For many years after Big Basin was founded as a natural park in 1902, dogs were not permitted. Today, your dog is welcome at Big Basin but is restricted to specific areas of the park.

Dogs are allowed only on paved roads and in the campgrounds. They're not permitted on Hihn-Hammond Road or any fire roads.

Most dogs and their owners enjoy walking along North Escape Road. This road runs 2.5 miles from Park Headquarters, along Opal Creek and through beautiful old-growth redwoods and mixed forest. As the road ascends toward Hwy 236 north of Park Headquarters, it opens up into chaparral and sandstone, allowing you and your dog to enjoy several of Big Basin's habitats. This road is closed to vehicles. Please preserve this privilege for other visitors and their dogs by staying on the road and not venturing into the creeks and by keeping your dog leashed at all times. Enjoy your hike!