Help us protect the sensitive coastal ecosystems at the Crane Estate. Unfortunately, “dogs being dogs” can harm local wildlife, and dog poop can contaminate shellfish and other marine species living near shore. (Horses being herbivores, their waste is not harmful and can be swept away by the tide.)

We want to make sure that your experiences here are safe and enjoyable, while at the same time respecting our conservation efforts. Facing persistent violations, we are working with the Town of Ipswich to evaluate our dog policy at the Crane Estate. Please help us to continue to offer the “No Leash Zone” by:

- Sticking to mapped zones and rules (see reverse)
- Encouraging others with dogs to play by the rules
- Reporting violations to a ranger, gate attendant, or other Trustees staff member

NOTE: Visitors who violate the regulations are subject to removal from the property, and may also be subject to citation and fine under Town of Ipswich Bylaws.

To report a violation of the dog regulations, call the Crane Beach Front Gate at 978.412.2589.
Crane Estate Dog and Horse Regulations

Dogs and Horses
• Are not allowed on dunes, trails, or at Castle Hill at any time.
• Must not disturb marine mammals resting on the beachfront

Horses
• Must be ridden below the high tide line except for entry/exit
• Are not allowed for one hour before and/or after high tide
• Owners are responsible for cleaning up all horse waste that falls in the parking lot, access road, or above the high tide line
• Refer to complete rules at https://tinyurl.com/cranehorses

Dogs
• Must remain in sight at all times
• Must remain below the high tide line except for entry/exit
• Inside the No Leash Zone
  • Must be close enough to obey voice command
  • Must not approach other visitors unless invited
• Outside the No Leash Zone
  • Must be leashed at all times, including in the parking area and boardwalks
• No more than two dogs per person, each with own leash
• Dog waste must be picked up and properly disposed of
• The Trustees may require leashes everywhere for all or part of the day if conditions warrant
• Service dogs permitted (excludes comfort/emotional support)