



COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

CITY COUNCIL of SALT LAKE CITY

TO: City Council Members

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**RE: RECOMMENDATIONS BY DOG
OFF-LEASH WORKING GROUP**

PROJECT TIMELINE:

Briefing: Tentative July 15,
2014
Set Date:
Public Hearing:
Potential Action:

Council Sponsor: Council Member Luke Garrott

Council Subcommittee: Council Members Garrott, Luke and Mendenhall

ISSUE AT-A-GLANCE

The Council formed a community working group in April 2014 to provide recommendations regarding potential new dog off-leash opportunities for residents. The working group was comprised of Council Members Charlie Luke, Luke Garrott and Erin Mendenhall, as well as community stakeholders, relevant City department officials, and the director of Salt Lake County Animal Services.¹ The group's discussions during four meetings were guided by the Council's policy goal: *To expand opportunities for residents to enjoy outdoor activities with their off-leash dogs while minimizing impacts on other people, on health and safety, on parks and open space, on nature and wildlife, and on Salt Lake City's budget.* The results consist of recommendations for policy priorities, tools for success, and action steps for the Council's consideration. The policy goal to expand opportunities for outdoor activities with off-leash dogs is related to the Council priorities of Neighborhood Quality of Life, and Parks & Open Space.

Goal of the Briefing:

The goal of the briefing is to consider working group recommendations and determine next steps the Council may wish to take, including public input opportunities. The Council may wish to start the discussion with a review of the statements prepared by the working group, which is the basis of the recommendations ([See attachment A for the group statements](#)).

¹ See Attachment A for information on the meetings and the full list of working group members.



WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Prioritization of Dog Off-Leash Options

These options were considered by the working group to have the greatest potential to achieve the Council's overall policy goal.² Their ranking was based on consideration of the costs associated with each, as well as the ease and time associated with implementation. The options are listed below in order of the group's preference:

1. New off-leash areas in existing parks, trails and open space
2. Part-time off-leash areas in existing trails and open space
3. Part-time off-leash areas in existing parks
4. New off-leash dog parks
5. Potential use of golf courses during off-season

Recommended Tools for Dog Off-Leash Success

The working group agreed that the following tools will help ensure the success of the off-leash options listed above. No preference is meant to be implied by the numbering in this case: the group recommends that all of them be integrated into City actions related to off-leash areas.³

1. Volunteer programs to help with educational outreach to all users and enhance park experience, organized by community groups that have signed formal written agreements with the City
2. Improvements to park design, development and implementation processes
3. Improved signage
4. Ongoing education
5. Better enforcement of rules inside and outside off-leash areas, with targeted enforcement efforts based in part on on-going reviews of monthly Salt Lake County Animal Services data.
6. Closely evaluated pilot programs designed to test new locations and processes, and that provide measurable results to help determine whether each pilot program should continue.

Recommended Funding Options

Depending on the options ultimately selected, the Council may wish to consider new sources of funding (no preference order):

1. Sale of tags for **new** and **exclusive** off-leash opportunities
2. User donations
3. Outside donations and sponsorships
4. Competitive grants
5. Tax increase
6. Reallocation of revenue
7. General Obligation Bond
8. Privatization of one or more parks

² See Attachment B for the group's recommended action steps and responsible parties.

³ See Attachment C for relevant examples from other cities.

POLICY QUESTIONS

1. Does the Council wish to adopt some or all of the working group's recommendations regarding prioritization of dog off-leash options?

These recommendations represent consensus opinions of the Council's off-leash working group. They do not imply changes to any particular park or trail, but are designed to orient City efforts to meet the public's interest in additional options. Implementation would require some policy shifts that involve changes in ordinance and in current practices and potentially budget (see question 2 below). Implementation of the recommended options also could result in a need to change the City's contract with its animal services provider.

2. Is the Council interested in directing additional resources to create new options for residents to use parks and trails with their off-leash dogs?

The working group agreed that a number of specific practices, listed as Recommended Tools above, could help minimize complaints and conflicts regarding dog off-leash areas. While some of these practices are low-cost, or may even save money for the City, others will require on-going new spending.

3. Would the Council like to ask the Administration to identify potential impacts of off-leash dogs on parks and to estimate budget needed for mitigation and maintenance?

4. Does the Council wish to implement user fees for parks and open space areas that are exclusively for dogs, with the proceeds directed to improvements to these areas?

The working group recommends that if user fees are implemented, they apply only to *expanded opportunities*, and be charged through the issuance of a special annual tag. Salt Lake County Animal Services stated that they could administer this program as part of their licensing program. This approach may be most efficient for the City, though the County's administrative fee would reduce the net revenue generated by this tag. It should be noted that a minimal tag fee, such as \$5 per year, would generate little funding for needed improvements, so either the fee would have to be higher or other funds would have to be identified.

5. Would the Council like to request an evaluation of current off-leash experiences (for example, Lindsey Gardens, Parley's Historic Nature Park, Jordan Park) to identify lessons learned and other useful information?

6. Is the Council interested in exploring any of the proposed pilot projects or considering others?

- New off-leash opportunities in existing parks, such as Wasatch Hollow, Rotary Glen, Rosewood Park, Fairmont Park, a portion of Jordan River Par-3 and Bonneville Shoreline Trail, with the option to designate part-time off-leash use?
- Permitting part-time off-leash hours or days in other City parks?
- Seasonal uses or use of specific sections of open space abutting golf courses?

Would the Council like to identify a time frame or sunset clause for any potential pilot program?

7. Based on the adopted budget for fiscal year 2014-15 regarding golf courses, does the Council wish to discuss golf courses as an option for dog off-leash areas, either in the off-season, or if portions of any courses are designated by the City at a future date for other use?

8. Staff has shared this report with the Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board. Is the Council interested in engaging this board in discussions?

Additional Background Information

The Council's policy decisions may have impacts on the City's contract for animal services. The current contract has been extended to allow the City time to adequately review proposals and successfully negotiate an animal services contract with the entity chosen. The decisions made by the Council regarding off-leash dog options may have implications for the ultimate contract negotiations.

Resolution No. 52 of 2004 provides the current process and evaluation guidelines for designating a dog off-leash area. As part of these guidelines, a sponsor must be willing to "adopt" any new off-leash area. It is the current practice of the City to require a signed Letter of Understanding to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the City and the sponsor of an off-leash area.⁴ Both of these documents would likely need to be modified based upon the outcome of the Council's policy discussion.

Chronology and Next Steps

- On April 1, 2014, the City Council received a briefing from the Administration regarding potential options for dog off-leash areas and potential next steps. The Council conducted a straw poll and unanimously supported the creation of a Council-led community working group to discuss options. The working group's recommendations would then be presented to the Council for their consideration.
- The community working group convened on April 22, May 9, May 13 and May 20, 2014. This report represents the working group's recommendations.
- The working group's recommendations are tentatively scheduled to be presented to the Council in July.
- A public comment period or other public engagement designated by the Council can be discussed by the Council at their July briefing.

List of Attachments

- A. Statement from Off-Leash Working Group, June 11, 2014
- B. Working Group's Recommended Action Steps and Responsible Parties for Meeting Council Policy Goal
- C. Examples from other cities
- D. Resolution No. 52 of 2004 and Salt Lake City Letter of Understanding

⁴ See Attachment D.

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ATTACHMENT A

Statement from Off-Leash Working Group

July 1, 2014

The Salt Lake City Council convened a working group of community stakeholders, relevant department officials, the director of Salt Lake County Animal Services and a subcommittee of the Council to help inform discussions of potential new off-leash opportunities for dog owners. Members of this group shared their expertise over a series of four meetings during spring 2014. The work focused on how the Council might best meet its policy goal of expanding opportunities for residents to enjoy outdoor activities with their off-leash dogs while minimizing impacts on other people, on health and safety, on parks and open space, on nature and wildlife, and on Salt Lake City's budget.

Discussions covered full range of relevant topics and points of view. As a result, the group came together to endorse the following underlying agreements to help guide Council work on this issue:

- City parks and open spaces could change over time and adapt to appropriate new uses while considering historic assets, traditional uses, the natural environment and the surrounding communities. Education efforts are particularly important during any transitions to new uses.
- Every City park and trail is different. While some can include space for both unstructured activities and specialized uses, not all parks can encompass all uses. For example, while off-leash dogs are compatible with some parks and some open spaces, they are not compatible with all of them.
- People should not have to be exposed to off-leash dogs in all public spaces at all times. Predictability is important: people should be able to know when and where they are likely to encounter off-leash dogs in City parks and open spaces. Clearly established and communicated rules can help individuals adapt to variations in park and trail uses.
- City policy should consider dedicated areas for certain park uses at different times of year and times of day. For example, the City could allow golf courses to be used for off-leash dogs during the off-season or during certain hours.
- Peer education and reminders of the rules encourage dog owners to be responsible for their dogs.
- Even the best trained dogs may react in unexpected ways to changes around them.
- To protect children, dogs should be prohibited from playgrounds. . The City should consider accommodations for tethering dogs adjacent to playgrounds while their families use those areas.
- The City must consider a variety of public safety issues, including dog bites. The City must balance its obligations regarding public safety with residents' desire to enjoy outdoor activities with dogs in public spaces.
- The City should offer most park and open space opportunities to SLC residents for no charge.
- To resolve most complaints related to off-leash dogs, a balance of enforcement and education for pet owners, as well as community members who are not pet owners is needed. Education can come from a variety of sources, including special events, signage, peers, and enforcement officers. Everyone deserves expectations of compliance.



As members of this on-going working group, we endorse the process that led to the recommendations for policy priorities, tools for success, and action steps contained in the Council Staff Report dated July 1, 2014.



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ATTACHMENT B

Working Group's Recommended Action Steps and Responsible Parties for Meeting Council Goal

Tool	Action steps	Responsible party
Community-organized volunteer programs to educate all users and enhance park experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Propose new revisions to Resolution No. 52 of 2004—or entirely new resolution—to establish option of agreements between City and community organizations, formalizing expectations and guidelines. Consider role of Park Advisory Board in this process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Services Community organizations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider formal adoption of revisions to Resolution No. 52 of 2004, or adopt new resolution, to facilitate participation of community organizations that would sponsor off-leash areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconvene working group twice per year for updates, information, adjustments. Include Community Councils through Salt Lake Community Network. Consider role of Park Advisory Board in this process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council staff
Improvements to park development, design and implementation processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include in development, design and implementation process: changes to forming new off-leash parks and areas; operating agreements with community groups within or outside ordinance; input from users' groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Services Council staff Community groups
Improved signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New sign standard project for open spaces is underway in Public Services; prototype sites will be operating within next 6 months. For off-leash areas, develop sign content and strategy for placement with input from community groups, Parks Advisory Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Services Community groups
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider funding options for additional signage and on-going maintenance, if requested by Administration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council
Ongoing education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop standard education content for off-leash areas with input from community groups, Parks Advisory Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Services Community organizations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with respective City offices to place education content in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council and Administration newsletters and communications Community Councils City on-line communications City utility bills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Staff Public Services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with respective organizations to share education content with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off-leash community groups Animal services provider (include with licenses) Local veterinarians Schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community organizations Animal services provider
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a centralized on-line location to serve as the source of updated information on all aspects of outdoor recreation with on- and off-leash dogs. Include location information, downloadable information, links to community groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Services Community Organizations

Enforcement inside and outside off-leash parks

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take advantage of SLCO Animal Services data (with ability to roughly track information related to particular parks) to inform decisions on education and enforcement: develop mechanisms to inform elected officials and agency decision makers of trends | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SLCO Animal Services• Council staff• Administration staff |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review animal services contract with eye toward opportunities for changes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Services |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider additional funding for animal services contract if recommended by the City Administration | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signage: include telephone numbers for complaints (differentiate from 911) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Services |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider additional service by SLCO Animal Services: make monthly reports for specific parks available to Community Councils (Community Councils could request relevant data through the Community Council Network) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SLCO Animal Services• Public Services• Council |

Pilot projects

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation of current off-leash experiences for Council policy consideration: Lindsey Gardens, Parley's, Jordan Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Services• Community organizations• Council |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of new off-leash opportunities in Wasatch Hollow, a portion of Jordan River Par-3, Bonneville Shoreline Trail | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Services• Community organizations• Council |

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ATTACHMENT C

Examples from Other Cities

- Article, *Creating Dog Parks—Without Rancor*, The Trust for Public Land, 2005. Summary of Seattle, Baltimore, New York City (Prospect Park) and others.
- Atlanta
- Austin
- Charleston County, SC
- King County, WA
- New York City (Central Park, Riverside Park)
- Portland
- San Francisco

ATTACHMENT C

RELEVANT EXAMPLES FROM OTHER CITIES

Highlights from *Creating Dog Parks - Without Rancor*

The Trust for Public Land, 2005

Bottom line

“The demand for dog parks is strong and growing. This trend has the capacity to add significant power to the general park movement—or it can create divisions that debilitate it. ... By communicating sensitively and by planning carefully together, park advocates of all stripes—including both dog lovers and haters—should be able to strengthen urban park systems across the board through better design, better space utilization and the acquisition of more land.”

