

#{custom1} = Auditorium Shores

Survey Question	Date Entered	Survey Record Number	Open Ended Text Statement
Please select the county which you reside.			
	10/27/2009	5634680	galveston county
Identify the reasons you choose #{custom1} for you visit? Select 1 or more...			
	10/8/2009	5108596	So my dog can chase the runners
	10/8/2009	5109627	Swimming for dogs
	10/8/2009	5113446	large area for my dog to run
	10/8/2009	5113542	Grass
	10/8/2009	5117042	Easy to keep dogs in view
	10/9/2009	5126994	water available for dog swimming during summer
	10/10/2009	5151712	because there isn't an off-leash park in Mueller.
	10/12/2009	5206743	It's beautiful
	10/15/2009	5325197	I like that is is fenced in when my dog is off leash
	10/16/2009	5342399	It's the one I am most aware of.
	10/17/2009	5357245	Easy walking access / On the hike and bike trail
	10/19/2009	5418289	I just love Town Lake and running the trail there in general
	10/19/2009	5423483	Off leash, part of the trails ar lit
	10/20/2009	5443268	my dog loves to play with other dogs when he's not "working"
	10/22/2009	5499309	ample parking
	10/23/2009	5510011	I just like the area...nice view of the city
	10/23/2009	5515541	i can take my dog to play and then walk her on the trails around the lake. it's the best of both worlds
	10/23/2009	5524308	Run on the trails
	10/25/2009	5560008	opportunity for me to walk the trails with dogs on leash and then have an open area for dogs to play off leash as well
	10/25/2009	5570618	love the view of downtown
	10/26/2009	5595765	Big open area for the dogs to romp.
	10/27/2009	5636377	leash free area
	10/28/2009	5657472	long trail with good bridges to get across from one side to the other
	10/29/2009	5685824	most of the dogs are walking with owner/caretaker and are either on-leash or well-behaved off leash, not just running around like houligans with biting, rolling, and bullying!
	10/30/2009	5700465	restroom availability
	10/30/2009	5707734	people watching and nice park setting close to downtown
	10/31/2009	5733739	close to Town Lake Animal Shelter (volunteer)
	11/1/2009	5737656	plenty of squirrels
	11/2/2009	5759944	Good distance from road
	11/2/2009	5760714	My Dog Loves and benefits from the socialization with other dogs.
	11/2/2009	5762050	I love it
	11/2/2009	5783934	dog gets to socialize with other does
	11/3/2009	5795653	I love Austin.
	11/3/2009	5798902	Plenty of plants and flowers (beautiful scenery).
	11/3/2009	5799853	Socialization for the dogs (w/ other dogs)
	11/8/2009	5907059	it's just a great park!
	11/10/2009	5961313	dog is able to run off leash and get enough exercise
	11/14/2009	6083725	safe for my dogs
	11/15/2009	6087327	dogs can swim
	11/15/2009	6104761	hot chicks jogging :)
	11/16/2009	6112291	Large space for the dogs to run
	11/17/2009	6160075	scenery
	11/18/2009	6183252	A great group of dog owners--and therefore a great group of well socialized dogs.
	11/19/2009	6226539	Offers restrooms, shade and benches
	11/20/2009	6249809	It's a very pretty spot with the water, etc. Nice atmosphere. Nice people.

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

10/8/2009	5108596	I don't care about current information, I do my own thing
10/8/2009	5111284	OLAAC Member
10/8/2009	5113446	Friends of Auditorium Shores at Town Lake
10/9/2009	5135977	friends of Bull Creek
10/10/2009	5163197	read posted signs at park
10/11/2009	5180949	friends
10/12/2009	5188035	Bill Fraser
10/12/2009	5206743	friends - conversations
10/19/2009	5413012	word of mouth
10/19/2009	5422338	emails from Fraser
10/19/2009	5424603	aud shores eventd
10/20/2009	5443268	I also run there frequently
10/22/2009	5499309	Word of mouth
10/25/2009	5560008	usually see signs up at park, if there is a kiosk i haven't seen it
10/25/2009	5567478	Talking with others at the park
10/27/2009	5627199	posted signs
10/27/2009	5630808	other dog owners
10/28/2009	5651563	posted signs around area (eg races, closure notifications, this survey)
10/29/2009	5685824	news
10/30/2009	5710984	I haven't stayed inform except for what I see when I walk my pup
10/31/2009	5720456	Neighbors keep me posted
11/1/2009	5752865	bulletins up at park
11/2/2009	5783934	friends and family tell me
11/3/2009	5795653	all I would see are signs at the park/talk radio
11/3/2009	5799731	posted notices like about this survey
11/6/2009	5856765	flyers
11/8/2009	5907059	postings at the park
11/10/2009	5941216	read signs at park
11/14/2009	6083725	word of mouth
11/15/2009	6090530	other dog owners
11/15/2009	6091845	statesman
11/17/2009	6160133	fliers
11/18/2009	6183252	word of mouth from other dog owners
11/20/2009	6245700	conversation at the park

