

WHITEFISH GUIDE TO PET FRIENDLY EATERIES, HIKES AND HOTELS

RESTAURANTS



BONSAI BREWING PROJECT **549 WISCONSIN AVENUE**



For the pups: This is one of my faves to bring my dog too! It has a huge, grassy outdoor space with lots of seating options. The tables are well spaced out, so dogs have the option to stretch out a bit. Plus, there are many trees providing ample shade, and lots of water bowls around for thirsty pups.

For the humans: Enjoy 10+ hand crafted beers on tap, and a “made from scratch” menu. Try some reasonably priced food items such as the Hummus and Pita Basket (which includes cut fresh veggies) or a Blue-Sky burger topped with blue cheese and red onions.

MUD MAN BURGERS **105 WISCONSIN AVENUE**



For the pups: Nice outdoor seating area with tables, chairs, and shade. Also, lots of water bowls are lying about to make sure your doggie stays hydrated! This is also a great place to stop if you are headed up to or coming back from Big Mountain and want a place to grab food to go.

For the humans: Delicious burgers with or without “mud.” (chili) They also have yummy Huckleberry shakes all year, and feature a different flavor “shake of the month” such as Banana Pie or Oreo’s and Cream.

THE GOOD TACO **20 BAKER AVENUE**



For the Pups: There is a small area in front of the restaurant that has outdoor seating and a couple of dog water bowls. Great place to sit and people watch! And when your done feasting, you can cross the street and meander into downtown Whitefish.

For the humans: Whether you are craving street tacos, a mountain of nachos with heaps of toppings, or some “TJ Fries” (shoestring fries topped with chipotle seasoning, cotija cheese and cilantro) the food here will not disappoint! Plus, it’s a fun, lively atmosphere outside, and you never know what kind of new friends (and dogs) you might meet!



PIGGYBACK BBQ
102 WISCONSIN AVENUE



For the pups: Super nice outdoor seating area that is grassy and fenced in. There are shade umbrellas on the tables so that your dog won't get too toasty. Ask for a water bowl, and they will provide one.

For the humans: Yummy appetizers are served such as hush puppies and fried pickles. And of course, the BBQ classic meats such as Brisket, Pulled Pork, and Linked Sausages. If you're feeling brave, you can always try their "True Grit" challenge which is a mixture of meats and appetizers weighing over 5 pounds!

MONTANA TAP HOUSE
845 WISCONSIN AVENUE



For the pups: Outdoor deck seating at this casual bar and grill. Most tables have umbrellas so that you and your pup can stay cool in the hot summer months. Ask for a doggie water bowl and they are more than happy to oblige!

For the humans: For the beer lover, there is no shortage of beer options with 58 beers on tap! To feed your appetite, try the Classic Poutine (fries with gravy on top) or get one of their many pizza options, all available with a gluten free crust.

SWEET PEAKS
419-1/2 THIRD STREET



For the pups: There are a few outside seating areas to sit down and enjoy your ice cream with your pup. You can also order chicken flavored ice cream for your dog to enjoy! It sells out quickly, so it isn't always available to order.

For humans: Ice Creams and sorbets are available in yummy, hand-crafted flavors such as Honey Cinnamon, and Mountain Mint. And don't forget their specialty flavors such as Pistachio Dark Chocolate or Spice Berry Pie.

WILD COFFEE
309 CENTRAL AVENUE, SUITE A & B



For the pup: It's kind of on the "downlow" that you can bring your well-behaved dog in the coffee shop. Once you enter the shop and go to the left, there is a large seating area where you can sit and sip on your cappuccino with your dog. The right side of the shop is where you order coffee. While there is seating on the coffee side, pooches are only allowed in the left side of the shop.



WILD COFFEE CONTINUED...

For the humans: Wild Coffee has amazing breakfast sandwiches made in-house. And their avocado toast is simply scrumptious! Be sure to sample the white chocolate lavender mocha. (my personal fave) They do have tea options as well (their matcha drinks are yummy!) so if you don't like coffee, you still have options!

Side note: They also have a cute gift shop, and 1% of their sales go to land conservation

SUNRIFT BEER COMPANY

6185 US HWY 93



For the humans: SunRift has a variety of flagship beer, seasonal beer, ciders, seltzers and non-alcoholic beverages. The food offerings range from loaded devil eggs to a house-smoked tri-tip.

For the Pups: They have a great outdoor patio space with lots of seating, perfect for you and your dog to enjoy. There is also a nice grassy area that your dog can sniff around on. (On leash of course) SunRift will provide you with a dog water bowl if you ask for one.

DOG FRIENDLY HIKES



SWIFT CREEK LOOP: EASY

This 1.6-mile loop trail near Whitefish is paved and flat, which makes it a nice, easy trail. It takes about 34 min to complete, and is a popular trail for birding, hiking, and mountain biking. This trail offers great views while being surrounded by large, lush trees. It is a great trail for kids and dogs, and dogs may be off leash in some areas. Also, there is ample parking. Options for a longer walk are available at the same trailhead that heads out towards Smith Lake.