The Seattle success

“The pilot program made all the difference. First, it showed residents that the city was in charge and acting reasonably. Second, it taught Seattle how to identify site selection criteria that would lead to successful locations, which turned out to be: (1) avoid interference with other established uses or department-sponsored activities; (2) avoid locations directly abutting residences; (3) assure availability of close-by parking; (4) avoid locations near children’s play areas; (4) choose spots where there are minimal impacts on the visual character of a park; (5) site so as to avoid spillover into non-dog areas; and (6) avoid sensitive environmental habitats.”

“Thanks to a phased-in program by a no-nonsense agency that backed up its promises with both real facilities in some places and tickets in others, Seattle’s program today is ‘wildly successful,’ according to [a park department spokesperson].”

Difficulties in Baltimore

“... a classic case of a city without an off-leash policy, without a plan of action, without criteria and without enforcement—there are only two animal control officers for 650,000 residents.”

Part-time off-leash success in Brooklyn (Prospect Park)

The parks administrator “... used the clock and the sign, not the fence. She allowed leash-free only in the morning and evening - and dog owners who didn’t comply began receiving costly citations. She also stressed that taking off the leash was a privilege, not a right, and it could be taken away if there were problems.”

Why cities benefit from working with dog owners

“Cities ... need more parkland. Instead of cramming more users into existing parks, the search should be on for alternative places to take the leash off – preferably using the not insignificant political and economic clout of urban dog lovers.”

Creating Dog Parks - Without Rancor



Prospect Park; New York City

By Peter Harnik and Cerise Bridges

DOG PARKS UNLEASHED! That's how a tabloid might cover it. Or, just as plausibly, FIDO FINALLY GETS TO PLAY! Either way, the hottest new city park issue to hit America -- the skyrocketing support for creating places to let dogs run free -- has been challenging park directors, roiling communities and making headlines.

Dogs have always played a big role in city parks, but their traditional position at the end of a lead has been upended by changing mores and a rising enthusiasm among dog owners for much more active play. By one estimate there are now at least 2,000 off-leash dog areas, ranging from small parks entirely devoted to canines to substantial corners of larger green spaces—and the number is growing exponentially. From Berkeley, Calif. (site of reputedly the nation's first, in 1983) to San Antonio and Atlanta (which each opened their first only in 2003), the issue has provoked excitement and furor, with raucous public hearings sometimes running well past midnight. Interestingly, in some cases the dog park issue has badly fragmented a city while in others it has been resolved harmoniously, even adding potency to the park constituency. Why the difference?

In a crowded city where almost every square foot is precious, it's not easy for a park department to announce that some of its land will be devoted to free-running dogs. To some folks that sounds like "your dogs over my children." But from the other side of the fence, the reaction is equally strong: "My kid happens to be a dog. We all pay taxes here, don't we?"

Of all the clashes, nowhere has it gotten as bad as in San Francisco, a city with multiple park agencies and as many dogs as children.

In the 1970s, an off-leash culture began on some of the chilly, foggy and remote San Francisco beaches operated by the National Park Service. Initially, removing leashes

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Dog Owner Associations

Who says dog owners (and their opponents) don't have a sense of humor?

SCOOP: Sacramento Owners for Off-leash Parks, Sacramento

KC SCOOP: Kansas City Society of Canine Owners for an Off-leash Park, Kansas City

POOP: People Organized for Off-Leash dog Parks, Nashville

PUP - People Using Parks, Oregon

PiP - Partners in Parks, Milwaukee

FIDO - Fellowship in the Interest of Dogs and their Owners, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, New York

ROMP: Responsible Owners of Mannerly Pets, Minneapolis

Fort Woof Dog Park: Forth Worth, Tex.

LAPP: Leash-free Alliance of Piedmont Park, Atlanta, Georgia

COLA: Citizens for Off-Leash Areas, Seattle (and other locations)

UnCOLA: Off-leash opposition group, Seattle

was illegal because of a blanket prohibition on all Park Service land, but a special advisory group recommended an exception for portions of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Not everyone in the city approved, but it did provide an escape valve to keep off-leash dogs from running in more heavily used places like Golden Gate Park or Union Square. Then, in 2001 park naturalists realized that the populations of two threatened beach birds, the snowy plover and the bank swallow, were dropping rapidly and that it was probably due to the unleashed dogs. Suddenly park police began enforcing the leash law and handing out expensive tickets. Just as suddenly, owners began to take their pets to much smaller and more centrally located neighborhood parks run by the city park department.

In San Francisco, the second most densely populated city in the nation (after New York), even quarter-acre patches of green are dearly loved and heavily used. If one of them is suddenly peppered with dog droppings, or if someone is bitten while sunbathing, or if mothers start screaming at the owner of an off-leash dog, the whole city quickly hears about it. Perceiving a lack of leadership (the city has two park agencies which rarely communicate, plus the mayor and the city council are usually at odds), every park became a battleground. Both sides dug in, roiled by both the media and a number of grandstanding politicians. Ultimately, the Park Service brought in two organizations, the Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution and the Center for Collaborative Policy, to conduct a "negotiated rule making process," a formal consensus approach to problem solving. There are early indications that San Francisco's off-leash dog battle might eventually be amenable to a negotiation, but this particular process is federally mandated and, as such, is so bureaucratic that it can easily take years. When asked if he was surprised that a dog park issue has gone so far, Mike Eng, a senior program manager with the conflict resolution institute was appropriately diplomatic. "On the grand scale of environmental conflicts we deal with, this is low," he said, "but with the emotional attachments people have for their dogs, it is understandable."

Perhaps the real wonder should be reserved for Seattle, 1000 miles to the north, which made the civic transition to dog parks with relative ease and polish. Seattle, too, was hit by the off-leash trend in the early 1990s and, after complaints escalated, the city initially took a hard-line approach, adding more animal control officers and increasing the number of citations. Concerned about where the policy would lead, dog owners formed Citizens for Off-Leash Areas (COLA) and caught the attention of a city council member. The Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation was not the least bit enthusiastic, but COLA helped identify about 70 possible off-leash sites and the City Council mandated a 15-month pilot program at eight of them in 1996.

The pilot program made all the difference. First, it showed residents that the city was in charge and acting reasonably. Second, it taught Seattle how to identify site selection criteria that would lead to successful locations, which turned out to be: (1) avoid interference with other established uses or department-sponsored activities; (2) avoid locations directly abutting residences; (3) assure availability of close-by parking; (4) avoid locations near children's play areas; (4) choose spots where there are minimal impacts on the visual character of a park; (5) site so as to avoid spillover into non-dog areas; and (6) avoid sensitive environmental habitats.

Seattle also learned something else. "Try to find property with no history," says

A Temperament Test

Every dog park has guidelines and rules of etiquette. Commonly, owners are required to clean up after their pets and are prohibited from bringing aggressive dogs, dogs in heat, and dogs that have not been vaccinated. They are also required to be within calling distance of their pets. Some facilities are divided into “large dog” and “small dog” areas. However, Paw Run Recreation Area, a privately run dog park in Ann Arbor, Mich., takes things a step further. Paw Run requires dogs to pass a temperament test to enter.

The temperament test evaluates two forms of aggression: dog-to-people and dog-to-dog. In each test the dog’s reaction to a greeting, handling, and object possession is graded from A (“leans forward, averts eyes, relaxes posture and wags tail”), to F (“growls or tries to bite the handler”).

Though grades are not a judgment about dog’s worth, says Carolyn Kinsler, operator of Paw Run Recreation Area, “members appreciate the test, assured that aggressive dogs will not be a threat to their own or their dog’s enjoyment.”

Dewey Potter, spokeswoman for the park department. “It’s a lot easier than persuading people to change a field’s use into something different.”

Thanks to a phased-in program by a no-nonsense agency that backed up its promises with both real facilities in some places and tickets in others, Seattle’s program today is “wildly successful,” according to Potter. In fact, dogs in Seattle have even helped reclaim some parks from illegal users: in 1995, when police reported a high volume of unlawful alcohol, drug and sexual activity in three particular parks, the park department converted them to pilot off-leash areas and criminal activity soon evaporated.

There’s no doubt that off-leash areas are good for dogs and their owners. The dogs can run and cavort; the humans can stand or sit, talk or read, watch and provide comfort, if necessary. It’s pretty similar to a children’s playground and just about as much fun, even for non-dog owning passers-by who often stand at the fence and enjoy all the activity. The more enterprising sites even have playground-like props and accoutrements - sprinklers, fake fire hydrants, wading pools, bridges, tunnels and more - often in bright, primary colors (even though dogs are largely color-blind). When dogs run off excess energy they become less aggressive. When people socialize they often strengthen their community. In Seattle, off-leash areas were so successful that one pundit dubbed them “the singles’ bars of the 90s.”

There’s also no doubt that nearby neighbors are often less enthusiastic. As with playgrounds, noise is a factor, and most people have less tolerance for barking than for children’s delighted shrieks. Dog parks also take a physical beating. Even beyond issues of droppings and urine, there is no way to keep grass green, growing and healthy on any dog park smaller than about 15 acres, according to Don Colvin at Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation. Thus, most dog parks are surfaced with shredded bark, pebbles, synthetic materials - or, de facto, with mud and dust.

Robert E. Lee Park, in Baltimore, exemplifies the range of problems - environmental and otherwise—which can arise on an inadequately planned and managed space. Lee is not officially a dog park, but because of its relative remoteness and a lack of enforcement, it has become a popular one. “Overrun,” is how one user put it. “Families used to come to picnic, but that’s out of the question now with all the dogs running around,” he said. When the city announced that it would close the park for a year to reconstruct a bridge and to remediate soil that it said was contaminated by the dogs, owners engaged in what park superintendent Connie Brown called “civil disobedience,” cutting fences and circumventing welded steel bars. When a local citizen group pleaded for the creation of a fenced off-leash area within Robert E. Lee Park, the park department deferred the issue until a policy on off-leash areas can be established. Baltimore is a classic case of a city without an off-leash policy, without a plan of action, without criteria and without enforcement—there are only two animal control officers for 650,000 residents.

The story from Atlanta’s Piedmont Park had a happier ending. There, too, an out-of-the-way portion of the 185-acre park had evolved into an illegal but popular off-leash gathering spot. When it came time to renovate that section of the park, the Piedmont Park Conservancy realized it would have to confront the issue head-on or risk a Baltimore-like uprising. Fortunately, a solution was at hand. Piedmont Park has a number of undeveloped, unusable sections which have never evolved a culture or a user con-

stituency. One, down in a valley shielded by trees and tracks from earshot of most homes, had recently been renovated. It was there that conservancy staff, relying entirely on donations from dog lovers, erected a fence and posted rules. It has become one of the most frequented areas of the park and operates virtually around the clock. "Atlanta has no other dog park," said conservancy Development Director Kendra Cotton. "It was so desperately needed that people treat it as a gift, and take care of it." (The facility is basically self-policed by users, although after a pit bull killed a miniature pincher, the two-acre park was divided into sections based on canine size and weight, and a security patrol was added. The conservancy is also considering instituting a temperament test for dogs.)

The cutting edge in off-leash management is to do a dog park without a fence. This is relatively common in some of the sprawling cities of the west and southwest, such as Colorado Springs and Portland, Ore. Surprisingly, it's also the rule in New York City's Prospect Park.

Prospect Park is a 526-acre oasis in the heart of Brooklyn, one of the most densely populated places in America. Today it is a manicured delight of forest and field, but in the 1970s it was in shambles, a dangerous no-man's land where dogs were both a problem and a source of protection, and many of them were off-leash. With the creation of the Prospect Park Alliance and the successful effort to turn the park around, Tupper Thomas, park administrator, decided to add some structure to the chaotic situation. But she used the clock and the sign, not the fence. She allowed leash-free only in the morning and evening - and dog owners who didn't comply began receiving costly citations. She also stressed that taking off the leash was a privilege, not a right, and it could be taken away if there were problems. To defuse a potentially explosive situation, advocates formed Fellowship in the Interest of Dogs and Owners (FIDO) to maintain good communication with the park staff and to support self-enforcement of the rules. FIDO is now part of a community committee on park policy.

Specifically, here are the rules: from April 1 to October 31, off-leash dogs are permitted from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. in three specific places -- Long Meadow, Peninsula Meadow and the Nethermead - which total an amazing 116 acres; in Nethermead they are also permitted from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., but only Monday through Friday. From November 1 to March 31, the off-leash hours for all three areas are 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. seven days a week. Josephine Pittari, vice president of the Alliance, reports that off-leash problems are minimal; she attributes the program's success to good communication between the park and dog owners. In addition to some signs, the Alliance aggressively gives out cards which state clearly the rules, hours and locations.

Perhaps a more typical response was in Milwaukee. When Citizens for Public Dog Parks brought up the issue in the early 1990s, the group was greeted with deep skepticism. The county board expressed concern about maintenance costs and about slotting county land for dogs. Eventually, creativity and persistence paid off - the group located a 26-acre backwater between a highway and a river that the county owned but had no plans for. But even then, the county put most of the weight of the experiment on the backs of the dog owners by leasing the land (for \$1) instead of operating it as an official county park. When Granville Off-Leash Dog Park officially opened in the spring of 1999, Citizens for Public Dog Parks changed its name to Partners in Parks (PiP). The

county agreed to pay half the \$4,000 cost of fencing the area but it left all other expenses and management decisions to PiP, which subsists on voluntary contributions and memberships.

