

Off Leash Area Survey
Survey Duration: 43 Days
Survey Period: Thursday, October 8, 2009 to Friday, November 20, 2009

Note: Field equates to OLA selected to be reviewed/surveyed by the respondent.

Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD), in conjunction with the Off Leash Area Advisory Committee (OLAAC), is conducting a survey on the city's 12 Off Leash Areas (OLA) – Dog Parks. The goal of the survey is to seek input from dog owners who frequent these parks, and aid PARD and the OLAAC in better understanding the community's use of these parks. The survey will remain active - online - until Friday, November 20, 2009; 5PM. Feel free to share this link (survey) with others. Start the survey by clicking on the Continue button below.

Have you visited one or more of the 12 parks listed below in the past 6 months? Auditorium Shores (Town Lake Park) Bull Creek District Park Davis White Northeast District Park Emma Long Metropolitan Park (Turkey Creek) Far West Norwood Estate (Norwood Tract) Onion Creek District Park (Onion Creek Greenbelt) Red Bud Isle Shoal Creek Greenbelt Walnut Creek District Park West Austin Park Zilker Metropolitan Park (Zilker Park)

1. Yes
2. No

Do you bring a dog(s) to one or more of the OLAs listed below? Auditorium Shores (Town Lake Park) Bull Creek District Park Davis White Northeast District Park Emma Long Metropolitan Park (Turkey Creek) Far West Norwood Estate (Norwood Tract) Onion Creek District Park (Onion Creek Greenbelt) Red Bud Isle Shoal Creek Greenbelt Walnut Creek District Park West Austin Park Zilker Metropolitan Park (Zilker Park)

1. Yes
2. No

Starting with User Profile... The following questions are designed to better understand who uses the city's OLA. For the remainder of the survey, OLA is synonymous with "Dog Park" and all questions are directed to your "favorite" OLA. Time to complete this survey is estimated at 10 minutes or less.

Of Austin's 12 OLAs (dog Parks), identify the OLA(s) that you prefer to visit and/or are most aware of. Select as few as 1, up to 3 parks.

1. Auditorium Shores (Town Lake Park)
2. Bull Creek District Park
3. Davis White Northeast District Park
4. Emma Long Metropolitan Park (Turkey Creek)
5. Far West
6. Norwood Estate (Norwood Tract)
7. Onion Creek District Park (Onion Creek Greenbelt)
8. Red Bud Isle
9. Shoal Creek Greenbelt
10. Walnut Creek District Park
11. West Austin Park
12. Zilker Metropolitan Park (Zilker Park)

Please select the county which you reside.

1. Travis County
2. Williamson County
3. Hays County
4. Bastrop County
5. Other - List _____

What Zip Code do you reside?

1. 78701..... Listed all Travis County Zip Codes.

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Select your favorite OLA you visit with your dog(s). This selection will be OLA-Dog Park for the remainder of the survey. Select one.

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3. Davis White Northeast District Park
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At $\{\text{custom1}\}$ with your dog(s), select your primary choice of leash use?

1. Full-time off-leash
2. Full-time on-leash
3. Both on and off-leash

On average, how often do you visit $\{\text{custom1}\}$ with your dog(s)?

1. Once a week
2. 2-3 days a week
3. 4-5 days a week
4. 6-7 days a week

Select your preferred time during the week that you visit $\{\text{custom1}\}$ with your dog(s)?

1. Weekends Only
2. Weekdays Only
3. Both weekdays and weekends

What time of day do you typically visit $\{\text{custom1}\}$?

1. Early morning
2. Mid Day
3. Early Afternoon
4. Late Afternoon
5. Evening
6. No typically time of day

When visiting $\{\text{custom1}\}$, identify your role and/or relationship with the dog(s) you bring.

1. Dog Owner
2. Dog Owner and Dog Sitter
3. Professional Dog Services (Walker/Sitter)
4. Dog Trainer

How many dogs do you own and/or bring to $\{\text{custom1}\}$?