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

10/8/2009	5105591	Cars drive too fast through the parking lots since there are a lot of people with dogs and kids trying to navigate between the cars. The area under the S. 1st street bridge is dangerous.
10/8/2009	5105724	traffic, loose dogs
10/8/2009	5105988	cars looking for parking, not paying attention to people/dogs.
10/8/2009	5106139	crossing the street with cars and crossing the path full of runners, walkers, bikers
10/8/2009	5106833	bikers and vehicle speeding through parking lot
10/8/2009	5107673	no real "hazards", just crossing the street
10/8/2009	5107636	Crossing a sometimes busy street.
10/8/2009	5107998	Cars not stopping for ped crosswalk lights excess speed of some cars
10/8/2009	5108596	Runners, bikers, walkers, cars and lizards
10/8/2009	5108818	Aggressive Dogs
10/8/2009	5109473	Other vehicles traveling in and out of the parking area.
10/8/2009	5109538	have to cross a major road if you end up having to park at palmer
10/8/2009	5109627	The crosswalks are very dangerous, especially at night. Very few people actually stop for pedestrians, despite the sign and blinking lights. In addition, people drive VERY fast along Riverside Drive along the park. I wish the City / Police would monitor occasionally and have a presence to enforce speeding and people who do not stop for pedestrians.

10/8/2009	5111284	Pay attention at the crosswalks - cars do not stop for the flashing yellow lights
10/8/2009	5117002	parking lot
10/9/2009	5125841	the area is not fenced, so I am afraid my dogs might run into the traffic
10/9/2009	5126786	busy parking lot and city streets, no fencing/gate structure to protect dogs
10/9/2009	5126994	crossing parking lot. parking lot immediately next to park is fine. It is possible for dogs to run across parking lot and get hit by a car.
10/9/2009	5131718	possible collisions with other users such as runners, cyclists.
10/10/2009	5151712	cars
10/10/2009	5163197	others maniacally trying to find parking, crossing streets (the new lighted crossings are great, but there are people crossing all over the place)
10/11/2009	5179791	I did not intend to select this and cannot go back.
10/11/2009	5181179	Riverside Dr edges park.. not a big deal.
10/11/2009	5181683	Getting from car to park, I worry about my dogs' interaction with non-dog owners. Cars in the parking lot don't always seem dog-friendly.
10/12/2009	5203509	Crossing the road.
10/12/2009	5204399	crossing walk at Lamar Ave.
10/12/2009	5204736	busy streets and parking lots nearby- no fencing of off-leash dog area
10/12/2009	5206743	When I park next to the bridge at first street, I must watch out for other cars in the parking lot when crossing the parking lot to get to the grass where the park is.
10/13/2009	5218029	Parking lot
10/15/2009	5312192	Homeless people
10/16/2009	5342399	Often lots of vehicle traffic.
10/17/2009	5355403	Parking very close to OLA--the problem lies mostly with cars driving too fast through the parking lot and under the 1st St. bridge
10/22/2009	5483556	some speeding drivers looking for parking, not watching for dogs or people crossing the parking lot. Lots of bikes at high rate of speed, I have seen several dogs hit by bikes over the summer.
10/22/2009	5487371	The dogs are simply excited to be at the park and transitioning from car to park is stressful because of traffic. This is totally a training issue and I really don't see any easy improvements.
10/22/2009	5492587	Cars use the park thru as speed options and its hard to exit my vehicle and make sure my dog is safely away from oncoming/thru traffic.
10/22/2009	5494055	Traffic from other cars looking for parking or leaving parking present a hazardous situation as they are not always on the lookout for pedestrians or dogs.
10/22/2009	5494667	traffic. loose dogs.
10/23/2009	5516027	fast impatient drivers pose a risk to dogs and children in Austin parks in general, my dog was nearly killed by a pickup truck driver at Festival Beach boat ramp
10/23/2009	5518476	people driving too fast
10/23/2009	5528235	cars driving through the parking lot
10/24/2009	5541232	Crossing of busy streets
10/24/2009	5552004	bare electrical wires in ground poles uneven walkways large rocks
10/25/2009	5558877	cars speeding, and stretches without sidewalks on the non-Auditorium Shores side of the road
10/25/2009	5560008	I keep my dogs on a leash until I get them a distance from the road or parking areas. But I don't consider it a problem.
10/25/2009	5560891	entering and exiting the car is hazards. We use street parking when available. Traffic is fast along riverside
10/25/2009	5569306	Cross street to get to park
10/26/2009	5605058	the parking lot, runners/bikers
10/28/2009	5655057	street proximity, parking lot activity
10/28/2009	5655905	crossing road, cars, bikes, runners
10/29/2009	5680387	crossing riverside drive if you park in the lot further away (over by Palmer Center).
10/29/2009	5683600	Crossing Riverside Drive if you park in the small lot by the Palmer Center. Cars drive fast through there.
10/29/2009	5685824	busy roadway w/no crossing control, night lighting not directed where needed, cracked/uneven concrete/asphalt, temporary construction signs at head-level
10/30/2009	5705632	Cars drive by to fast and do not pay attention to flashing signs when you are trying to cross street. Bikers don't pay attention when riding by water area and they yell at dogs and owners.
10/30/2009	5710353	When the only parking available is the parallel parking along Riverside, I worry my dogs might get confused and run into the street
10/31/2009	5717256	Other cars in the parking lot that needs to be crossed
11/1/2009	5752400	From some parking spots, you have to cross Riverside (2 lanes of traffic). But, there is a designated crosswalk, so it's not a major issue.
11/2/2009	5761853	Blind corner at underpass.

