

What else do I need to know?



In addition to knowing when and where dogs are allowed to be off-leash, there are some simple rules for your handler to follow.

Rules to Paws for:

- Make sure your dog is wearing a current licence tag on their collar
- Pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in a garbage can
- Keep your dog outside of playground boundaries
- Do not allow your dog to dig holes in a City park
- Do not let your dog jump up on people
- Ensure you have control of your dog at all times, whether on or off-leash

How can our humans find out more information or provide feedback?

If your handler has any questions or would like to provide feedback on Victoria's Paws in Parks program, they should contact:

**City of Victoria
Parks Division
250.361.0600
dogfeedback@victoria.ca**

If you see other dogs not playing by the park rules, call **Victoria Animal Control** at **250.414.0233**.

**For more information visit:
www.victoria.ca/dogs**



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Paws in Parks

Which Victoria parks have off-leash areas?



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Victoria has a number of parks with designated areas for dogs to exercise and play off-leash.

To maintain enjoyment for all park users, each of these parks has specific times when dogs can be allowed off-leash. Please see the map insert for a complete list of Victoria's parks with off-leash areas.

Are there areas in parks where dogs are never allowed?



Dogs are never allowed in Ross Bay Cemetery, Pioneer Square Park, and in the "no dogs" area in Beacon Hill Park, near Douglas Street, south of Good Acre Lake.

To keep our park playgrounds clean and safe for children, dogs must always stay outside of playground boundaries.

Which areas can I go without my leash?



Clearly placed signs within each park direct your handler where and when dogs are allowed without a leash. If a green off-leash sign is not posted, your handler must have you on a leash at all times.



ON LEASH



OFF LEASH

Why these areas?



After reviewing extensive feedback, a community advisory group determined the best options for off-leash park areas and times. They looked at a variety of needs and tried to balance the interests of all park users.

Is this a permanent program?



Introduced in 2005, Paws in Parks is now a permanent program. It's important that it works well for and accommodates the reasonable interests of all park users. If we all work together, we will see the desired balance in our parks.

Some ways for this program to work include playing by the off-leash rules and letting the City of Victoria know what is working well and where there are concerns.

We monitor any physical changes to our parks and welcome feedback from all park users on how we can improve our Paws in Parks program.

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