Fred Mennecke, board president of PiP, isn't bitter. "Milwaukee County is not a very dog friendly area, but it also has budget problems. If it were known that the county put money into a dog park, all hell would break loose." Despite its step-child status, Granville is a big success - possibly because of its dramatic landscape (stemming from the dumping of old construction fill that resulted in hills and wetlands with woods and trails), or possibly because it is still the only dog park in Milwaukee County.

In the long run, Milwaukee's experience may be more telling than Prospect Park's. Cities - Brooklyn included - need more parkland. Instead of cramming more users into existing parks, the search should be on for alternative places to take the leash off - preferably using the not insignificant political and economic clout of urban dog lovers. Dog parks can be established on vacant lots, on drainage detention sites or on former landfills. For instance, villagers in Weston, Wis., plan shortly to officially open their dog park on top of a former landfill that has been covered with topsoil and planted. They raised \$7000 for fencing, benches, and a waste disposal center for the 10-acre facility. Berkeley's Caesar Chavez Park, a closed landfill, designates 17 of its 90 acres as off-leash. (It's now the largest dog park in the San Francisco Bay area.) Genessee Park in southeast Seattle, another newly sealed landfill, includes a 3-acre off-leash area and a ball field. (Staying true to the goal of choosing land with no previous park history, Seattle is also utilizing a fenced stormwater detention site for another off-leash spot called Blue Dog Pond.)

Though dog parks are in high demand, no park department has thus far taken the step of purchasing land for one. "I don't think we're there yet," says Christine Weber of FIDO Carolina. "Normally, dog parks are added to an existing park or are part of the master plan for a new multi-purpose park." Even parks on landfills, because they are usually quite large, are designed to meet a variety of recreational purposes.

The demand for dog parks is strong and growing. This trend has the capacity to add significant power to the general park movement - or it can create divisions that debilitate it. More so than any other new segment of the park user universe (infinitely more so than skateboarders, for instance), dog owners are a constituency with clout. (The U.S. "dog economy" is estimated at around \$75 billion a year.) By communicating sensitively and by planning carefully together, park advocates of all stripes - including both dog lovers and haters - should be able to strengthen urban park systems across the board through better design, better space utilization and the acquisition of more land.



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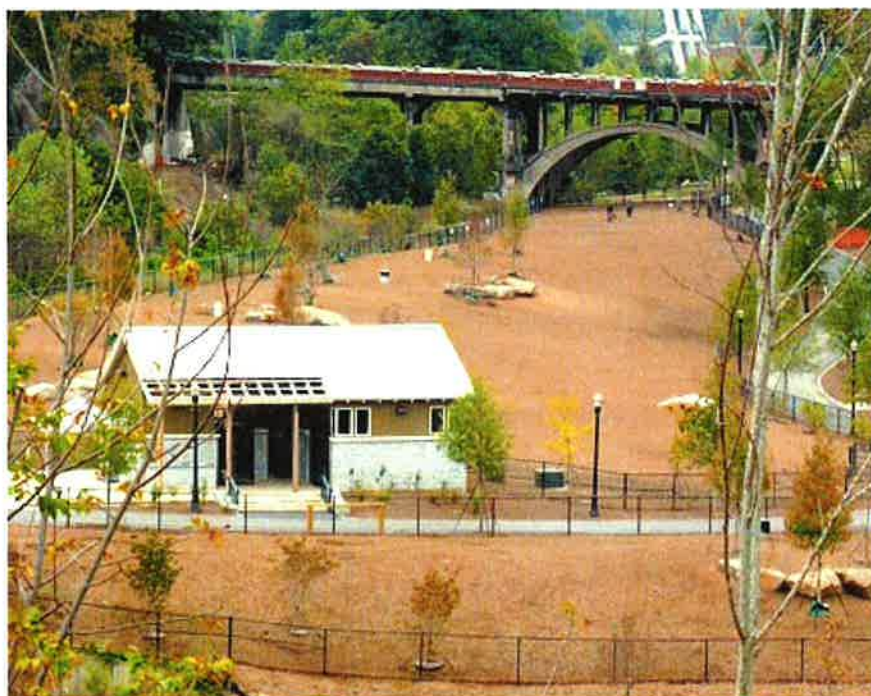
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Piedmont Dog Park features:

- a nearly 3-acre dog run
- separate enclosures for large and small dogs
- new trails and landscaping
- benches and restrooms for loyal owners



Piedmont Park is a haven for dogs and humans alike! While a City of

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Kristine Cohn
 Individual Gifts Manager
 404.875.7275 x253

[or mail](#)

Piedmont Park Conservancy
 P.O. Box 7795
 Atlanta, GA 30357-0795
 404.875.0530 fax

<http://www.piedmontpark.org>

Dog Park News



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 Get vendor hours at this location.



2014 Calendar
 Help support the Dog Park, [buy](#) your 2014 Dogs of Piedmont Park



Atlanta ordinance requires all dogs in public areas to be leashed, Piedmont Dog Park is one of the few locations in metro Atlanta where dogs may run free. This special off-leash area, open since 2002, is one of the most popular features of Piedmont Park.



Give Your Dog a Bone!

Show your support and honor your dog at the same time. Buy a dog bone for \$50 and we'll add your dog's name to our "bone-if-ied" donor display.

[Click to Give Today](#)

Piedmont Park Conservancy urges you to be a responsible dog owner. Cleaning up after your pet is the law! Doggie waste bags are provided throughout the park. Please urge violators to clean up after their pets as well. Fines for allowing a dog to run off-leash or for not cleaning up after them include a fine of up to \$1,000, a prison term up to 1 year, community service up to six months, or a combination of the above. Don't let this happen to you.

A few key rules to remember:

- Use of the Dog Park is at your own risk.
- Owners are responsible for the action of their dogs.
- Aggressive dogs are not allowed and must be controlled and/or removed.
- Owners should be aware of their dog's behavior and move to another area of the park if requested.
- No dogs can be left unattended in the OLA.
- The small dog enclosure is for dogs less than 30 pounds
- The only food of any kind allowed is bite-sized treats.
- Serious problems resulting in injury must be reported immediately.
- Swimming is prohibited in Clara Meer for both dogs and people.

Piedmont Dog Park is located at the Park Drive bridge. [See the Park Map.](#)

Piedmont Dog Park is 100% reliant upon donations to fund maintenance and improvements. [Support your dog park by donating online.](#)

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Doggie Dash Results
[Check out the results](#) of the 2014 Doggie Dash.



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 View the [Splash Splash Doggie Dash gallery](#).

Dog Park Rules

All dog owners must read and agree to follow Dog Park Rules.

[Download the Dog Park Rules.](#)



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ALL OWNERS MUST READ AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES BEFORE ENTERING

The Dog Park depends on community enforcement of these rules. Dogs and owners violating these rules must leave the area immediately.



- ♦ Use of this park is at your own risk.
- ♦ Owners are responsible for the action of their dogs. Keep your dog within sight and under voice control.
- ♦ Dogs displaying aggressive behavior or fighting must be controlled or removed.
- ♦ No more than (3) three dogs per owner.
- ♦ All dogs must wear a collar and ID tag.
- ♦ All dogs must be properly licensed, healthy and have current vaccinations.
- ♦ No puppies under 16 weeks are allowed.
- ♦ No dogs in heat are allowed.
- ♦ Dogs that bark continually should be removed or muzzled.
- ♦ Owners must clean up after their dogs.
- ♦ Owners should be aware of their dog's behavior and move to another area of the park if requested.
- ♦ The small dog enclosure is for dogs under 30 pounds.
- ♦ Both gates must be closed and latched after entering or exiting the area.
- ♦ No children under the age of 12 allowed without close adult supervision.
- ♦ The only food of any kind allowed is bite-sized dog treats.
- ♦ Do not feed dogs without the owner's permission.
- ♦ Bicycling, skateboarding, rollerblading, jogging or strollers are not allowed.
- ♦ Benches are for people, boulders are for dogs.
- ♦ The off-leash area may be closed in times of bad weather or for maintenance.
- ♦ Serious problems resulting in injury must be reported immediately.
- ♦ You must remove your dog's pronged collar before you enter the dog park.



Serious problems should be reported to Piedmont Park Conservancy at 404.875.7275 during business hours and to the Atlanta Police or Park Security at all other times.

Questions or concerns?
404.875.PARK
dogpark@piedmontpark.org

Piedmont Park Conservancy and the City of Atlanta assume no liability for the use of this area.



No dog signs



No rollerblading



No skateboarding



No bicycles



No small children



No food



No dogs under 16 weeks

Resources:


Austin Parks and Recreation


Services include: Park services, educational materials, pet waste bag dispenser refills and more

Call 3-1-1

www.austintexas.gov/parks

www.austintexas.gov/parks/offleashareas.htm

 [Austin Parks and Recreation Department](#)

 [Off-Leash Area Advisory-Committee](#)

Austin Animal Services

Services include: Lost and homeless animal sheltering and adoption; community animal control and protection; educational programs and resources for responsible pet ownership; volunteer, foster, and partnership opportunities

Call 3-1-1

www.austinanimalcenter.org

 [Austin Animal Services](#)

Scoop the Poop and Watershed Protection

Services include: Pet waste problems, water quality protection, and more

Call 3-1-1

www.ScoopThePoopAustin.org

 [Scoop The Poop Austin](#)

www.austintexas.gov/growgreen/downloads/fleas.pdf
(least toxic solutions for flea problems)

Volunteer Opportunities:

Pet fostering –
www.austintexas.gov/health/pets/rescue_pet.htm

Animal Shelter –
www.austintexas.gov/health/pets/volunteer.htm

Adopt a Park program –
www.austintexas.gov/parks/volunteer.htm

Park cleanups and improvements –
www.austinparks.org & www.keepaustinbeautiful.org



Austin guide to... DOGS IN OUR CITY



Approximately 120,000 dogs live in Austin. Please be a responsible caretaker of our four-legged friends!

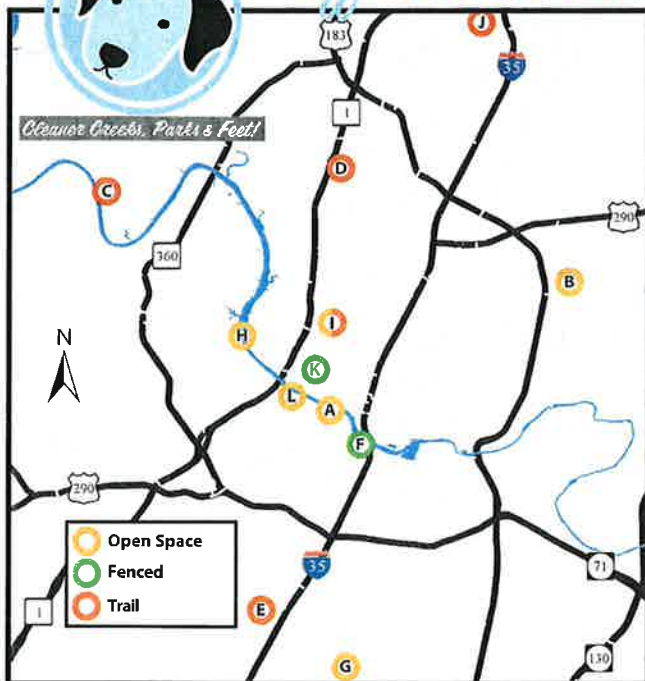
This brochure contains information on:

- Off-Leash Areas
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- Off-Leash Area Guidelines
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- Resources
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Scoop the Poop

City of Austin's Off-Leash Areas



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| A Auditorium Shores | 900 W. Riverside Dr. 78704 |
| B Davis White Northeast District Park | 5909 Crystalbrook Dr. 78724 |
| C Turkey Creek Trail at Emma Long Metropolitan Park | 1600 City Park Rd. 78730 |
| D Far West | ROW between Great Northern Blvd. and Shoal Creek Blvd. |
| E Mary Moore Searight Off-Leash Trail | 907 W. Slaughter Ln. 78748 |
| F Norwood Tract at Town Lake Metropolitan Park | IH35 at Riverside Dr. 78704 |
| G Onion Creek District Park | 7001 Onion Creek Dr. 78744 |
| H Red Bud Isle | 3401 Red Bud Trail 78703 |
| I Shoal Creek Greenbelt | 2600-2799 Lamar Blvd. 78705 |
| J Walnut Creek District Park | 12138 N. Lamar Blvd 78753 |
| K West Austin Park | 1317 W. 10th St. 78703 |
| L Zilker Park
The "Great Lawn" | 2100 Barton Springs Rd. 78746 |

You can make a donation to your favorite off-leash area at www.connect.austinparks.org/offleashfund.htm

www.austintexas.gov/parks/offleashsites.htm

ANIMAL REGULATIONS (Austin City Code - Title 3)

- Provide adequate shelter
- Ensure pets have current rabies vaccinations
- Pick up and sanitarly dispose of pet waste left on public or private property
- Confine animals transported in unenclosed vehicles in a manner that prevents the animal from falling or jumping from the vehicle or otherwise being injured
- Keep dogs under restraint, except in designated off-leash areas
- DO NOT leave a dog alone on a chain or tether
- It's unlawful to sell a puppy or kitten that is not spay/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped

ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY

- Know your dog's physical limitations and tolerance levels
- Train your dog to respond to behavioral commands
- Train your dog to walk by your side when on-leash. Do not use a retractable leash
- Pay attention to the weather. It doesn't take long for an active dog to overheat, and certain breeds are very susceptible to the heat or the cold
- Bring water when you leave home with your dog

OFF-LEASH AREA (OLA) GUIDELINES

For a complete list, please visit

www.austintexas.gov/parks/offleashareasrules.htm

- Keep your dog in your sight and under voice control at all times. Intervene in any inappropriate play. Be aware of, pick up, and dispose of your dog's waste
- Stay in the OLA with your dog
- Bring only spayed and neutered dogs into the OLA
- Bring only non-aggressive dogs into the OLA
- Do not bring dogs under four (4) months old into the OLA
- Do not bring children under six (6) years old into the OLA
- Leave your dog's favorite toys at home to discourage problem behavior

HELP KEEP AUSTIN A NO-KILL CITY

- Please adopt your pets from shelters or rescue groups instead of buying them
- Spay or neuter all of your pets
- Make sure your pets are microchipped and wear a current ID tag
- Make a lifetime commitment to your pets
- Volunteer, foster, or donate to a shelter or rescue group



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Dog Parks

A visit to one of our off-leash dog parks is a special treat for everyone, not just your pups. With acres to run and play, taking your best friends along for fresh air and exercise is good for you and as easy as a walk in the park!

