Friendly Hiking



Dog Friendly trails Near The Sandia Peak Tramway

Pets are not allowed on the Tram; however, we encourage you to take dog friendly hikes on nearby Forest Service and Albuquerque Open Space trails accessible from the Tram lower terminal area.

Kennels are available at no charge at the Tram lower terminal for guests to keep their pets in when riding the Tram.

Please note - only service dogs are allowed on the Tram.

Be sure to keep this in mind if you plan to hike up the mountain and ride down.





