

# FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

## PARK NOTES

### Dogs in the Park

For many Calgarians living close to Fish Creek Provincial Park, visiting this area is routine for exercising their dog. To ensure a pleasant park experience for all visitors, please keep your pet on-leash and under control at all times.

#### On-Leash and Under Control: Pet NOT Pest



On-leash rules apply to most urban parks, municipalities and protected areas. This controlled environment is ideal for reactive or fearful dogs that do not handle off-leash parks well. Dogs in training, injured or aggressive may become defensive if your off-leash dog approaches.

Off-leash pets may also harass or disturb other park users in their activities. Keep pets at a manageable distance on-leash.

#### Protect Wildlife, Your Dog and Your Pocketbook

Failure to keep your dog on its leash can have negative consequences for your animal, wildlife and yourself. By law, you must have your pet on-leash and all waste must be disposed of in the garbage bins. Fines for violating these regulations range from **\$115 to \$2,000**.

- **Respect Wildlife:** Do not allow your dog to harass, bite or give chase to wildlife. Many species, such as snakes, deer or rabbit, may be injured or killed by dogs.
- **Potential Wildlife Hazards:** When threatened, porcupine will shed barbed quills on contact which are painful and expensive to remove. Coyotes may hunt small dogs or attack large breeds if they perceive your pet as a threat.



#### Scoop the Poop!



Responsible pet ownership means picking up after your animal companions. Dog waste does not readily decompose and can transmit harmful parasites. Excessive dog droppings increase the amount of nitrogen to the soil which encourages the growth of weeds. Fecal bacteria may leach into the creek and decrease the quality of water.

#### Want to Lose the Leash?

The City of Calgary has over 150 off-leash dog parks, equaling 1,250 hectares of land. Please visit [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca) for more details on locations and hours of operation.

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