11/2/2009	5778710	Have to cross riverside and lamar intersection and sidewalk is close to busy riverside just before dog park entry.
11/2/2009	5783530	parking lot
11/2/2009	5784289	Since it is a dog park, I feel it should be fenced off from the street, or have some sort of barrier.
11/2/2009	5784672	When parallel parking (due to a full parking lot) I get extremely nervous with my dog so close to riverside.
11/3/2009	5789503	Traffic on Riverside Dr, joggers, bikers, also cars in parking lot backing out, parking.
11/3/2009	5789911	traffic (other cars)
11/3/2009	5790475	Getting across the parking lot with the dog or having to cross Riverside if parking in the south lot by the Long Center
11/3/2009	5793892	Cars do not pay attention to cross walkers even when yellow lights are flashing
11/3/2009	5795194	Cars, cyclists, joggers
11/3/2009	5795653	fast drivers in the parking lot under 1st street....My dogs are good, but roads are always a concern. We just keep our distance.
11/3/2009	5798140	The street parking on Riverside can be dangerous if the dog were to run into the street rather than toward the park, or when returning to the car if the dog bypasses the car and runs into the street. In the parking lot, the side against 1st street bridge can be dangerous bc dogs must cross the parking lot to get to the park.
11/4/2009	5811197	Vehicles
11/5/2009	5827465	Depends - if have to park too far away, have to avoid traffic, etc.
11/5/2009	5841758	May need to cross riverside dr if parking is not available at a lot on the same side as dog park (which it often is not).
11/5/2009	5846018	It is somewhat dangerous to have cars driving/parking so close to an off-leash area, as people are not always watching for dogs and may drive too fast.
11/6/2009	5858088	cars
11/6/2009	5858705	Traffic. Cars do not always stop for pedestrians in crosswalk
11/7/2009	5866564	Traffic. Drivers do not always stop for people and/or dogs in crosswalks
11/8/2009	5888210	Crossing the street-not a big deal, just have to be careful
11/9/2009	5936557	despite there being lights to cross, autos do not always slow down or stop for people wanting to cross. Sometimes people are drive rather fast down the street.
11/10/2009	5941216	traffic
11/10/2009	5949915	drivers not paying attention to pedestrian crossings on riverside
11/10/2009	5961313	there are times (weekends) that there is a lot of traffic and dogs must cross the parking lot or street, there is a severe shortage of parking especially on the weekends and people park on the grass frequently
11/12/2009	6023968	Cars driving too fast on riverside, not aware of pedestrian crossings.
11/12/2009	6030268	Cars going in and out. Must keep an eye out! I'll jump in front of car!
11/14/2009	6063838	There are cars driving through the parking lot. If people still have their dogs off leash that can be hazardous.
11/14/2009	6083725	There is not enough parking for the amount of people who visit. In the established OLA parking it is safe, but beyond that it can be hazardous due to busy cross streets or distance.
11/15/2009	6090530	too many drivers going too fast in parking lot, people in drive areas not paying attention to cars, people not paying attention to surroundings,. this includes runners and dog owners
11/15/2009	6091845	cars
11/15/2009	6104761	Asshole drivers going to fast completely oblivious to the fact that there are joggers, small children and dogs present in the area. This of course isn't any fault of The Parks and Recreation Dept.
11/16/2009	6112291	Crossing the parking lot is a minor hazard, once we're off the lot we can take the leash off the dog. There are also runners and bikers (mainly bikers) on the town lake trail that ride too fast.. If they're not looking out for the dogs, they can easily hit one.
11/17/2009	6156109	Cars and construction
11/17/2009	6160075	It seems unsafe because there are so many cars driving around looking for spots, along with so many people running and walking and dogs running around. It seems unsafe.
11/18/2009	6175032	Have to be careful entering & leaving park due to high vehicle traffic and multitude of other users cycling, running, etc.
11/18/2009	6195129	Mostly just Crossing Riverside Traffic. I usually park in Dawson(sp) parking lot early in the morning.
11/19/2009	6238690	passing cars
11/20/2009	6245700	It seems a bit confusing somehow. I don't consider it dangerous - there's just a jumble of runners, cars, and dogs.