Dog Park Locations

- [James Island County Park](#)
- [North Charleston Wannamaker County Park](#)
- [Mount Pleasant Palmetto Islands County Park](#)

Each dog park features large and small dog sections, and the dog park at James Island County Park has a large lake in which your dog can swim and play.



Dog Park Rules

The success of the dog parks will largely depend on the self-monitoring and cooperation of dog owners. Please help keep it healthy and hospitable by encouraging others through your good example. Please note that we do not allow dogs that are sick, aggressive, in-heat, without current vaccination displayed, or too young for rabies vaccinations.

RULES

1. **YOU** are completely responsible for all injuries and damage caused by your dog.
2. Pick up the poop! If your dog poops, you must immediately remove the excrement.
3. Leash your dog until it is safely inside, and return it to leash upon exiting.
4. Always keep an eye on your dog, and keep voice control to prevent any trouble.
5. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
6. Leash your dog whenever you sense problems.
7. Do not let dogs dig holes. If they do, fill them in immediately.
8. Keep food out of the enclosures. Dogs may become overly protective or aggressive in the presence of food.
9. Access to the dog park may be restricted during special events. If so, notice will be posted.
10. Immediately report any bite or attack to the Park Office.

Petiquette

In an effort to make your trip to the dog park more enjoyable, we have developed the concept of *Petiquette*, behavior-based guidelines – or “pet etiquettes” – for furry, four-legged visitors and their two-legged companions. [Read on to learn more...](#)

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Is the dog park the only area where my dog can be off-leash?

Exercising, sniffing, and playing off-leash are important to a dog's sense of well-being. Your county park system is proud to provide these facilities for our pooch patrons in several county parks. However, once your pet leaves the dog park, it must be leashed at all times.

A leashed pet is not likely to:

- Stress songbirds & other wildlife.
- Be harmed or killed by poisonous plants, venomous snakes, ticks, or vehicles.
- Ruin the outing of another visitor who does not understand how lovable your pet is.

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"Doggy Disneyland", as it is locally dubbed, Marymoor Park is best known for its 40 acres of off leash dog park. This is where dogs can be dogs. Black Labs dogpaddle against Golden Retrievers to see who can get the prize: an old tennis ball thrown by an owner into the Sammamish Slough.

This fabulous former farm is less than two miles from the main Microsoft campus. It is a great place to meet old friends, new friends, possible dates, and new dogs. Doggie parents come from Seattle, and all over the county, to give their pups some good old-fashioned exercise.

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[Professional Dog Walker permit](#) process begins October 3. Applications available from the Marymoor Business Office by email marymoorpark@kingcounty.gov or call 206-205-3661

[Fee calculator](#)

[Marymoor Map](#)

Marymoor Park Info

6046 W Lake Sammamish Parkway
NE

Park Hours

8am - dusk
authorized activities outside these times

Park Office

Monday - Friday
9am - 4pm

Contacts

Park Office: 206-205-3661

Email:

marymoorpark@kingcounty.gov

Marymoor Park

Athletics

Once a dairy farm and country estate, the Willowmoor Farm area consists of the historic Crag Mansion, windmill, and a variety of heritage trees. A concert venue also makes this area perfect for outdoor summer events and performances.

Cycling

Built in the 1970s, the park's 100+ mile network of trails is regularly maintained and offers a variety of international-level cycling opportunities. The Marymoor Wellness Association offers educational and competition programs at the site, which serves as an outstanding training ground for cycling enthusiasts of all ages.

Through the Desam Blue program, easy-riding community bicycles are available to the public at no cost for use in the park. Registration is required, which can be done at the Park Office.

Recreation & Event Area

This large open space provides ample room for events, from Crag du Soleil's performances under the big top tent to charity galas to a safe, flat area to learn to bicycle.

Natural Heritage

Marymoor Park (over 300) are protected conservation area that offers wooded brush and marshy wetlands where the Sammamish River meets Lake Sammamish. More than 120 bird species are regularly found in the park, in addition to abundant flora and other wildlife. Built and cared for by Passage Audubon, the Birdtop Trail offers an excellent way to experience Marymoor's natural side.

Off-Leash Dog Area

Situated in a natural setting are 40 acres of space for dogs to run free. The off-leash area is one of the most popular dog parks in the country and is stewarded by the community nonprofit group, Serve Our Dog Areas (S.O.D.A.).

Marymoor Park Guidelines

- Park in designated areas only. Fees must be paid at events, unless otherwise noted.
- Pets must be kept on a leash outside of off-leash dog area.
- The following are prohibited on synthetic turf fields: animal droppings, food/drink, smoking, chewing gum, smoking pipes, diving stakes.
- Model aircraft allowed on the R/C field only. Rockets and fireworks are prohibited in the park.
- Protect Marymoor's natural areas - stay on designated trails.
- Trails are for non-motorized vehicle use only.

King County Parks' Your Big Backyard

MARYMOOR REGIONAL PARK

Marymoor Park Vicinity



By Bicycle or on Foot
 The Marymoor Park area is a popular destination for cyclists and hikers. The park's extensive trail network, including the Birdtop Trail and the Desam Blue program, provides a variety of options for outdoor recreation. For more information on trail conditions and regulations, visit www.marymoorpark.org.

By Car
 Marymoor Park is located at the intersection of SR 202 and SR 520. The park's main entrance is on SR 202, just north of the intersection. There are several parking areas throughout the park, including a large lot near the Main Entrance and smaller lots near the various fields and trails.

By Public Transit
 The Marymoor Park area is served by King County Metro's 100 bus route, which runs between the University of Washington and the park. For more information on bus routes and schedules, visit www.kingcountymetro.net.

Resources
 Friends of Marymoor Park
 Marymoor Wilderness Association
 Marymoor Community Gardens Association
 Marymoor Radio (on the air)
 Premier Properties (Clive Munnich)
 Sammamish Rowing Association
 Serve Our Dog Areas (S.O.D.A.)
www.marymoor.org
www.wilderness.org
www.marymoorradio.org
www.premierproperties.com
www.sammamishrowing.com

Welcome to
Marymoor Park



NYC Parks

Official Website of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation



Dogs in New York City Parks

You and your dog are welcome in New York City parks! There are numerous opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with your dog. Just remember to be safe, obey the rules, and respect the park and others.

Rules and Regulations

With proof of current dog license and rabies vaccination, owners can allow dogs to run off-leash *in certain designated areas* from the time the park opens until 9 a.m. AND from 9 p.m. until the park closes.

[Continue reading rules & regulations. \(/sub_about/rules_and_regulations/rr_1-04.html#animals\)](#)

NYC Pet Owners Guide

This guide outlines rules and suggestions, so that all New Yorkers can enjoy our about 29,000 acres of parkland.

[Download the NYC Pet Owners Guide \(/sub_things_to_do/facilities/images/nyc_pet_owners_guide.pdf\)](#)

Where to Go With Your Dog

No dogs allowed: Dogs are not permitted in these areas at any time. These areas include playgrounds, zoos, swimming pools/facilities, bathing areas/beaches, fountains, ballfields, or on basketball/handball/tennis courts.

Beaches and Bathing Facilities: Dogs are not allowed to enter any bathing facilities, including New York City beaches. However, as a courtesy, leashed dogs are allowed on the sand and boardwalk at Rockaway Beach, Coney Island & Brighton Beach, Manhattan Beach, Midland Beach, and South Beach from October 1 until May 1. No unleashed dogs are allowed on the sand at all New York City beaches. Leashed dogs are allowed on the boardwalk/promenade at Orchard Beach, Coney Island, Brighton, Midland, South, and Manhattan Beaches.

Dogs must be on leash at all times: Dogs must be kept on a leash (no more than six feet long) at all times when in these areas.

Designated Off-Leash Areas: Certain park areas allow dogs to be off-leash from the time the park opens until 9 a.m. AND from 9 p.m. until the park closes. Dog owners/attendants with dogs off-leash in these designated areas must obey all general rules, including having their dog under control at all times, licensing the dog, and carrying proof of the dog's rabies vaccination. Parks that contain designated off-leash areas are listed by borough below. Reminder: Off-leash rules do not apply to park areas where dogs are strictly prohibited (e.g. playgrounds, tennis courts, athletic fields, and basketball/handball courts).

Dog Runs: Dog runs are large, fenced-in areas for dogs to exercise unleashed. Created with the expertise of a Parks Department landscape architect and volunteers, the runs encourage play while supplying good drainage, safe lighting, and healthy plantings.

Search for Dog-friendly Areas Near You

ZIP Code or Borough

Find It

Locations

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[Staten Island](#)

Carl Schurz Park Dog Run (2 runs)**Address:** East End Avenue to East River from Gracie Square (East 84th Street) to 89th Street**Type:** Run**Central Park Off-Leash Area****Address:** Though there are no enclosed dog runs, there are 23 particularly dog-friendly areas scattered throughout the Park.**Type:** Off-Leash**Notes:** Please see Central Park Conservancy's [Dog-Friendly Areas](http://www.centralparknyc.org/assets/pdfs/dogfriendlyareas.pdf) [\(http://www.centralparknyc.org/assets/pdfs/dogfriendlyareas.pdf\)](http://www.centralparknyc.org/assets/pdfs/dogfriendlyareas.pdf) document for details.**Chelsea Waterside Park Dog Run****Address:** 11th Ave and 22nd Street**Type:** Run**Notes:** **Please note: this dog run is administered by the Hudson River Park Trust.***More information.** [\(http://www.hudsonriverpark.org/explore/dogruncw.html\)](http://www.hudsonriverpark.org/explore/dogruncw.html)**Coleman Oval Park Dog Run****Address:** Pike and Monroe streets**Type:** Run**Corlears Hook Park Dog Run****Address:** Cherry Street and Jackson Street (on the north side of the park building)**Type:** Run**De Witt Clinton Park Dog Run (2 runs)****Address:** West 52nd Street & West 54th Street, between 10th & 11th avenues**Type:** Run**East River Esplanade at 63rd Street Dog Run****Address:** East River at 63rd Street**Type:** Run**East River Park Off-Leash Area****Address:** In the sunken circle area only (between Delancey and Houston Streets next to tennis courts).**Type:** Off-Leash**Fish Bridge Park Dog Run****Address:** Dover Street, between Pearl & Water Street**Type:** Run**Fort Tryon Park Dog Run****Address:** Margaret Corbin Drive**Type:** Run**Notes:** **More information.** [\(http://www.ftdog.org/\)](http://www.ftdog.org/)**Ft. Washington Park Off-Leash Area****Address:** 165th Street & Riverside Drive**Type:** Off-Leash**Highbridge Park Dog Run****Address:** Amsterdam and Fort George avenues**Type:** Run**Notes:** **More Information** [\(http://www.highbridgek9club.org/\)](http://www.highbridgek9club.org/).**Hudson River Park Dog Run (Greenwich Village)****Address:** Leroy Street at the northeast corner of Pier 40**Type:** Run**Notes:** **More information.** [\(http://www.hudsonriverpark.org/explore/dogrunleroyst.html\)](http://www.hudsonriverpark.org/explore/dogrunleroyst.html)**Hudson River Park Dog Run (North Chelsea)**

Address: Pier 84 at West 44th Street

Type: Run

Notes: [More information. \(http://www.hudsonriverpark.org/explore/dogrunpier84.html\)](http://www.hudsonriverpark.org/explore/dogrunpier84.html)

Inwood Hill Park Dog Run: Homer's Run

Address: Seaman Avenue & Isham Street

Type: Run

Notes: Seaman Avenue & Isham Street, just north of the flagpole. More information at www.inwoof.com (<http://www.inwoof.com/>).

