

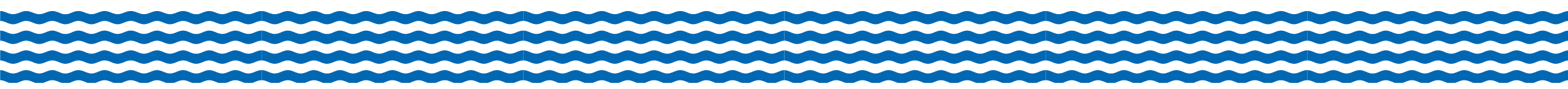


2025 Pioneer Park Off Leash Dog Evaluation

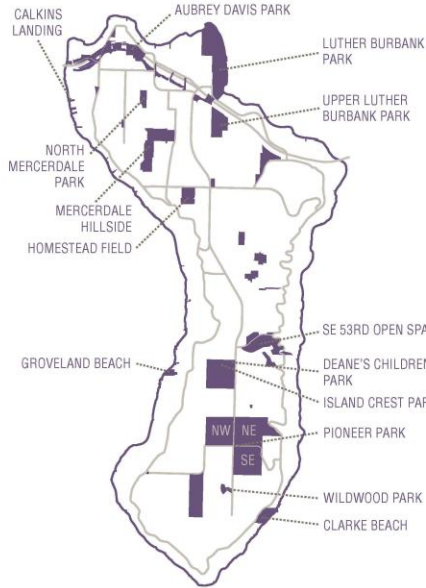


Background

- Standing agenda item in our work plan
- Issue in the past, more public comment and City outreach including “off leash dog training”
- In 2024 there were 4 complaints about off leash dogs and 3 reports of lost dogs per MIPD
- Since January 2025 MIPD has logged 4 calls related to dogs in the area
- Currently stocking Dog Owners Guide in the park



Current Guide



GOOD MANNERS ARE CONTAGIOUS!

Spread the dog love by following these simple etiquette tips in Mercer Island Parks:

- Pick up your dog's waste, and dispose of it properly
- Be prepared to leash your dog if necessary
- Prevent your dog from chasing wildlife
- Encourage your dog to stay on the trail to avoid damaging forest vegetation
- Prevent your dog from approaching other park users, unless invited
- Use designated off-leash areas or non-forested areas to play fetch



QUESTIONS ABOUT DOGS IN PARKS?

Contact the Mercer Island Parks & Recreation Department at miparks@mercergov.org or (206) 275-7609

Report any violations of the Animal Code to woof@mercergov.org or to the non-emergency line at (425) 577-5656. Please include date and time of violation, location, dog name and breed (if known)

This pamphlet summarizes selected components of MICC 7.04, which governs animal regulations on Mercer Island

DOG OWNER'S GUIDE to Mercer Island Parks



CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
PARKS & RECREATION



VOICE / SIGNAL CONTROL AREAS

There are many parks where you can take your dog off-leash, once they are voice control trained.

If you like big trees and winding trails, try:

- Mercedale Hillside
- Island Crest Park
- SE 53rd Open Space
- North Mercedale Park
- Upper Luther Burbank Park
- Pioneer Park, NW & SE Quadrants

If you like open lawn areas, try:

- Aubrey Davis Park
- Homestead Field (while sports fields are not in use)

WHAT DOES 'VOICE / SIGNAL CONTROL' MEAN?

Voice or signal control is not as easy as it sounds! A properly trained off-leash dog under voice and/or signal control:

- Immediately returns to person in control when signaled or called
- Does not charge, chase, jump on or display aggression toward other people or animals
- Does not cause any physical or property damage
- Is always within sight of the person in control

OFF-LEASH AREAS

Luther Burbank Park

- Fenced
- Sand base
- Small/shy dog designated area
- Water access

Wildwood Park

- Unfenced
- Large lawn area

ON-LEASH ONLY

- NE Quadrant of Pioneer Park
- Deane's Children's Park (Dragon Park)
- Luther Burbank Park (except off-leash area)

NO DOGS ALLOWED, ANYTIME

- Any school property or facility
- Any playground
- Any sports court (tennis, basketball, etc)
- Any synthetic turf field
- Any sport field while practice or game is in progress

PUBLIC SWIMMING AREAS

No dogs allowed May 1 - Sep 30

Dogs allowed on leash between Oct 1 - Apr 30

- Luther Burbank Park
- Groveland Beach
- Clarke Beach
- Calkins Landing



Discussion