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

10/8/2009	5115805	Stevie Ray Vaughn fans
10/15/2009	5325197	I see people running/biking/walking on outside of fence
10/17/2009	5357245	Triathlons, 5K races, Outdoor festivals, Music venue
10/19/2009	5423483	Handicap
10/20/2009	5443268	kites
10/21/2009	5458597	socializing of both people & dogs

10/22/2009	5494055	Homeless people use the park to sleep, seek shade and shelter
10/23/2009	5511619	Not shared clicked wrong on previous screen (sorry)
10/27/2009	5634680	tree huggers
10/28/2009	5651563	school or day care group
10/28/2009	5655057	catch w baseball/gloves
10/29/2009	5676035	rowing
10/29/2009	5685824	Stevie Ray Vaughan
11/3/2009	5795653	lots of baby stroller joggers and don't forget the homeless
11/6/2009	5855273	tai chi, sitting and staring, playing music ...
11/12/2009	6022910	listening to music, sport and concert events, etc.
11/12/2009	6030268	Pot Smokers
11/14/2009	6083725	boot camps
11/16/2009	6112291	exercise groups
11/19/2009	6211003	i'm tired of answering questions
11/19/2009	6226539	Music/Art events

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

10/8/2009	5105511	
10/8/2009	5105620	The more off-leash areas the better. Thanks!
10/8/2009	5105591	I really like the fact that Auditorium Shores has a large off leash area. My dog prefers not to hang out in large groups of dogs, so it's great that at Auditorium Shores we can just go for a walk and he can jump in and out of the water along the shore, not necessarily where all of the dogs are doing it. I absolutely love this park and couldn't imagine Austin without it.
10/8/2009	5105724	ticket anyone not observing the rules - often and very publicly
10/8/2009	5105770	I really think you need a carrot and stick approach. There is no policing and people still refuse to pick up the poop. I think that is the biggest issue, I've never seen not control their animals. But I have seen people look away when the dog poops. A few highly publicized fines/tickets would help. Other cities do it. I pick up after my dog and i think it is a reasonable exchange for the privilege to use the park. I do think there needs to be some improved signage. I wish PARD would block off areas so the grass can re-grow, in general I think Auditorium Shores is way overused for events and it just beats the heck out of the grass. I go there almost every day (headed there as soon as this is done) and love it but with some minor tweaks think it could be even better. I volunteered to serve on the OLA committee but am pretty sure I'm too middle class and too white to be considered!
10/8/2009	5106139	Consider making Town Lake Park one big park that connects to Butler Park and the Long Center. Remove Riverside that runs through the parks. Move the dog area and running trail so dogs are not in the way of runners, walkers. Add more shade! Keep water access for dogs, for sure. Require dog owners to do a better job of managing their pets -- more information about the rules for dog owners would be good.
10/8/2009	5105988	
10/8/2009	5106232	
10/8/2009	5106603	
10/8/2009	5106586	
10/8/2009	5106833	For Auditorium Shores in particular, I would love to see a fence running along the boundary of Riverside Dr. I feel it's dangerous for dogs to be able to run out into traffic especially during busy times.
		For all dog parks, I think some sort of volunteer patrol should be implemented to ticket people who do not pick up after their dogs. I find it extremely frustrating to see oblivious pet owners ignoring their dog's waste in a shared park environment.
10/8/2009	5107227	
10/8/2009	5107192	Rules for owners posted to include their active role and responsibility to manage their pet(s) at all times. Rules more conspicuously posted and in more locations in the OLA area.
10/8/2009	5107636	
10/8/2009	5107673	
10/8/2009	5108391	
10/8/2009	5107998	Instead of spending \$75,000 to drip a pile of diet at town lake, spend that money to either pick up poop or have someone issue tickets.
		With the exception of scooping poop, less "rules", more freedom to let all groups of people enjoy the park as they see fit
10/8/2009	5108596	Parks are for dogs, so all parks should be leash free. Free to let the wild spirit of the dogs run wild! Free to bit and growl at the mean runners and bikers. Free to poop where they want to poop! Free to swim and chase squirrels. What do are tax dollars go to, for those lazy park staff to pick up the poop. The people should be on leashes!
		Dogs rule, let them be free I say! Let them be free!
10/8/2009	5109538	more seating, more grass, more fenced in area.

