

BIRD-FRIENDLY BEACHES HAVE DOGS ON LEASHES

In spring and summer, Long Island's beaches become a nursery for federally and state protected birds like the Piping Plover and Least Tern.

They need your help to survive!



Even small, well-trained dogs can crush fragile eggs or scare off parents, exposing tiny chicks to predators. Chicks will leave the nest to forage within a few hours of hatching but can't fly for a few weeks.

Responsible dog-owners
can help #ShareTheShore

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TINY CHICKS FACE BIG OBSTACLES

LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pet laws vary from site to site. Before heading to the beach, please visit the park or town's website to see if dogs are allowed.



Walk around (not through) flocks of birds and far from nesting area boundaries.



Look out for signage and roped-off areas that indicate there are nesting birds nearby.



Follow "no pet" rules at beaches with nesting birds, or keep your dog on a leash if allowed.

