

Dog Destination: Big Bear Lake, Calif.

This lakeside resort community provides fun for dogs.

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Nestled in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California, this lakeside resort community provides fun and beauty. The rustic and natural area boasts year-round activities from boating to skiing. Big Bear Lake's dog-friendly community offers off-leash hikes, great restaurants, and hotels that welcome dogs.

What To DoBig Bear MarinaThe marina offers mountain-lake fishing and water sports. Dogs are welcome to join in the fun on rental boats. (909) 866-3218.

Cougar Crest TrailThis two-mile hiking trail winds through a mixed conifer section of San Bernardino National Forest. Park rangers prefer on-leash dogs, especially in crowded areas.

Where To StayCozy Hollow Lodge40409 Big Bear Blvd.Big Bear Lake, CA 92315\$79 to \$169(909) 866-8886<http://www.cozyhollowlodge.com/>All dogs allowed; \$10 daily pet fee

Shore Acres Lodge40090 Lakeview Dr.Big Bear Lake, CA 92315\$85 to \$245(909) 866-8200All dogs allowed; no pet fee

Timberline Lodge39921 Big Bear Blvd.Big Bear Lake, CA 92315\$71 to \$240(909) 866-4141;<http://www.thetimberlinelodge.com/>All dogs allowed; \$10 daily pet fee

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