J. Hood Wright Park Dog Run

Address: Fort Washington & Haven Avenues, West 173rd Street

Type: Run

Madison Square Park Dog Run

Address: Madison Avenue to 5th Avenue between East 23rd Street & East 26th Street

Type: Run

Marcus Garvey Park Dog Run

Address: Madison Avenue and East 120th Street

Type: Run

Morningside Park Dog Run

Address: Morningside Avenue between 114th and 119th streets

Type: Run

Peter Detmold Park Dog Run

Address: West of FDR Drive, between East 49th & East 51st streets

Type: Run

Randalls Island Park Off-Leash Area

Address: Except for areas where dogs are expressly prohibited via signage, all areas of the park are off-leash during designated hours.

Type: Off-Leash

Notes: Off-leash hours for the island are before 9:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m.

Riverside Park Dog Run (3 runs)

Address: Riverside Drive at West 72nd, West 87th, West 105th

Type: Run

Notes: [Dog Owners' Guide to Riverside Park](http://nycgovparks.org/sub_your_park/vt_riverside_park/images/dog_owners_guide_riverside_park.pdf)

(http://nycgovparks.org/sub_your_park/vt_riverside_park/images/dog_owners_guide_riverside_park.pdf)

Robert Moses Park Dog Run

Address: 41st & 42nd streets at 1st Avenue

Type: Run

St. Nicholas Park Dog Run

Address: St Nicholas Avenue to St. Nicholas Terrace, West 128th to West 141 streets

Type: Run

Theodore Roosevelt Park Dog Run

Address: Central Park West at West 81st Street

Type: Run

Thomas Jefferson Park Dog Run

Address: East 112th Street and FDR Drive

Type: Run

Tompkins Square Park Dog Run

Address: 1st Avenue to Avenue B, from East 7th to East 10th streets

Type: Run**Union Square Dog Run****Address:** 15th Street & Union Square West**Type:** Run**Washington Square Park Dog Run****Address:** 5th Avenue, Waverly Place, West 4th Street, between McDougal & Thompson streets, south side of the park (behind building)**Type:** Run**Obey the Rules and Regulations**

- Dogs must be on a leash (no more than six feet long) at all times, except in dog runs and designated off-leash areas at prescribed times.
- You must pick up after your dog and dispose of the waste in containers provided throughout the park.
- You must prevent your dog from chasing birds, squirrels, and other animals.
- Dogs are never allowed in playgrounds, zoos, swimming pools/facilities, bathing areas/beaches*, fountains, ballfields, or on basketball/handball/tennis courts.

*In the off-season, the Commissioner may use his discretion to permit dogs in bathing areas/beaches.

See complete rules and regulations (http://nycgovparks.org/sub_about/rules_and_regulations/rr_1-04.html#animals)

Respect the Park and Others

Keep an eye on your dog at all times. Only you are responsible for your dog's actions. Please remember that other park visitors may be afraid of your dog. Do not allow your dog to run and jump on other people or dogs without an invitation.

Do not allow your dog to drink from Park fountains, unless a special dog fountain is provided.

Be good to the grass. Heavy use in a given area compacts soil and damages the turf. Keep walking – you'll see more and do less damage.

Please keep off wet grass. During and after a rainfall, topsoil is 20 times more vulnerable to compaction.

Rabies Vaccination and Dog Licensing

IT'S THE LAW. New York State law requires that dogs be vaccinated against rabies, and the New York City Health Code requires every dog owner/attendant carry with them proof of current dog license and rabies vaccination while in public. Dog owners may be fined for violation of these laws. To obtain an application for a dog license, contact the [Department of Health & Mental Hygiene](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/home/home.shtml) (<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/home/home.shtml>) or call 311. You may also obtain an application from a veterinarian, animal shelter, or pet shop.

Resources

Keep your dog healthy and happy. Take your dog to a veterinarian for annual physical exams and inoculations against rabies and other diseases.

Contact Animal Care and Control at (212) 788-4000 for information about spaying or neutering, or visit them at www.nycacc.org (<http://www.nycacc.org>). To report a problem or make suggestions, call 311.

City Dog Groups

[New York Council of Dog Owners Groups](http://www.nycdog.org/) (<http://www.nycdog.org/>)

[American Society For The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](http://www.asPCA.org) (<http://www.asPCA.org>)

[Fellowship in the Interest of Dogs & their Owners \(FIDO\) 888 604-3422](http://www.fidobrooklyn.org) (<http://www.fidobrooklyn.org>)

[NY Council of Dog Owners](http://www.nycacc.org) (<http://www.nycacc.org>)

[Central Park Paws](http://www.centralparkpaws.net) (<http://www.centralparkpaws.net>)

[Juniper Valley Park Dog Association](http://www.junipervalleydogpark.com/) (<http://www.junipervalleydogpark.com/>)

[Park Users and Pets Society](http://www.fortgreenepups.org) (<http://www.fortgreenepups.org>)

[Silver Lake Reservoir Dogs](http://www.slreservoirdogs.com/home.html) (<http://www.slreservoirdogs.com/home.html>)

Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals (<http://www.animalallianceny.org>)

Dog Owner Groups of Staten Island (<http://www.dogsinyc.us/>)

ARF-ARF (<http://arfarrockawaybeach.org/>)

Video

It's My Park segment about Prospect Park Dog Beach. (/sub_newsroom/video/index.html?key=5)



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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- To report a problem or make a suggestion, call the Citizen's Service Center at 311
- Contact Animal Care and Control at 212.788.4000 for information about lost or found dogs, or pet adoptions, visit www.nycacc.org
- To report animal cruelty or for more information about spaying/neutering your pet, contact the American Society For The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) at 212.876.7700 or visit www.asPCA.org
- To find Dog Runs and Designated Off-Leash Park areas, visit www.nyc.gov/parks/dogs
- For pet adoptions, contact Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals at 212.252.2350 or visit www.animalallianceny.org

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- Central Park Paws, www.centralparkpaws.net
- PUPS (Park Users and Pets Society), www.fortgreenpups.org
- Juniper Valley Dog Association, www.jvpda.com

You can help keep parks safe & clean.

Obey park rules.

Respect the rights of others to enjoy the park.

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"Every dog must have his day." - Jonathan Swift

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A Guide



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www.nyc.gov/parks/dogs

Dogs in Parks: A Guide

We welcome you and your dog to New York City's parks. This guide outlines rules and suggestions so that all New Yorkers can enjoy our nearly 29,000 acres of parkland.

The Parks Department's long-standing "courtesy hours" policy is now a formal part of Park Rules and Regulations. The policy states that with proof of a current rabies vaccination and license information, owners can allow dogs to run off leash in certain designated areas from the time the park opens until 9 a.m. and from 9 p.m. until the park closes. Parks with designated areas are listed on the Parks website at www.nyc.gov/parks/dogs.

Over the past twenty years, this policy has kept parks and neighborhoods safer, allowed owners to exercise and socialize their dogs, and reduced the number of dog bites. This guide contains more information about rules and regulations regarding dogs in parks and is part of an education campaign around this change.

Enjoy the park!

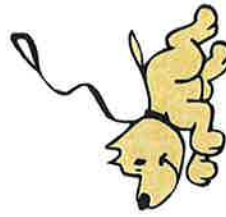
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Be good to the grass. Heavy use in a given area compacts soil and damages the turf. Keep walking – you'll see more, get more exercise, and do less damage to the landscape.

Please keep off wet grass. During and after a rainfall, topsoil is 20 times more vulnerable to compaction.

OBEY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Dogs must be on a leash (no more than six feet long) at all times, except in designated off-leash areas at prescribed times.

You must pick up after your dog and dispose of the waste in containers provided throughout the park. Remember: Urine damages the grass and trees, and people use the park for picnicking and sunbathing.

You must prevent your dog from chasing birds, squirrels, and other animals.

RABIES VACCINATION AND DOG LICENSING

IT'S THE LAW. New York State law requires that dogs be vaccinated against rabies and the New York City Health Code requires every dog owner/attendant carry with them proof of current dog license and rabies vaccination while in public. Dog owners may be fined for violation of these laws.

To obtain an application for a dog license, contact the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene at www.nyc.gov/health or call 311. You may also obtain an application from a veterinarian, animal shelter or pet shop.

BE SAFE

Do not leave your dog unattended.

Do not tie your dog to benches, fences, or light poles. ALWAYS leash your dog on roadways.

Keep aggressive or unsocialized dogs leashed and separated from other dogs at all times.

Do not put yourself between fighting dogs. Throw water, toss a blanket, or create a loud noise.

Guard against animal theft by considering the use of a microchip I.D. or tattoo identification for your dog.

Call 311 about lost or found dogs.

With good stewardship and courtesy, you can play a role in keeping parks clean, safe, and beautiful — a place where you and your dog are always welcome.

DESIGNATED OFF-LEASH AREAS

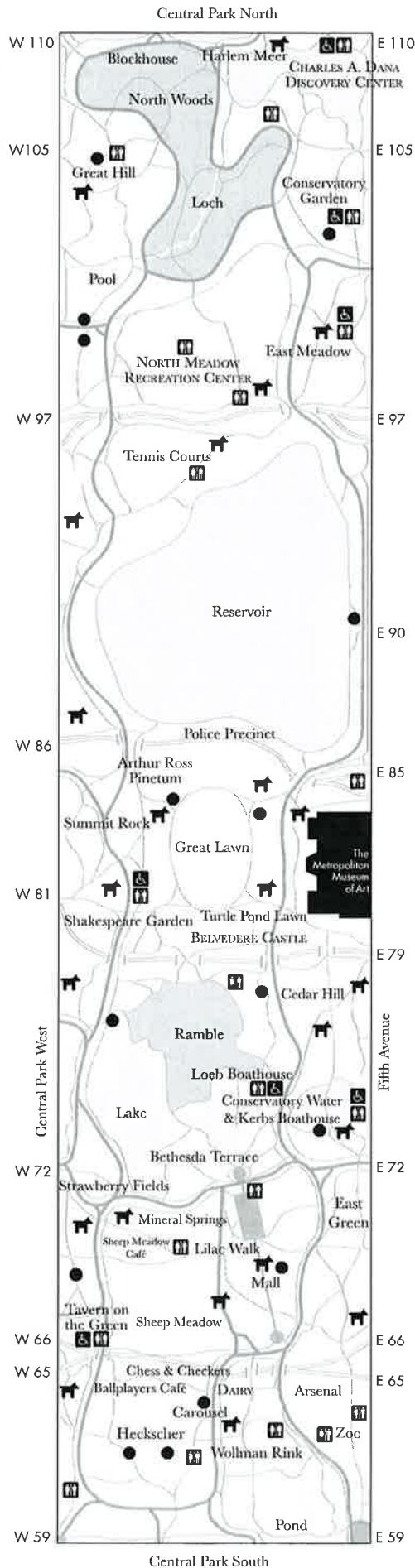
DOG RUNS: Dog runs are large, fenced-in areas for dogs to exercise unleashed. Created with the expertise of a Parks Department landscape architect and volunteers, the runs encourage play while supplying good drainage, safe lighting and healthy plantings. For a list of dog runs, visit www.nyc.gov/parks/dogs.

DESIGNATED OFF-LEASH AREAS: Certain park areas allow dogs to be off-leash from the time the park opens until 9 a.m., and from 9 p.m. until the park closes. For a complete listing of sites, please visit www.nyc.gov/parks/dogs.

Dog owners/attendants with dogs off-leash in these designated areas must obey all general rules, including having their dog under control at all times, licensing the dog, and carrying proof of the dog's rabies vaccination.


Dogs are never allowed in playgrounds, zoos, swimming pools/facilities, bathing areas/beaches (see park website for off-season exceptions), fountains, ballfields, or on basketball/handball/tennis courts.

For more information on specific rules, visit www.nyc.gov/parks/dogs.



WAYS TO ENJOY THE PARK

Most of the unfenced Park landscapes are available for dogs and their owners to enjoy off-leash from 6:00 am until 9:00 am and 9:00 pm until 1:00 am. Dogs must be on-leash from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm.

We have identified 23 dog-friendly areas  throughout the Park. These are some of the spaces where dogs and their owners gather, often in the mornings and evenings, to participate in a shared community of responsible dog ownership and fun.

In some areas of the Park, dogs are allowed but must remain on-leash at all times.

There are also places in the Park where dogs are not allowed at any time because they are reserved for specific uses or are particularly sensitive.

Dogs On-Leash at All Times

Arthur Ross Pinetum
Bridle Path
Cedar Hill
Conservatory Garden
Kerbs Boathouse Plaza
Shakespeare Garden
Strawberry Fields
Turtle Pond Lawn
Woodlands










Dogs Not Allowed Any Time

Ballfields
East Green
Elm Islands at the Mall
Great Hill Glade
Lilac Walk
Ornamental Fountains
Playgrounds
Reservoir Running Track
Sand Volleyball Court
Sheep Meadow
Water Bodies

If you are unsure about the rules for a particular place in the Park, ask a zone gardener or consult a nearby sign.

Please respect signs, closed fences, and red flags. They may indicate closures, often temporary, that are required because of maintenance or weather conditions.

Map Key

	Dog-Friendly Area		Park Drive
	Dog Drinking Fountain		Path
	Woodlands		Transverse Road
	Water Body		Restroom (some open seasonally)
			Wheelchair Accessible Restroom

The mission of the Central Park Conservancy is to restore, manage, and enhance Central Park in partnership with the public.