10/8/2009	5109473	Have random checks to ensure pet owners are picking up waste from their dog as it occurs. It would be good to relocate the jogging path where pets enter the lake (the stone stairs). It becomes very congested and the risk of injury to joggers and dogs increases. It would be great if there were occasional pet training or agility courses held by PARD at the dog parks.
10/8/2009	5109627	I wish the police would do more active monitoring of people around the trail who do not pick up after their pet. It's so disgusting that people would choose to not do this, but there are a handful of daily trail users who do not cooperate. They should be a way to monitor more effectively by bike, or a way for citizens to report these abusers of the park.
10/8/2009	5109819	Maybe more doggie poop bags. Otherwise, I think all is good.
10/8/2009	5111284	
10/8/2009	5112413	
10/8/2009	5113446	
10/8/2009	5113542	Ban fighting breeds from off-leash areas. Make pitbull education a part of the adoption process. Why do so many people readily accept that my Border Collie was bred for and has herding instinct, but they can't seem to understand the implications of the instincts breed into fighting dogs. Teach them that aggression towards humans and aggression towards other animals are two entirely different instinctual traits in dogs. Pit bulls are very sweet to humans, but cannot be trusted around other animals, period. That is a bred in trait. Any dog can be made aggressive towards humans, and all dogs will get into spats with other dogs at some time (defensive at least)...it is the way of the pack...but pit bulls (and other fighting breeds) are very effeciency killers of other dogs whereas other dogs may break the skin at most.
10/8/2009	5113937	
10/8/2009	5115112	
10/8/2009	5115805	Please continue to leave Auditorium Shores leash-free, but move the water access area away from the path. Don't fence in or limit the space because that makes dogs act territorial (big problem with dog park at I-35 and Riverside). Relocate existing trails or develop new separate trails for runners and bicyclists, to help reduce conflict.
10/8/2009	5116910	
10/8/2009	5117002	People should be warned of the possibility of a fine if they are seen not picking up after their pet. Even if it is not enforceable it may help as a deterrent. Also, spay/neuter info should be included at public parks and information should be presented as to why intact male/female dogs should not necessarily be brought to an off leash area.
10/8/2009	5117042	All parks should have OLAs. Currently, you discriminate against the people that use those parks that don't have OLAs.
10/9/2009	5119706	
10/9/2009	5125841	My dog was literally RUN OVER by a cyclist in the OLA at this park. He is fine because he is young and agile, but this area is too densely used on the weekends for cyclists to be riding in the middle of the trail. Please consider having cyclists only walk their bikes on these paths during the weekends AND walk their bikes over bridges. This is a serious safety issue on a crowded trail. I am a runner and cyclist, so I understand the interest in sharing the trail, but I have also been hit by a bicycle while running on the trail. It is TOO CROWDED to allow bicycles to share the path, especially on weekends. In the least there should be a speed limit on bicycles going through the ola but better to just poast a sign that cyclists must WALK their bikes here. Children should be always supervised when in the OLA as well. This shared use is a disaster waiting to happen. Dogs running can easily knock a child down (or elderly person). There need to be better rules regarding the shared use areas so children are protected from bites as well as being chased or knocked over. Enforcement of the poop
10/9/2009	5126649	I think the dog park off Riverside Drive should not be taken away because they want to redevelop that home. That is one of the best and only dog parks in the area that is close to the city. Off leash areas are so important and I appreciate the city taking the time to try and make improvements and hopefully add additional areas and not take any away. As Sarah likes to say we love our parks to death, so let's offer up more spaces so we're not ruining the ones we have.
10/9/2009	5126786	
10/9/2009	5126858	
10/9/2009	5126691	Auditorium Shores gets so dry and dusty, and then muddy when it rains. It would be nice to see the grass maintained better, but I do realize we are in a drought...there may be ways to keep the field watered while being as environmentally friendly as possible. Also, there is a huge amount of poison ivy along the banks of the river. We were very happy with the new grass at Zilker, hopefully it returns. Maybe there could be more of a OLA or PARD presence at the dog parks to get dog owners email addresses, and grow a larger community effort to keep the park clean and pick up poo. Also, they could issue more tickets to dog owners who do not "scoop the poo". The "scoop the poo" campaign is good, but I think it could be better if it would actively recruit the community, by getting people to sign up and join the effort via email.
10/9/2009	5126994	There needs to be someone issuing citations when an owner declines to pick up their pet's waste. The dog community is in favor of keeping the area free from poop, but a few owners spoil it for the rest of us.
10/9/2009	5130436	
10/9/2009	5131718	
10/9/2009	5135179	I hate arrogant dog owners that don't want to pick up their dog's poop. I wish there was a solution to this problem. I have friends that I'm sad to call friends because they act like they're above everybody else and don't pick up after their dogs. I have no idea how to resolve this feud without getting them upset. They really shouldn't be dog owners at all, but what can you do?

