

FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

Dogs in the Park

PARK NOTES

You are welcome to bring your dog to Fish Creek Provincial Park as long as your dog is LEASHED. Your dog must be under control at all times and should not disturb wildlife or annoy other people.

Note: Bona fide guide dogs accompanying the visually impaired can be taken into all provincial protected areas and buildings.

WHY CAN'T MY DOG RUN FREELY IN THE PARK?

First and foremost, provincial protected areas are set aside to protect Alberta's plants and wildlife. As a result dogs, cats and other domestic animals are not allowed to run off-leash in Alberta's protected areas. Please remember these rules are not unique to Alberta. Similar rules apply in most urban municipalities, parks, and protected areas around the world.



REASONS FOR KEEPING DOGS ON-LEASH

- Fawns, birds, snakes, and ground squirrels have been injured and killed by domestic dogs in this Park - please do your part to give these animals an opportunity to live undisturbed.
- Your dog could be injured by Park wildlife such as deer, skunk, porcupine, and coyotes. These animals will defend themselves if threatened.
- Not all Park visitors appreciate dogs. They may be allergic, fearful, or resentful of dogs. Please respect the Park experience for others by not disturbing them with an unleashed dog.
- If your dog is involved in an attack on a person or another pet, you may be faced with legal and/or medical expenses.

WHAT IF MY DOG IS FOUND TO BE OFF-LEASH IN THE PARK?

Park conservation officers have the authority under the Parks Act to issue a violation to owners for any dogs found to be off-leash. These officers also have the authority and responsibility to remove from the Park any dog appearing aggressive or out of control. Fines vary from \$115 up to \$2000 according to the Alberta Parks Act and Regulations.

SCOOP UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Each year on average, there are thousands of pounds of dog waste that is not picked up in the City of Calgary. Dog waste does not readily decompose, it is not a natural contribution to the Park ecosystem, it often carries harmful parasites, and it adds additional nitrogen that can encourage the growth of noxious weeds. Bring a plastic bag with you to pick up after your dog, and place it in the trash. Leaving a full plastic bag along the trail is unlawful, and will likely not decompose for several hundred years.

Park conservation officers have the authority under the Parks Act to issue a violation to owners that do not pick-up after their dogs. Fines vary from \$115 up to \$2000 according to the Alberta Parks Act and Regulations.

Fish Creek Provincial Park is Canada's largest urban protected area, please do your part to help preserve the Park's natural resources and keep your dog leashed.

For more information, or to report dogs that are off-leash, phone the Park office at (403) 297-5293.



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