The Conservancy aspires to build a great organization that sets the standard for and spreads the principles of world-class park management — emphasizing environmental excellence — to improve the quality of open space for the enjoyment of all New Yorkers.

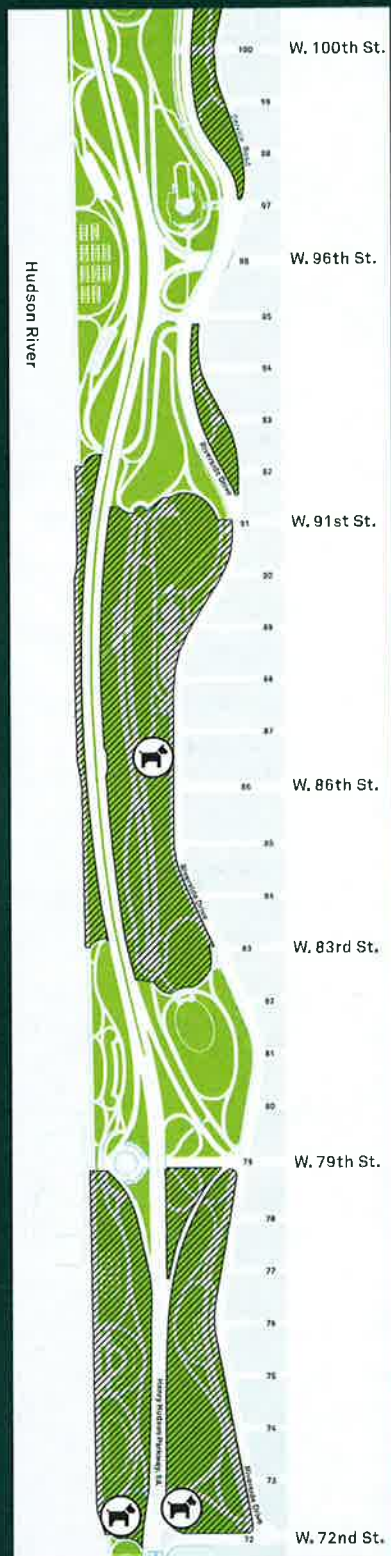
The Conservancy is committed to sustaining this operating model to provide a legacy for future generations of Central Park users.

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RIVERSIDE PARK



DOG WALKING GUIDELINES

To accommodate park visitors and to protect park landscapes, dogs must be leashed in all areas from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., except in the four dog runs

Parks Department rules and regulations provide for "courtesy hours" when dogs may be off leash from the time the park opens until 9 a.m. and from 9 p.m. until the park closes, except in the areas listed immediately below and as indicated by the cross-hatching on the map at left.

Anywhere in Sakura Park, 122nd to 123rd Streets between Riverside Drive and Claremont Avenue

The Forever Wild Bird Sanctuary,
116th to 129th Streets

On the landscaped islands between Riverside Drive and the Service Road

Between 101st and 110th Streets

Between 83rd and 91st Streets

Below 79th Street

Dogs are never allowed on ball fields, in playgrounds, or on passive-use lawns.

- Always clean up after your dog.
- Dogs must be vaccinated and licensed.
- Whether leashed or unleashed, your dog must always be under your control.
- Do not let your dog dig, chase or harm wildlife, or interfere with other park users.
- Always obey the directions of Parks Department staff, Police, and posted signs, including temporary signs.



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For a complete map,
visit our web site
www.nyc.gov/parks



Dog run locations.

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Phone: 503-823-PLAY (7529) Fax: 503-823-6007 1120 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 1302, Portland, OR 97204

Visiting Parks with Pets



Enjoying Portland Parks with Pets

Dogs (and their owners!) are among the most active and enthusiastic visitors to Portland's parks, trails and natural areas. Dog owners keep parks safe, healthy and enjoyable for their pets, other pets, and all park visitors by:

Obeying leash and scoop laws (<http://portlandoregon.gov/parks/39524>)

Knowing and following the off-leash area rules (<http://portlandoregon.gov/parks/63377>)

Practicing good "petiquette." Our Petiquette for Parks guide (PDF) (<http://portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/365964>) helps dog owners have the best park experience possible, and includes dog behavior basics, owner to-dos, and ways to get involved at your local OLA.

Protecting the health of pets. Portland Parks & Recreation and the Portland Veterinary Medical Association partnered to develop Pet Health for Parks (PDF) (<http://portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/422872>), a guide to keeping your dog healthy for park play.

Protecting the health of park land and wildlife. Learn more about Dogs for the Environment (<http://portlandoregon.gov/parks/45207>).

To request hard copies of any of our guides, contact us at 503-823-DOGS.

Off-Leash Area Rules (<http://portlandoregon.gov/63377>)

Know and follow off-leash area rules of use

Dogs for the Environment (<http://portlandoregon.gov/45207>)

+ View 2 more links (<http://portlandoregon.gov>)

Pet Health for Parks (PDF) (<http://portlandoregon.gov/article/422872>)

Salud de Mascotas para Parques (PDF) (<http://portlandoregon.gov/article/465285>)

Petiquette for Parks (PDF) (<http://portlandoregon.gov/article/365964>)

Etiqueta para Parques (PDF) (<http://portlandoregon.gov/article/465286>)

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Off-Leash Area Rules

Keep Portland's off-leash areas healthy and fun for play by knowing and following OLA rules of use:

Dogs must demonstrate appropriate social interaction

Dogs displaying aggressive behavior toward people or other dogs must be leashed and removed from the OLA immediately

Owners and handlers must accept responsibility for any damage or injury caused by their dog

Dogs must display tags showing proof of current license and rabies vaccination

Bring no more than three dogs to the OLA at any time

Owners and handlers must remain in the OLA to supervise pets, and keep them within view and under verbal control at all times

To prevent injury, remove pinch or choke collars when playing off-leash

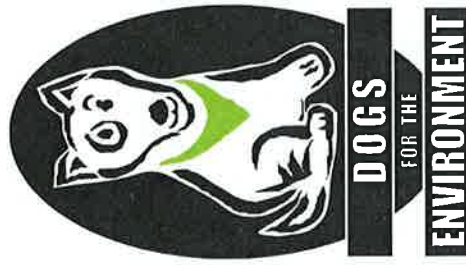
For health and safety reasons, do not bring a dog in heat to a Portland park

For health and safety reasons, do not bring a puppy without a complete cycle of vaccinations to a Portland park

Children must be closely supervised

Be considerate of park neighbors by playing quietly with dogs in the early morning and evening hours

Comply with all other park rules



Take the pledge for the environment!



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Parks off-leash Areas

Unleashed dogs are never allowed in natural areas. However, Portland has areas in 31 parks where dogs and their owners can exercise and play off-leash. Some sites are fenced, others are unfenced with markers designating the boundaries. Off-leash hours are specific to each park.

NORTH

Arbor Lodge Park
N. Bryant and Delaware
Cathedral Park
N. Edison and Pittsburg
Chimney Park
9360 N. Columbia Blvd
Delta Park
N. Denver and MLK, Jr Blvd
Overlook Park
N. Fremont and Interstate
Portland International Raceway
N. Denver and Victory Blvd

NORTHEAST

Alberta Park
NE 22nd and Killingsworth
Argay Park
NE 141st and Failing
East Holladay Park
NE 130th and Wasco
Fernhill Park
NE 37th and Ainsworth
Frazer Park
NE 52nd and Hassalo
Grant Park
NE 33rd and U.S. Grant Place
Irving Park
NE 7th and Fremont
Normandale Park
NE 57th and Halsey
Sacajawea Park
NE 75th and Alberta
Wilshire Park
NE 33rd and Skidmore

NORTHWEST

Couch Park
NW 19th and Glisan
Wallace Park
NW 25th and Raleigh

SOUTHEAST

Brentwood Park
SE 60th and Duke
Cherry Park
SE 110th and Stephens
Creston Park
SE 44th and Powell Blvd
Laurelhurst Park
SE 39th and Stark
Lents Park
SE 92nd and Holgate
Lynchwood Park
SE 170th and Haig
Mt Tabor Park
SE Lincoln, east of SE 64th
Sellwood Riverfront Park
SE Spokane and Oaks Pkwy
Sewallcrest Park
SE 31st and Market
Woodstock Park
SE 47th and Steele

SOUTHWEST

Council Crest Park
SW Council Crest Dr
Gabriel Park
SW 45th and Vermont
Hillsdale Park
SW 27th and Hillsdale Hwy
Willamette Park
SW Macadam and Nebraska

Partners:

Portland Parks & Recreation,
Bureau of Environmental
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Multnomah County Animal
Services, and the Oregon
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City of Portland Dogs for the Environment

Responsible pet ownership

means more than licensing and vaccinating your pet, it means controlling your dogs' interactions with people, wildlife, and natural areas. Here are some actions you and your dog can take to keep our beautiful city clean, green, and safe.

Leash your dog

While your dog is your friendly, furry companion, other animals and even people may view dogs as a threat. Unleashed dogs can harm birds, amphibians, fish, and other wildlife. They may also disturb breeding areas or harass wintering wildlife causing them to use valuable energy reserves. Dogs running loose in natural parks also trample plants and create inappropriate trails. Worse, they can endanger themselves, other dogs, and people. Portland City Code requires that all dogs in parks must be kept on a leash unless in a designated Off-leash Area.

Scoop the poop

Dog poop is essentially raw sewage; it contains harmful organisms like E. coli, Leptospira, and Roundworms. These organisms can be contracted by other dogs, wildlife, and even children. Bacteria from dog poop can wash into rivers and streams when it rains. City Code also requires that all poop must be picked up and disposed of into the proper receptacle. **Violation of either leash or scoop laws will result in a \$150 fine.**



Off-leash Areas

Every dog deserves the freedom to run, play, and socialize with other dogs. The City of Portland manages 31 Off-Leash Areas, ranking first in the country for dog parks per capita, according to Forbes Magazine.



Parks are for everyone

Our parks and natural areas not only provide recreation and relaxation for people, children, and dogs, they also provide important habitat for fish and wildlife. Our parks are home to threatened salmon, salamanders, and birds. To protect these valuable resources, parks sometimes undergo restoration. You may notice fences going up near trails and streams; these fences are to protect parks from further degradation, and ensure the success of restoration efforts. Between 2002 and 2007, 36,500 volunteers gave 146,000 hours of their time to help restore Portland's natural areas. If you would like to get involved, volunteer opportunities are available throughout the city.

Visit the **Portland Parks & Recreation** website for more information about Dogs for the Environment, dog off-leash areas and volunteer opportunities:
www.PortlandParks.org



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pledge

Human: I pledge to be environmentally responsible by:

- Keeping my dog on leash and on the trail in natural areas
- Scooping and properly disposing of poop
- Avoiding contact with streams and wildlife

signature: _____

Dog: I pledge to do my part to be environmentally responsible and earn the right to proudly wear my green bandana.

paw: _____

To receive your green bandana, please sign the pledge, cut it out, and send it to:

Dogs for the Environment
1120 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 1000
Portland Oregon 97204



Please send my bandana to this address:

name: _____

address: _____

city/state/zip: _____

Your dog should never be off-leash in natural areas because they are occupied year-round by a wide range of wild animals feeding, breeding, and raising young, including some animals whose very existence is threatened. While your pet's activities may appear harmless and fun, wildlife and their habitat are significantly impacted in ways that you may not be able to see.

Even if your dog doesn't chase wildlife, dogs that are off trails disturb wild animals enough to deplete their precious energy reserves, which can cause malnutrition or death. Birds that nest on or near the ground are particularly susceptible to harm by off-leash dogs. Nests on the ground or in low shrubs are very difficult to see and your off-leash dog can easily destroy or dislodge them without you ever even noticing. Fragile amphibians and reptiles rely on clean, quiet water bodies for feeding and reproduction. While your dog may have fun splashing in the water, this activity is detrimental to frogs and turtles. Also, remember that your dog is only one of thousands to recreate in Portland's parks. While your pet may appear to have little impact on the landscape, the cumulative effect of all the dogs that visit the same area is very significant.

Keeping your dog on a leash in natural areas is not only a responsible decision that protects wildlife and our urban environment, it's also the law. Portland City Code requires dogs to be leashed outside designated off-leash areas. Violators can be fined \$150 per dog (Portland City Code 20.12.140).