10/9/2009	5135977	We need more olas, not less. One of the problems with the Auditorium Shores area is that the bicyclists usually like to ride very fast along the Hike and Bike Trail that runs between the lake and the ola, and then they get mad when a dog or dog owner gets in the rider's way while crossing the trail. There should be posted signs warning the riders of two legged and four legged pedestrians along that area and the riders should be required to yield to and slow down for peds. There really should be a different, designated lane for the riders along the entire trail due to the heavy usage by both. And don;t blame all of the pollution problem at Bull Creek Park on the dogs. Many homes in the area have septic systems built over limestone, myself included. YOu should smell the stench of what seeps out of the road cut for the entrance to Loop 360 south from 2222.
10/9/2009	5136628	Austin needs a 10 acre off leash dog park with pool, agility and wooded area on the south side of town. Please! We would love this and take care of it.
10/9/2009	5139159	I feel strongly that Red Bud Isle and Bull Creek should NOT be off-leash areas. I believe that those areas have been taken over by dogs & their owners to such a degree that people without dogs can no longer enjoy them. I support OLA areas, but not in those locations.
10/9/2009	5139708	
10/9/2009	5139816	Continue Scoop the Poop campaign. although there always seem to be one or more owners who feel they cannot be bothered to clean up after their dog despite pointed looks from responsible owners. I have no idea how to get through to these people and I have no intention of provoking an argument by confronting them.
10/10/2009	5146811	Sadly, irresponsible pet owners will always make off leash areas challenging. While resources are limited, it would be great to have 'ola police' to make sure people pick up after their animals and to make sure people handle their animals appropriately for the space. I love Austin's OLA areas and try to be respectful of the area and the other dogs and their owners. I wish you a lot of luck. Please, do NOT make Brentwood park off leash!
10/10/2009	5147915	
10/10/2009	5148430	More awareness re: "scoop the poop" campaign. Especially on places like Red Bud Island, (which I've heard some people refer to as "Poop Island"). Unbelievable how many people still don't scoop the poop there. We've stopped visiting as frequently because it smells so bad, especially when the temps heat up. Perhaps introduce more signs there, or a big dirt installation a la the one at auditorium shores -- put it right in the center of the dog play area, so that everyone who visits, sees it before they wander the rest of the island with their pooches. More education = more awareness!
10/10/2009	5153753	
10/10/2009	5155482	
10/10/2009	5162958	Employ people, perhaps the homeless(?) to pick up poop. FINE PET OWNERS WHO DON'T PICK UP POOP. I would love it if there were plain-clothes "community health officers" who could give tickets to pet owners who don't pick up, along with a card or small pamphlet (recycled) explaining the dangers and impact of leaving poop on the ground. Money goes to park maintenance and clean up. Seriously, this should be a significant fine, at least \$100.
10/10/2009	5163197	
		Aside from the poop issue, I wouldn't mind seeing more trees or areas lined with large rocks, etc. to help with erosion.
		I would also LOVE to have "SLOW" signs for bikers who go tearing through Auditorium shores, putting people, dogs and children at risk (or perhaps a bike lane, that walkers could know to stay clear of to that bikers could cycle freely?).
		Another item for the wish list... some kind of non-fence visual barrier between the park land and the street.... rocks, bushes, trees, other...
		Thank you for this survey.
10/11/2009	5166936	Keep Austin's parks off leash. This is Austin. Thanks for getting the public's input.
10/11/2009	5167388	
10/11/2009	5174407	
10/11/2009	5177155	
10/11/2009	5179791	Off leash areas offer wonderful benefits for both dog and owners, socialization for dogs and people. If poop is not picked up in an off leash area, I would not take my dog. So keep up the good work to get owners to be responsible and pick up after their dog. I cut up a paper plate into fourths to use as a scoop, one in each hand and slip it into a plastic bag. Keeps my hands clean. Also use newspaper plastic bags as another way to recycle.
10/11/2009	5181179	
10/11/2009	5180949	I love Auditorium Shores. The access to water and the leveled fields are important, as is the trail--I run with my dog and use Auditorium shores as a mid-way cool off for my dog--water is so great to have for dogs to play in, esp in the summer. East Austin could use more dog parks--it's underserved for dog owners and their pets.
10/11/2009	5180949	These areas need more landscaped vegetation and most importantly, grass. Also, anything that can further keep the dust down such as crushed granite is very helpful. Additional doggy bag dispensers would encourage those less responsible dog owners.
10/11/2009	5181683	Make it appear to be more dog friendly to passers-by. Sometimes I feel like an "outlaw" with my dogs up there.
10/12/2009	5188035	Police need to enforce poop laws with tickets!! I pick up 6-12 bags of other's poop each time I go. Recent signs, additional mutt mit boxes and trash cans have been a big improvement but active, ongoing and consistant police enforcement is critical to correct the problem that still exists.