LION MOUNTAIN TRAIL: EASY

Enjoy this 2.6-mile hike which takes roughly an hour to complete. This is a very popular hike, so be aware you will likely encounter other bikers, hikers and dogs. Dogs may be able to be off leash in some areas. Parking is easy, and there are bathrooms available. You'll also get to see some nice views of the lake.



JAMES R. BAKKE NATURE PRESERVE: EASY

This beautiful green space was donated to the city of Whitefish by artist and long-time resident James Bakke, who envisioned his land being a place to honor nature, fitness, and wildlife. It is a 1/4-mile loop trail walking through green space and a series of interpretive kiosks honoring Bakke, giving visitors unfamiliar an opportunity to grow acquainted with him and his work. Bakke Preserve is perfectly suited for a nice walk with your dog, a relaxing picnic, bird watching, or nature photography.

ROUND MEADOWS TRAIL SYSTEM: EASY TO MODERATE



The Round Meadow Summer Trails consist of four trails of easy to intermediate difficulty open to mountain bikers, hikers, and horses. The trailhead has ample parking for 20 vehicles, a restroom and information sign. On the trails within Round Meadow, friendly dogs are allowed to be off leash. The trail is used in the winter by cross-country skiing and snowshoers and serves hikers, bikers and horse riders in the summer months.

LUPFER LOOKOUT: MODERATE

Enjoy this 2.4-mile out-and-back trail near Whitefish, Montana. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of an hour to complete. This trail is great for hiking and walking, and you get a nice view when you reach the lookout. In the spring, you will also get to see wildflowers at the lookout too! Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash.



SKYLES LAKE OVERLOOK – MODERATELY CHALLENGING

This is a 7.8 mile out-and-back trail and takes an average of 3-1/2 hours to complete. This trail is great for walking Fido, but please note that you will encounter other people hiking and probably a few bikers. The trail leads you to Skyles Lake, which is a great spot to enjoy a peaceful break. And bonus, parking is free!

WHITEFISH RESERVOIR TRAIL: VERY CHALLENGING

This 11.4 mile out-and-back trail will take an average of 5 hours. This trail is for hiking, running and biking, and dogs must be on leash. At the half way point, you get views of the lake, downtown, and part of the beautiful valley. This route starts off uphill from the Reservoir Road parking area up to the Whitefish Valley Overlook. And it is an active riparian area, so don't be surprised if you encounter a bald eagle or two!



LES MASON STATE PARK: DAY USE, LAKE ACCESS

Do you want to spend a day playing in the water with your furry friend? Then Les Mason State Park is a perfect place to go! Les Mason is a dog-friendly beach that has rocky beaches and direct access to Whitefish Lake. The park has ample parking and is stocked with dog waste clean-up stations in case you forget your doggie bags. Your friendly dog can be off leash in designated areas. And if you love to kayak with your dog, this is a great place to go!

RIVERSIDE PARK: EASY

This is a small but lovely park on the Whitefish River at Baker Avenue and Fifth Street. You can access the river for fishing, wading, kayaking, etc., or walk or bike on the paved trail along the riverbank. There are also tennis courts and picnic tables, and a playground just a block away in the adjacent Baker Park. In the Summer, people float down the river to Whitefish Lake. You can walk the river trail and end up in downtown Whitefish. A great way to spend a Summer day!



PET FRIENDLY HOTELS IN WHITEFISH

1. Grouse Mountain Lodge: No pet fee, big dogs welcome, 2+ pets allowed.
2. Best Western Rocky Mountain Lodge: Pet fee, big dogs welcome, 2+ pets allowed.
3. North 40 Resort: Pet fee, big dogs welcome, 2+ pets allowed.
4. TownPlace Suites by Marriot: Pet fee, big dogs welcome, 1 pet allowed.
5. Hampton Inn: Pet fee, big dogs welcome, 2 pets allowed.
6. The Pine Lodge: Pet fee, 80 pound max dog weight, 2 pets allowed.
7. The Firebrand Hotel: Pet fee, big dogs welcome, 2 pets allowed. And they provide a dog bed, dog bowl and treats.
8. Apres Hotel: Pet fee, big dogs welcome, 2 pets allowed.
9. Hidden Moose Lodge: Pet fee, big dogs welcome, 2 pets allowed.
10. Chalet Inn: Pet fee, big dogs welcome, 2 pets allowed.



WOOF!

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT! NOW YOU HAVE SOME GREAT PET FRIENDLY OPTIONS FOR FOOD, HIKING AND LODGING! I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY IN BEAUTIFUL WHITEFISH, MONTANA, AND DON'T FORGET TO "PAWS" AND ENJOY THE MOMENT!



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