1. 1 Dog
2. 2 Dogs
3. 3 or More Dogs

When considering your use of $\{\text{custom1}\}$, do you primarily “trek” or walk the OLA or “gather” with others in the OLA?

1. Trek/Walk
2. Gather w/Others
3. Both

As a dog owner, have you taken part in educational and/or professional dog training?

1. Yes
2. No

What is your primary method of transportation to reach $\{\text{custom1}\}$?

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1. Personal Auto
2. Walk
3. Bicycle
4. Public Transportation

When you visit $\{\text{custom1}\}$ with you dog(s), do you take children under the age of 13?

1. Yes
2. No
3. On Occasion

Identify the reasons you choose $\{\text{custom1}\}$ for you visit? Select 1 or more...

1. Close to home
2. Close to work
3. Well maintained by Parks Department
4. Active with OLA community group(s)
5. Water available for dog(s) to play
6. Socialize with other dog owners
7. Exercise my dog(s)
8. Train my dog(s)
9. Personal fitness
10. Family outing
11. OLA Size
12. Personal Safety/Personal Security
13. Available at Nighttime
14. Other _____

How do you stay informed or follow current information on $\{\text{custom1}\}$? Select all that apply.

1. OLA Kiosk
2. Visit PARD/COA Website
3. City of Austin Email Updates - Austin Notes
4. Local News/Media
5. TWITTER
6. Facebook
7. Yahoo Groups
8. None
9. Other _____

Are you active in a "community" "volunteer" or "Adopt-A-Park" group aiding $\{\text{custom1}\}$ upkeep?

1. Yes
2. No
3. On Occasion

Have you ever visited the City of Austin's PARD OLA website?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Did not know one existed

Are you aware of the City of Austin's OLA Rules that cover off-leash areas, dog behavior and expectations of the owner (control of animal, picking up poop, etc.)?

1. Yes
2. No

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OLA Profile, Equipment and Infrastructure for $\{\text{custom1}\}$ The following survey questions are designed to give PARD better insight to OLA user's impression of OLA upkeep, equipments and infrastructure, for $\{\text{custom1}\}$.

On approach to $\{\text{custom1}\}$, are signs present identifying the OLA as a City Park?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not Sure

When considering $\{\text{custom1}\}$, select your impression of parking.

1. Did not need to park an auto
2. Easy to find parking
3. Somewhat easy to find parking
4. Difficult to find parking
5. Painful to find parking

Is entry to $\{\text{custom1}\}$ well-defined?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not Always

From parking to entering $\{\text{custom1}\}$, how far in walking distance is it to enter the OLA?

1. No distance at all
2. A short walk
3. Parking could be closer
4. A long walk to get there
5. Too far to get there
6. Not Applicable – Not parking an auto

Is the transition from parking to entering $\{\text{custom1}\}$ with your dog(s) a safe transition?

1. Yes - Safe Transition
2. No - Some hazards are present
3. Do not drive to the OLA

In the transition from parking to entering $\{\text{custom1}\}$ you stated some hazards are present. List those hazards.

Are the boundaries of $\{\text{custom1}\}$ clearly defined and/or marked, by either natural landscape barriers and/or posted signs?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not Sure

When considering $\{\text{custom1}\}$, did you find the Mutt-Mitt (dog waste bags) stations easy to locate?

1. Yes - Easy to locate
2. No - Hard to Find
3. N/A - I Bring my own waste-bags

When considering $\{\text{custom1}\}$, did you find the OLA adequately equipped with Mutt-Mitt (dog waste bags) stations?

1. Yes - Adequately Equipped
2. No - Inadequately Equipped
3. Not Sure

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When considering \${custom1}, did you find the OLA adequately equipped with trash cans?

- 1. Yes - Adequately Equipped
- 2. No - Inadequately Equipped
- 3. Not Sure

When considering \${custom1}, did you find the trash cans easy to locate?