**Please respect all the animals,
domestic and wild, that live in Portland.
Natural areas may be home to the
animals listed here and your cooperation is
essential for their survival.**

For more information:
Environmental Services, 503-823-4000
or
www.portlandonline.com/bes/wildlife

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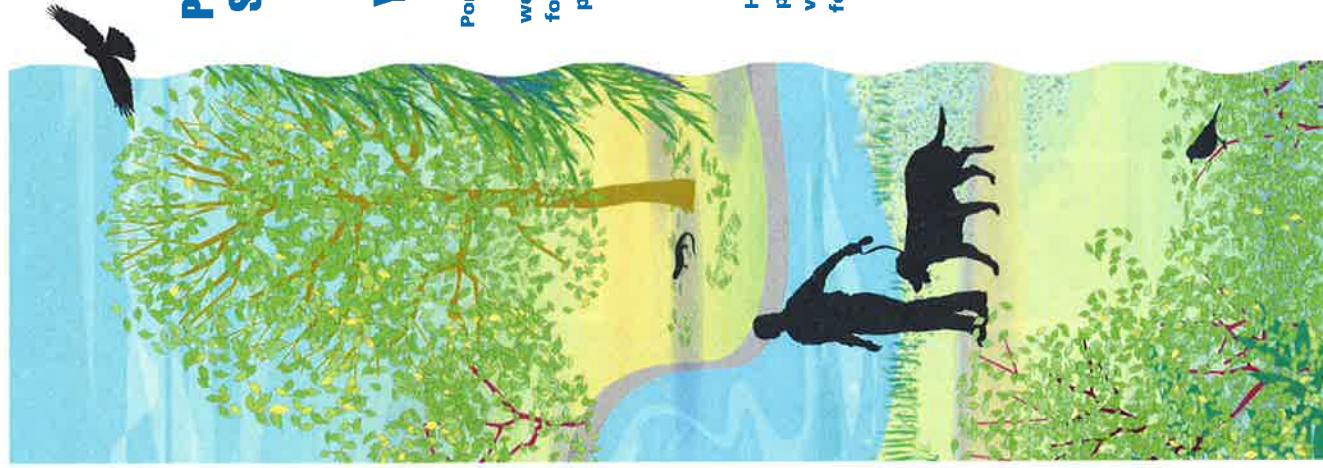
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Portland's Sensitive Wildlife and Your Dog

Portland's natural
areas are
wonderful places
for you and your
pet to exercise
and enjoy
some
solitude in
the city

However, these
places are also
very important
for the survival
of wildlife
living in
and passing
through
Portland

Portland's Wildlife and Your Dog

You can help protect Portland's wild creatures by keeping your dog on a leash.

1 Western Painted Turtle:

One of two native turtles designated as critical on Oregon's Sensitive Species list. This turtle relies on adequate riparian areas for nesting and is very sensitive to disturbance.

2 North American Beaver:

Live in and near streams and rivers. They are especially susceptible to disturbance and predation when raising young. The Audubon Society of Portland receives injured beavers that are attacked by dogs in local parks.

3 Yellow Warbler:

Nests in shrubs. It's one of Portland's Special Status Species.

4 Red Legged Frog:

This frog is federally designated as a Species of Concern. It is dependent on shallow, often ephemeral, ponds or wetlands and adequate riparian vegetation. Eggs in water are easily disturbed.

5 Northwestern Salamander:

Found in wet habitats from the Pacific coast sea level to 5,700 feet including grasslands, woodlands, and forests. Eggs in water are easily disturbed.

6 Killdeer:

Nests on the ground in gravelly clearings. They are well camouflaged and easily flushed from nests.

7 Black Tailed Deer:

These deer thrive on the edge of forests, which has the underbrush and grasslands the deer prefer as food and that provides cover for safety. Deer use many of our local natural areas and often leave vulnerable fawns unprotected while they graze.

8 Spotted Towhee: Nests, on or near the ground in shrubby areas, are well camouflaged and easily disturbed.

9 American Kestrel:

When hunting, this bird hovers then swoops to the ground to capture mice and insects. It's one of Portland's Special Status Species.

10 Belted Kingfisher: Nests in a horizontal tunnel made in a river bank or sand bank. Dogs splashing through streams impact nest sites.



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Lend a Paw

How to get involved

There are many ways for dog owners and friends to help keep off-leash areas healthy and fun. Here are a few favorites:

Start a stewardship group. Portland Parks & Recreation has a toolkit that provides the information, materials, and support needed to start a group.

Organize a clean-up. Talk to other dog owners and pick a day to make your dog park shine. PP&R staff can help promote the event, and provide tools you'll need.

Find us on Facebook. Search for "Portland Dog Parks" to become part of the PP&R community. Your favorite off-leash area may have a page, too.

Sponsor an off-leash area. If you own a dog-oriented business (or just love your off-leash area!) there are opportunities for you to partner with Portland Parks & Recreation as a sponsor.

Hold a fund-raiser. Is there an improvement you would like to see in your dog park? Help make it happen!

Volunteer for Portland Parks & Recreation. The dog program loves volunteers!

Contact Portland Parks & Recreation at 503-823-DOGS (3647) for more information, or if you have another idea about how to help!

Woof!

How to report problems

Reporting problems helps Portland Parks & Recreation and Multnomah County Animal Services keep parks and off-leash areas safe.

Please report as much information as possible including: time the incident occurred, description of the dog and the owner, and owner contact information or license plate number.

- If injury or altercations occur that are an emergency, **always call 9-1-1.**
- If non-emergency animal-related injuries or altercations occur, call Multnomah County Animal Control at 503-988-PETS (7387) or Park Rangers at 503-823-1637.

- For general questions, concerns, or comments about off-leash areas, call the PP&R dog information line at 503-823-DOGS (3647).

Violation of either leash and scoop laws will result in a \$150 fine. Please do your part to keep parks healthy for all Portlanders by obeying the leash and scoop laws.

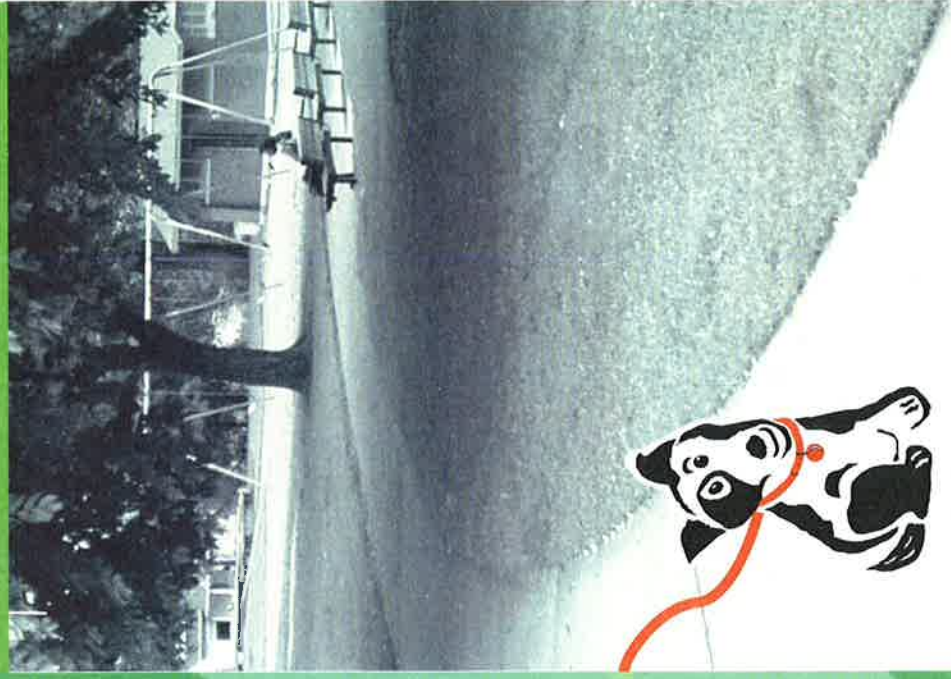


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Áreas Para Andar Sin Correa

SUROESTE

Council Crest, SW Council Crest Dr
Gabriel, SW 45th & Vermont*
Hillsdale, SW 25th & Hillsdale Hwy
Willamette, SW Macadam & Nebraska

SUDESTE

Brentwood, SE 60th & Duke*
Cherry, SE 110th & Stephens
Creston, SE 44th & Powell (off 42nd)
Laurelhurst, SE 37th & Oak
Lents, SE 92nd & Holgate
Lynchwood, SE 170th & Haig*
Mt Tabor, SE Harrison off SE 72nd**
Sellwood Riverfront, SE Spokane & Oaks Pkwy
Sewallcrest, SE 31st & Market
Woodstock, SE 47th & Steele

NORESTE

Alberta, NE 22nd & Killingsworth
Argay, NE 141st & Failing
East Holladay, NE 128th & Holladay
Fernhill, NE 41st & Holman
Frazer, NE 52nd & Hassalo
Grant, NE 33rd & US Grant Place
Irving, NE 7th & Fremont
Normandale, NE 57th & Halsey*
Sacajawea, NE 75th & Alberta*
Wilshire, NE 33rd & Skidmore

NORTE

Arbor Lodge, N. Bryant & Delaware
Cathedral, N. Edison & Pittsburgh
Chimney, 9360 N. Columbia Blvd*
Delta Park, N. Denver & MLK*
Overlook, N. Fremont & Interstate
PIR, N. Denver & Victory Blvd

NOROESTE

Couch, NW 19th & Glisan
The Fields, NW 10th & Overton*
Wallace, NW 25th & Raleigh*

*Sitio cercado
**Sitio parcialmente cercado

Parques Para Perros 101

Conceptos básicos para asegurar que las áreas para andar sin correa sean divertidas y saludables.

#1. Recoger el excremento. SIEMPRE recoja y elimine el excremento de su perro en un contenedor de basura.

#7. Mantenga la entrada libre. Anime a su perro a jugar lejos de la puerta para evitar conflictos de entrada / salida.

#2. Observe a su perro. Estar bajo vigilancia ayuda evitar conflictos. Además, ¡le ayudará encontrar y recoger su excremento!

#8. Deje juguetes especiales en casa. No crees conflictos con la agresión de posesión relacionada con los juguetes.

#3. Retire perros agresivos inmediatamente.

#4. Preste mucha atención al estilo de juego de su perro. Si es necesario, interrumpa el juego para calmarlo.

#5. Hable con otros dueños. Asegúrese de que todos se sientan cómodos con el juego.

#6. Conozca las señales de su perro. Si su perro está asustado, cansado o aburrido, es hora de volver a casa.

#9. Obedezca las leyes de correa. Recuerde que los perros son bienvenidos en la mayoría de los parques de Portland, pero por ley deben estar atados cuando no estén en un área para andar sin correa.

¡Buen Dueño!

Ayude mantener los parques seguros.

Evite distracciones. Actividades como comer, hablar por teléfono y fumar distraen de su habilidad de mantener a su perro seguro.

Conozca las reglas. Las reglas están publicadas en la entrada de cada área. Asegúrese de leer y seguirlas.



Mantenga a niños pequeños bajo supervisión. No permita que corran, jueguen o coman dentro del área. Siempre pida permiso antes de permitir que sus niños se acerquen a un perro.

Respete las necesidades de mantenimiento. A veces es necesario cerrar el área de perros para poder hacer trabajo de mantenimiento. Por favor, ayúdele al personal de mantenimiento al ponerle la correa a su perro e sacarlo del área si se le pide.



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DOG PLAY AREAS PROGRAM



The San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission has designated specific park areas throughout the city as off-leash dog areas for you and your pet. Please help preserve a pleasant experience for all park users by keeping these areas neat and clean and following our new citywide dog policy. Thank you!

SOME BACKGROUND ON HOW WE GOT HERE

After releasing a draft dog policy in June 2001, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department reviewed and considered more than 2,700 responses to that document. Nearly 300 staff hours were spent reading, evaluating, refining and incorporating suggestions from the public to come up with a workable solution for everyone.

While some disagreed with the initial policy, we found several areas of common ground. Most citizens, whether dog owners or not, liked the idea of having designated offleash zones. Most citizens also supported having the City's cleanup and leash laws enforced. However, that said, it was clear that there was some confusion surrounding the draft dog policy. Approved by the Recreation and Park Commission in May 2002, the finalized off-leash policy helps clear up some of that confusion.

WHY WE NEED AN OFF-LEASH DOG POLICY

The City recognizes the strength, character and positive influence the pet-owning community brings to our neighborhood parks. We are continually looking to increase and improve recreational opportunities for these people, as well as for other park users. The Commission's new policy will create more places for legitimate off-leash use in our parks. Because off-leash use sometimes creates conflict with the rich breadth of other uses our parks host, we are committed to finding solutions that allow all park users to coexist peacefully, and that means defining spaces where dogs may run freely.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

If you or your neighborhood group would like to establish a new off-leash area in your local park, or add or repair amenities in your existing off-leash area, please submit a written request to:

San Francisco Recreation & Park Department,
Attn: General Manager, 501 Stanyan Street,
San Francisco, CA 94117

The Department will review your request and make a recommendation to the Dog Advisory Committee. The Committee will then begin the public/community process that will include public notification and opportunities for input from park users and neighbors.

IT'S THE LAW: RELEVANT CITY ORDINANCES

San Francisco Health Code

- **Section 40** – states that dogs must be controlled so as not to commit nuisances; all dog feces must be removed; and all dog walkers must carry materials to remove dog feces.
- **Sec. 41.12** – All dogs must be leashed or tethered except in designated exercise areas. Dog guardians must be physically present at all times. Ordinance also describes circumstances when dog barking becomes an offense.
- **Sec. 41.15** – Dog License Requirement– Every dog over 4 months old must have a current license.
- **Sec. 41.18** – Dogs over 4 months are required to have current rabies vaccinations.
- **Sec. 41.5.1** – Biting dogs– also includes definitions, information on declaring dangerous dogs, fines and penalties.
- **Sec. 42.1** – Fight training for dogs is prohibited.

