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Out & About

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE, AND FOUR-LEGGED WAYS TO ENJOY WARMER DAYS

| ON THE ROAD |

SADDLE UP

Find fresh perspective atop a horse while taking in the gorgeous scenery. At **Tanque Verde Ranch**, in Tucson, Arizona (shown), you can amble past soaring saguaro and prickly-pear cacti, or catch some western spirit in the Harmony With Horses workshop, which teaches classic wrangling techniques (*tanqueverderanch.com*). Here, three more spots to grab the reins.

BENTON CITY, WASH.

Saunter through the sun-dappled vineyards of this quiet wine region with Red Mountain Trails. Opt for the tasting tour, and you'll dismount midway through for sips and snacks. ***redmountaintrails.com***

AMELIA ISLAND, FLA.

On a jaunt with Amelia Island Horseback Riding, you'll ride high (and dry) above the ocean's edge—a prime vantage point for spotting dolphins, which are known to catch air close to shore. ***ameliaislandhorsebackriding.com***

LEXINGTON, KY.

Trot over grassy knolls on a guided tour at Kentucky Horse Park, then head to the Hall of Champions to admire retired star thoroughbreds in daily meet-and-greets. ***kyhorsepark.com***

| ON OUR BOOKSHELF |

After the 2013 collapse of Bangladesh's Rana Plaza garment factory, Germantown, New York–based textile artist Katrina Rodabaugh went on a fashion fast. ***Make Thrift Mend*** (Abrams) shares what she discovered, including top-notch tools like the Clover Chaco chalk liners she's "hooked on." Maggie Shipstead's latest novel, ***Great Circle*** (Knopf), is named after a flight that circumnavigates the earth at its widest point. Her plot lines are just as epic: One follows a daredevil female flying ace who gets swept up in World War II, the other a rebellious actress playing her in a modern biopic. In ***Finding Freedom*** (Celadon Books), celebrated Maine chef Erin French's memoir, the peppery nasturtiums on her plates are more than a flourish; they're a symbol of her past. It tells how she lost it all, time and again, only to rebuild stronger and help revive her town. ***Mergers and Acquisitions*** (Putnam), former *New York Times* journalist Cate Doty's account of her time on the weddings beat, is a reception-worthy buffet of juicy backstories that didn't make it into print, including her own.

| WHY NOT? |

Ruff It

Get a jump on the dog days of summer at a canine-friendly beach.

Atlantic Beach
See Spot splash his reflection in the crystalline waters at this **Bogue Banks, North Carolina,** destination. He can air-dry on a leashed walk along nearby Elliott Coues Nature Trail, which traverses dunes and a maritime forest.

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Huntington Dog Beach
Treat your pal to a dream playdate at this specially designated pooch paradise in **Huntington Beach, California.** Afterward, sit and stay at the Park Bench Café; its pet menu offers bite-size hot dogs.

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South Padre Island
Pups can explore 30-plus miles of shoreline at this **Texas** locale—and ride the waves, too: South Padre Surf Company's golden retriever, Archer, will happily demo how to hang twenty.

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Willard Beach
Let Floppy roam free during dawn and dusk off-leash hours at this **South Portland, Maine,** spot. Then snap her pic with the Ram Island Ledge lighthouse as a backdrop.

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