- 1. Yes - Easy to Find
- 2. No - Hard to Find

Is \${custom1} a shared environment with other park patrons?

- 1. Yes, \${custom1} is a shared environment
- 2. No, \${custom1} is not a shared environment

You answered Yes \${custom1} is shared with other park patrons. Check all that apply. Select 1 or more...

- 1. Running
- 2. Walking
- 3. Bicycling
- 4. Kayaking
- 5. Frisbee/Disk Golf
- 6. Picnicking
- 7. Volleyball
- 8. Fitness/Exercise Groups
- 9. Professional Dog Training
- 10. Children (estimated under 12yo)
- 11. Team Sports
- 12. Other _____

Thinking of \${custom1} and available space, how would you describe the ratio of dogs to people present within the OLA?

	Poor Park Space	Below Average Park Space	Average Park Space	Good Park Space	Excellent Park Space
Park space for Dog and People use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

At \${custom1}, can you maintain visible sight of you dog(s) at all times?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

Is \${custom1} equipped with an information kiosk?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't Know

You indicated \${custom1} is equipped with a kiosk. Did you find up to date OLA information posted at the kiosk?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

Overall, would you recommend \${custom1} to other dog owners?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Not Sure

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Overall, rate \${custom1}.

	Poor	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
I rate \${custom1} OLA as:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PARD, COA and Community Presence, Care & Maintenance for \${custom1} The following survey questions are designed to give PARD better insight to \${custom1}'s support from community groups and PARD staff.

When considering \${custom1}, is there an active "community" "volunteer" or "Adopt-A-Park" group aiding in \${custom1}'s upkeep?

1. Yes
2. Do not know

Have you observed the "community" "volunteer" or "Adopt-A-Park" group working in \${custom1}?

1. Never
2. On Occasion
3. Often

Have you ever observed PARD employees working in \${custom1}?

1. Never
2. On Occasion
3. Often
4. Daily

When considering \${custom1}, rate your impression of upkeep and maintenance of \${custom1}.

	Poorly Maintained	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent Maintenance
Rate your impression of maintenance of \${custom1}.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Have you ever observed Austin Police in or near \${custom1}?

1. Never
2. On Occasion
3. Often
4. Daily

Have you ever observed Animal Control in or near \${custom1}?

1. Never
2. On Occasion
3. Often
4. Daily

Overall, rate your impression of PARD/City of Austin's handling of \${custom1}.

	Poor	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
PARD/City of Austin's handling of \${custom1} is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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OLA Elements, Management Strategy, and Managing Issues for all Off Leash Areas/Dog Parks The following survey questions are designed to give PARD better insight to OLA elements and issues associated with maintaining and improving all of Austin’s off-leash areas.

Identify elements/features, which you feel are important to OLA (dog park) quality.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
Public water/drinking fountains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public restroom facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seating and Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Designated space within OLAs for small dogs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational water for dogs to play and refresh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shade – Man-made or Natural (trees)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nighttime lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agility courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lost and found designated location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Kiosk specific to OLA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children’s playground equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Recently, PARD introduced a new “Scoop the Poop” public service advertisement. Are you aware of this effort?

1. Yes
2. No

How effective do you think the city’s new “Scoop the Poop” public service advertisement/campaign to encourage pet owners to pick up pet waste will be?

1. Not Effective
2. Somewhat Effective
3. Effective
4. Very Effective
5. Unaware of the advertisement/campaign

In your opinion, has the new “Scoop the Poop” public service advertisement/campaign changed your behavior?

1. Yes, I now pick up my pets waste.
2. No. I have always picked up my pets waste.
3. No, I refuse to pick up my pets waste

Please share with us any ideas you have that can help improve the City of Austin’s Off-Leash Areas.

You local off-leash community is actively involved in the education, maintenance and upkeep of Austin’s dog parks. If you would

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like to be added to the groups email distribution list for \${custom1}, please enter you email address below.

Email Address

1. Austin PARD Off Leash loop back to allow respondent to complete survey on another OLA.