

What's the scoop on poop?

Dog feces are not only unsightly, they can contaminate stormwater run-off, ending up in our reservoirs, creeks, and other water supplies. Feces releases harmful amounts of nitrogen fertilizer to the soil, which may encourage the spread of noxious weeds. On or off-leash, owners must scoop the poop!

Just the facts, ma'am



Under Douglas County law, failure to clean up dog excrement on County-owned parks and open space may result in a fine of at least \$50. Dog owners who fail to leash their pets may face a fine of at least \$50 per dog. Other agencies in the County have similar laws and enforcement policies. If you encounter an irresponsible dog owner with their pet harassing other users or wildlife, a gentle reminder of the law may be effective. If it's not, contact the land management agency or the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at 303-660-7500.

Protect your Pet!

- ♥ Provide lots of drinking water before & after exercise.
- ♥ Check ears and between toes for pesky seeds or thorns.
- ♥ Love 'em & leash 'em!



Don't let it come to this!
Help keep public lands open to
our dogs—
Be a responsible dog owner.

Rules & Regulations for Douglas County-owned Parks, Trails, & Open Spaces Dog Off-Leash Areas



- 🐕 Leash your dog until it is safely inside and return it to a leash before exiting.
- 🐕 Children must be supervised by an adult.
- 🐕 Always keep an eye on your dog.
- 🐕 Maintain voice control to prevent any trouble.
- 🐕 Leash your dog if you sense problems.
- 🐕 If your dog poops, you must immediately remove any excrement. Poop bags and trash containers are provided.
- 🐕 Keep food out of the enclosure. Dogs may become overly protective or aggressive.
- 🐕 Sorry, we do not allow dogs that are:
 - * Sick
 - * Aggressive
 - * Females in heat
 - * Without current vaccination
 - * Too young to vaccinate against rabies
- 🐕 Report any bite or attack to Douglas County Sheriffs Office 303-660-7500 or 911 in an emergency.

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Dogs in Douglas County



A Guide to Responsible Dog Ownership & Dog Off-Leash Areas

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Pups & Our Parks



Douglas County's parks, trails, and open spaces host oodles of visitors each year, many with tails and four legs. Dog owners share the land with wildlife, plants, and other recreationists. Dog regulations help protect these users and the natural environment.

Parks that allow you to bring your dog require that it be leashed, unless in a designated off-leash area.

My goal in life is to be as good of a person as my dog already thinks I am.
-Unknown



But my dog listens! Does he still need a leash?

Yes! Many dogs, even the most obedient, chase and threaten wildlife. It's a natural instinct!

- ♥ Dogs can become aroused visually, by a scent or noise and may scare birds or other wildlife away from their nesting, feeding, and resting sites.
- ♥ Lots of people are afraid of dogs—even friendly ones. Some fear being knocked over or bitten. *Never* assume people want to meet your dog!
- ♥ A leash protects your dog from accidents like becoming lost, injured by a fast moving bicyclist, or suffering from a painful or even fatal fall.
- ♥ Wildlife may bite or transmit disease to your dog, and your dog may ingest poisonous plants. On a leash your dog is less likely to encounter these dangers.

Best reason to leash your best friend:
It's the law!

Where can my dog run off-leash?

Douglas County has several designated off-leash areas that are fenced in for your dog's protection.

Colorado State Parks 303-791-7275

1. **Chatfield State Park**, 75 acres with two ponds at 11500 N. Roxborough Park Rd. *Access from Stevens Grove parking lot, downstream from the Dam; Annual Parks pass (\$70) or daily fee (\$8), plus \$2 daily or \$20 annual dog park fee.*

Highlands Ranch Metro District 303-791-2710

2. **Rover's Run at Redstone Park**, 2 acres. *East of Redstone Park, near intersection of Town Center Dr & Foothills Canyon Blvd. Park at Redstone Park Tennis Center.*
3. **Fido's Field at Foothills Park**, 2 acres at 1042 Riddlewood Dr. *From Lucent Blvd, turn south on Timbervale Trail to Riddlewood or access from Winterthur Way, West of Broadway.*
4. **Digger's at Dad Clark Park**, 2 acres at 3385 Asterbrook Circle. *West of Fairview & Summit View Pkwy.*
5. **Hound Hill at Highland Heritage Park**, 2 acres at 9651 S. Quebec. *Dog park at southernmost point.*

South Suburban Parks & Recreation 303-798-5131

6. **David A. Lorenz Regional Park**, 2 acres at 8560 S Colorado Blvd. *Access from County Line Rd at Big Dry Creek intersection.*

Douglas County Parks and Trails 720-733-6990

8. **Bayou Gulch Regional Park**, 2+ acres S of Parker. *Hwy 83 south to Bayou Gulch Rd; east one mile; north on Fox Sparrow Rd. Dog park on east side of road.*
9. **Fairgrounds Regional Park** 2+ acres in Castle Rock. *I-25 to Plum Creek Pkwy; 1 mile E; turn left at third entry to Fairgrounds. Dog park is at E end.*

Douglas County Open Space 303-660-7495

7. **Glendale Farm Open Space**, 17 acre dog area. *From N I-25, take RidgeGate Exit 192 and go S 2 mi., or Castle Pines Exit 188 and go N 2 mi. on S Havana St.*
10. **Devon's Dog Park at Greenland Open Space** 17 acres South of Larkspur. *From I-25, take Greenland Exit 167; go west on Greenland Road 3/4 mile and to the east side of the trailhead.*