10/12/2009	5195835	
10/12/2009	5196432	
10/12/2009	5200091	encourage people to pick up any poop they see, even if it is not theirs. People who are visiting with others or on their phones often don't notice that their dog is relieving its self.
10/12/2009	5203509	More mutt mitt stations. More trashcans. Keep up the scoop the poop campain.
10/12/2009	5204399	I think these parks are a good use of space within the city. Dogs need to run and play and need to be social to learn to behave properly with dogs and humans. These parks help with both.
10/12/2009	5204736	fence in off-leash areas to protect dogs from streets and pedestrians and young children from poorly mannered dogs
10/12/2009	5206743	Restrooms should always be available and unlocked. Men can always pee in the bushes - women can't. You also need available restrooms at ALL boat ramps for the SAME reason. You really need to mark the off leash areas better - especially for the runners and bikers. Please plant more trees and stop cutting them down around Lady Bird Lake - we kayakers see the stumps - we aren't blind or stupid. Use grass seed - don't waste \$2,000,000.00 on sod like you did for Zilke park.
10/12/2009	5211025	
10/13/2009	5217456	Keep them open. They are a huge asset to the health, both physical and mental of the citizens.
10/13/2009	5218029	South Austin needs a leash free area (south of Ben White)!!!!
10/13/2009	5236015	
10/13/2009	5237718	HI - I would like to add the state land at BullCreek and 45th as OLA - thanks
10/14/2009	5246968	
10/14/2009	5252636	The public needs more education as to the ramifications of dog waste on the environment AND dog owners' need to be accountable for their dogs' behavior AND somehow we need to get folks to TAKE OWNERSHIP of the Parks!
10/14/2009	5264804	
10/14/2009	5287498	
10/15/2009	5309230	I now moved to the condos near Gracy Farms and Swearingen. I love the fact that there are trash cans and the poop the scoop bags are always available. I would like to see a fenced in area that will be leash free for dogs. This is a great trail and I am happy to move near a City of Austin park, now that I am farther way from Townlake.
10/15/2009	5311815	Keep emphasizing that the poop goes into our water supply...our drinking water. And there should be a fine - and park officers or video camera enforcement - for people who do not scoop. It should be expensive so that it is a deterrent. And it should have community service that makes you volunteer at Saturday morning to scoop.
10/15/2009	5312192	
10/15/2009	5325197	I have seen many people bring personal dog toys that squeak or are loved by their dog.It is unfair to their dog and all others that are there as they all want that toy.This usually causes many a fight.One man brought a squeaky toy and he would kick away the other dogs that wanted to play.I approached the man and told him that his own dog was stressed out and getting quite possessive.He told me to shut up and moved to the other side.It ended up with a doberman being bitten by his stressed out border collie.The owners of all the other dogs as a community made the man call the police and get the dog to a vet.The tennis balls provided are fun and enjoyed by all.Also I have seen many people acquire puppies and take them there before they have gotten shots/fixd.I love the dog parks and was a main reason I moved here from Dallas.
10/15/2009	5331654	
10/16/2009	5336659	Some people won't pick up pet waste just like they won't obey the speed limit if they're driving. Enforcement is the only guaranteed solution. The city doesn't have enough OLAs. What we don't need are OLA with small, confined areas and no grass or trees. Dog owners deserve much better parks from Austin and much better treatment from PARD.
10/16/2009	5340263	what bothers me is that some dog owners do not correct misbehavior or think it's just play.. I run my dog first befor going to the park... to dain some energy... about half the poeple do this... and also when I run the trail I see poop.. I don't understand why people don't pick up poop.. I have trained my pups to only poop at home and pee... I wish more poeple knew about teaching there dog to do this and it wouldn't smell like pee on the trail on hot summer days... Thank you guys for doing this and I hope it does make a differences
10/16/2009	5342399	
10/16/2009	5344252	
10/16/2009	5350152	