PLEASE HELP MAINTAIN OUR PARKS

- Pick Up and Remove Dog Waste
- Leash Your Dog(s) in On-Leash Areas
- Do Not Leave Your Pet Unattended
- Control Excessive Barking and Noise
- Prevent Digging/Destructive Behavior
- Keep Vaccinations and Licenses Current
- Dog Walkers Welcome; Please Limit the Number of Dogs Under Your Care to Nine

WHO TO CONTACT

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
(415) 831-2700

S.F. Police Department
(415) 554-0123 or 911 – To report vicious dogs.

Animal Care & Control

(415) 554-9400 – To report injured or stray dogs.

San Francisco Health Department

(415) 554-2830 – To report dog bites.

OFF LEASH AREAS

Alamo Square Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 218-0259

- **Address:**

Hayes & Steiner
San Francisco, CA 94117

Alta Plaza Dog Play Areas

- **Phone:** (415) 292-2012

- **Address:**

Jackson & Steiner
San Francisco, CA 94115

Bernal Heights Dog Play Areas

- **Phone:** (415) 831-6331

- **Address:**

Bernal Heights Blvd
San Francisco, CA 94110

Buena Vista Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 819-2699

- **Address:**

Buena Vista & Haight St
San Francisco, CA 94117

Corona Heights Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 819-2699

- **Address:**

Roosevelt & Museum Way
San Francisco, CA 94114

Crocker Amazon Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 292-2010

- **Address:**

Moscow & Geneva
San Francisco, CA 94112

Douglass Dog Play Area

- **Address:**

26th & Douglass St
San Francisco, CA 94114

Duboce Park Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 717-2872

- **Address:**

Duboce & Scott St
San Francisco, CA 94117

Eureka Valley Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-6810

- **Address:**

100 Collingwood St
San Francisco, CA 94114

GGP Dog Play Area 1

- **Address:**

Martin Luther King Jr Dr & Bowling Green Dr
San Francisco, CA 94117

GGP Dog Play Area 2

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700

- **Address:**

Fulton St & Stanyan St
San Francisco, CA 94117

GGP Dog Play Area 3

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700

- **Address:**

Martin Luther King Jr Dr & Sunset Blvd
San Francisco, CA 94122

GGP Dog Training Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700

- **Address:**

Off 36th Ave in Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, CA 94121

Head & Brotherhood Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700

- **Address:**

Head St & Brotherhood Way
San Francisco, CA 94112

Jefferson Square Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700

- **Address:**

Eddy & Gough
San Francisco, CA 94102

Lafayette Park Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700

- **Address:**

Washington & Laguna St
San Francisco, CA 94115

Lake Merced Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700

- **Address:**

Lake Merced Blvd & Middlefield Dr
San Francisco, CA 94132

McKinley Square Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700
- **Address:**
20th St & Vermont
San Francisco, CA 94107

McLaren Amphitheatre Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700
- **Address:**
John F Shelley Dr & Cambridge St
San Francisco, CA 94134

McLaren Park Geneva Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700
- **Address:**
Geneva & Brookdale
San Francisco, CA 94134

Mission Dolores Park Dog Play Areas

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700
- **Address:**
19th & Dolores St
San Francisco, CA 94114

Mountain Lake Park Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700
- **Address:**
1 Funston Ave
San Francisco, CA 94118

Pine Lake Park Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700
- **Address:**
Sloat Blvd & Vale St
San Francisco, CA 94116

Potrero Hill Rec Center Dog Play Areas

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700
- **Address:**
801 Arkansas St
San Francisco, CA 94107

St Mary's Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700
- **Address:**
Murray & Justin Dr
San Francisco, CA 94112

Stern Grove Dog Play Areas

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700
- **Address:**
19th Ave & Sloat Blvd
San Francisco, CA 94116

Upper Noe Dog Play Area

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700
- **Address:**
Day & Sanchez St
San Francisco, CA 94131

Walter Haas Dog Play Areas

- **Phone:** (415) 831-2700
- **Address:**
Addison & Farnum
San Francisco, CA 94131

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ATTACHMENT D

Resolution No. 52 of 2004 regarding the City's Dogs Off-Leash Program and Salt Lake City Letter of Understanding

ATTACHMENT D

RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2004
APPROVING MODIFIED PROCESS AND EVALUATION
GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE
PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT REGARDING
THE CITY'S DOGS OFF-LEASH PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City Council has heretofore enacted ordinances establishing designated areas of certain city parks as areas where dogs may run without leashes under controlled conditions and has heretofore enacted Resolution No. 101 of 1999, approving process and evaluation guidelines developed by the Public Services Department regarding the City's dogs off-leash program; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Services Department ("the Department") has developed modified process and evaluation guidelines from those previously developed in determining the propriety of establishing additional off-leash areas within the City in the future as well as a form letter of understanding to be entered into between the City and sponsors willing to accept certain responsibilities regarding off-leash parks/areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

That it does hereby express its approval of the modified process and evaluation guidelines developed by the City's Public Services Department ("the Department") regarding establishing additional areas within the City for dogs to run off-leash, as set forth in Attachment "A" and the *Salt Lake City Letter of Understanding - Off-leash Dog Park/Area* set forth as Attachment "B," attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, this 9th day of September, 2004.

**Public Services Department
Modified Process and Evaluation Guidelines
Regarding Future Dogs Off-Leash Areas**

The Public Services Department proposes the following modified process and development guidelines:

PROCESS

1. The process is a community friendly process directed at serving the interests of Salt Lake City residents. A Salt Lake City resident, city official, or other interested party must provide Salt Lake City Public Services a petition signed by at least 25 Salt Lake City residents in order to initiate the process to designate an area as off-leash. If the location is in an area represented by an active Community Council, the request must be forwarded to that Community Council for comment and recommendation.
2. City Parks Division personnel will receive and evaluate the proposal. Staff will meet with interested parties and address any issues related to the request. Staff will make final recommendations to the Public Services Department Director.
3. Requests that meet development guidelines will be recommended to the City Administration for review and endorsement.
4. A community based "Parks for Dogs Advisory Panel" will be established that will meet as needed to discuss issues relating to the off-leash areas and to solve community problems. The panel will monitor off-leash area use, develop education programs, raise funds, and work to make the off-leash area successful for both dog owners and non-dog park users. The panel should consist of a representative from each community council having an off-leash area within its boundaries; a Public Service Department representative; and a County

Animal Services representative. The panel's recommendations shall be advisory only and in no way binding upon the City staff, administration, or Council.

5. Each new off-leash site must pass through a 12-month test period before it can be permanently established.
6. During the trial period City parks staff and animal control services will monitor the activities within the off-leash area.
7. At the conclusion of the trial period City parks staff will make a final recommendation to the City Administration and City Council on whether to make the off-leash designation official. Each new site will be considered for establishment by ordinance after the 12-month test period.
8. Official designation will be included in the City code.

EVALUATION GUIDELINES

The criteria used by the City to establish an off-leash area in a City park will be as follows:

1. The prospective off-leash area must exist within property owned by Salt Lake City or other consenting governmental entity.
2. The off-leash area must be appropriate in size in relation to the size of the area and historical uses. The off-leash area will not unduly occupy, interfere, or displace existing activities, facilities, or other historical factors or areas in the park.
3. Areas within Liberty Park, City Cemetery, public squares, plazas and designated watershed areas will not be considered appropriate sites for an off-leash area.
4. An area proposed as an off-leash site must be consistent with established use and/or must meet arising community needs. Special care will be taken to avoid children's play areas.
5. An off-leash area must be accessible to support enforcement.
6. Salt Lake City will provide appropriate signage, waste facilities, and, when budgets allow, other amenities relating to dog use.
7. The need for physical, topographical, or other constructed barriers to assist in avoiding conflict between park users will be considered.
8. The potential conflicts with the park master plan or other restrictive covenants will be evaluated.
9. Any public health, environmental and safety concerns will be reviewed.
10. Consideration will be given to park accessibility (Americans with Disabilities Act issues) where feasible.
11. Evaluation will be made of other sites in the community that might be more compatible.
12. No off-leash area may be located next to a school.
13. The ability of the park to support the activity will be reviewed.
14. A "sponsor" (including, but not limited to, individuals who signed a petition, FIDOS, a business, community council, or private citizen) must be willing to adopt the off-leash park with the task of keeping the park reasonably clean of dog feces, litter related to off-leash activities, etc. A "Letter of Understanding" will be signed to clarify the roles and responsibilities of Salt Lake City and the sponsor group at each off-leash area.

Salt Lake City

Letter of Understanding

Off-leash Dog Park/Area

I. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to outline the duties of Salt Lake City (SLC) and _____ (sponsor) for the operation of the _____ (site name) off-leash area. This agreement lays out the responsibilities a sponsor will carry out in support of the program, describes the limits of a sponsor's responsibilities, and clarifies the roles of SLC. If a site sponsor fails to meet the responsibilities outlined in this agreement, the City retains the right to eliminate the off-leash designation of the site.

II. Effective Date

This agreement will be in effect upon signature by the Salt Lake City Public Services Department Director and the off-leash area sponsor. It shall continue, with amendments or revisions as necessary, unless terminated by the City.

III. Responsibilities

Administration of Agreement: Sponsors from each Salt Lake City Off-Leash Area and a representative from SLC Parks Division will meet on a regular basis, but at least bi-annually, to discuss off-leash areas managed by SLC and supported by the sponsor. Such meetings shall be open to the public. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss clarifications, additions or amendments to this agreement. City staff from the Parks Division and the Mayor's Office shall provide oversight required to carry out duties under this agreement, and shall monitor and administer it.

1. Operations. SLC has primary responsibility for maintenance of all off-leash areas. Parks staff will ensure that maintenance and improvements initiated and carried out by the park sponsor are done according to SLC specifications. SLC Parks will inform individual site sponsors of issues relating to the maintenance or operation of off-leash areas, and may request the sponsor's help in resolving them.

SLC Parks staff will ensure that all responsibilities and duties under this agreement are carried out according to City policies, rules and ordinances, and will provide the off-leash area sponsor with copies of all such off-leash areas policies, rules and ordinances.

A single person or group will be assigned by the sponsor to carry out duties at each off-leash site. Each person or group will provide SLC Parks with a number where the City can reach, or leave a message for, the designated representative. The designated representative will respond to City inquiries within a reasonable time. SLC shall respond to the sponsor and its site stewards' inquiries within a reasonable time. If there is a change in the lead site sponsor, the sponsor will notify SLC staff by telephone, written correspondence or another mutually agreed-upon method.

2. Education, Training and Information. On a bi-annual basis, the City expects sponsors and their volunteers to provide, with prior notice to and approval from SLC, education events for dogs and their owners. Topics may include issues reasonably related to off-leash dog areas or dogs and their owners.

Sponsors and their volunteers may provide the public with written materials regarding off-leash areas and other information of interest to dog owners without prior notification to the SLC Parks Division staff. Written materials may not unduly litter an off-leash area.

3. General Maintenance (Cleanup) of Off-Leash Areas. Sponsors and their volunteers will provide for general cleanup and maintenance activities relating to the implementation and operation of off-leash sites. These

duties include, but are not limited to, clean-ups of a frequency necessary to keep the site reasonably clean of feces and litter, and refilling “poop” bag dispensers.

SLC will provide each site with relevant signage regarding off-leash park policy and site maps, adequate number garbage cans, garbage bags, bag dispensers and bags for cleaning up dog feces and reasonable maintenance of grounds. SLC will be responsible for trash removal from off-leash areas.

4. Off-Leash Site Improvements. Sponsors may help with improvements to an off-leash area. SLC and off-leash area sponsors may work together on such improvements. All improvements must be to SLC specifications, which shall be provided to the off-leash area sponsor. Improvements may include:

- Installation of lighting;
- Installation or maintenance of fencing and gates;
- Installation or maintenance of signs;
- Trimming of weeds or other undesirable vegetation;
- Maintenance of paths or trails;
- Rehabilitation of lands, turf and vegetation; and
- Adding park furniture or other amenities mutually agreed upon by SLC and area sponsors.

SLC will not unreasonably withhold consent for improvements done at the sponsors expense, and will provide a written reason for denial of permission if it opposes the sponsors proposed improvements.

5. Monitoring Off-Leash Areas: Sponsors duties include performing monitoring activities that may include:

- Inspecting off-leash sites to identify and report to SLC maintenance staff any damage to fencing, signs or other fixtures that may impair operations;
- Notifying SLC maintenance staff of hazardous materials, debris or conditions in or around the site.

6. Fundraising. Sponsors and their volunteers may engage in private fundraising efforts for the purpose of making improvements to off-leash areas or carrying out other duties outlined in this agreement.

IV. REPRESENTATION REGARDING ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND FORMER CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Sponsor represents that it has not: (1) provided an illegal gift or payoff to a city officer or employee or former city officer or employee, or his or her relative or business entity; (2) retained any person to solicit or secure this agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, other than bona fide employees or bona fide commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business; (3) knowingly breached any of the ethical standards set forth in the city’s conflict of interest ordinance, Chapter 2.44, Salt Lake City Code; or (4) knowingly influenced, and hereby promises that it will not knowingly influence, a city officer or employee or former city officer or employee to breach any of the ethical standards set forth in the City’s conflict of interest ordinance, Chapter 2.44, Salt Lake City Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement by having their respective representatives affix their signatures in the spaces below:

Rick Graham, Director
Department of Public Services

Date

Off-leash Area Sponsor

Date