

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 release 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

Douglas County 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.
- 🐕 When your dog poops, 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.

Douglas County Divisions of:
Parks & Trails

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100 Third Street

Castle Rock, CO 80104

303-660-7495



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 and other recreationists. Dog regulations help to 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 wild life. 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 digest 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 free?

Douglas County has several designated off-leash areas that are fenced-in for the protection of your dog. Each dog park is listed beneath the agency that manages it.

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, Parks pass or daily fee (\$5/\$6) required.*

Highlands Ranch Metro Districts

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 Drive.*
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 Regional Park**, 2 acres at 9651 S. Quebec. *Dog park at southern-most point. No dogs in the regional park!*

South Suburban Parks &

Recreation District 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 303-660-7495

Divisions of Parks & Trails and Open Space & Natural Resources

7. **Glendale Farm Open Space**, 5 acres near Surry Ridge. *I-25 to Exit 190, Surrey Ridge; go to east side of highway. Dog park is SW of main parking area.*
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 park.*
9. **Fairgrounds Regional Park**, 2+ acres in Castle Rock. *Plum Creek Pkwy E, turn left at third entry to Fairgrounds Park. Dog park at eastern end.*