10/17/2009	5355403	Please keep Auditorium Shores leash-free--it is one of the reasons we are willing to pay higher property taxes to live next to it. Off-leash areas can be improved by making sure that dog running areas do not conflict with human running areas (this is now the case at Auditorium Shores, but the conflict can be easily remedied by re-routing the running trail. Given the extreme heat in Austin, there must be some off-leash areas in the downtown area that are nearby water so that dogs can cool off (this is one of the best parts of Auditorium Shores). I do think that there could be more doggie poop-bag dispensers and garbage cans at Auditorium Shores. I love the Scoop-the-Poop "installation"! If I didn't already pick up my dog's poop, I think this would have convinced me. Thank you.
10/17/2009	5355493	post park specific rules and info accessible on mobile and social media (text for info, facebook, myspace). Bigger signage (or more attention-getting) at mutt mitts pole. maybe paint the pole neon green?
10/17/2009	5356784	
10/17/2009	5357245	
10/17/2009	5363044	
10/19/2009	5413012	Occasionally generate media coverage by focused enforcement of poop-scoop laws and leash-only areas (complete with citations/fines) to raise awareness of these rules and the consequences for breaking them.
10/19/2009	5417523	
10/19/2009	5418289	I wish there would be some rules about aggressive dog breeds not being allowed at ANY Austin dog parks. I don't think pit bulls should be allowed at all. And possibly Rott Weilers as well. The only scary encounters I have had have been with those breeds.
10/19/2009	5422338	In front of the lake where the water meets the trail, maybe could be rerouted so that runners are looped around instead of having the dogs dashing to the water and getting in their way
10/19/2009	5423483	You have to encourage people to pick up after OTHER dogs as well as some owners are not aware that their dog pooped - the minute you turn your back they poop and you simply don't see it. Especially if you have multiple dogs and try to keep an eye on everyone. Make this an community effort. The entire Lady Bird are needs more dog bad stations, much more trash cans, more park benches, water bowls for dogs, fountains for people, more trees and bushes, more mulch in sandy and dusty areas, better irrigation in muddy areas, more lights to make it safer at night (especially in the wintertime), more recycling, better restrooms, clean restrooms, more parking, more police officers and more tickets for illegal parking offenders, more with decorative stone work and more piers and landings around water.
10/19/2009	5424603	great area-very important to my life. Expansion should be planned with growth of city and downtown population
10/20/2009	5430542	
10/20/2009	5430815	
10/20/2009	5442861	I feel so fortunate to live in Austin with a dog. Regrading the scoop-the-poop campaign, it's stupid and money could be better spent elsewhere. An irresponsible, selfish, lazy person will only respond to fines or perhaps community service scooping poop would be a great idea.
10/20/2009	5443268	There need to be more off leash areas. The few small "dog parks" are terribly overused and unpleasant. Parks with large off leash areas, or no leash requirements should outnumber leash-only parks. Only parks and park areas designed for exclusive use of small children should keep dogs out or on-leash only.
10/21/2009	5458597	People should actually punished for not picking up after their dogs, maybe this will push them more to actually take this seriously. Additional education would most likely be helpful as well.
10/21/2009	5469694	I just moved to Austin, so I am possibly not the best person to answer this survey, but I am pleased to have a dog park near my home where I can exercise my dog off leash...and she really enjoys a swim after fetch as well - so, it is a good spot for us. I wish there were a water hose or something however to wash the dogs off after they come out of Lady Bird Lake...that would be fantastic.
10/21/2009	5469895	
10/22/2009	5477004	
10/22/2009	5478867	
10/22/2009	5483556	
10/22/2009	5485577	
10/22/2009	5487371	1. some type of barrier so that dogs at the water area can't so easily get in front of runners or bikers 2. vendors should do a better job of picking up after events; my dogs regularly find turkey legs
10/22/2009	5492288	I absolutely love that there are fence-free places where Austin dogs can be off leash! My only suggestion is that sometimes I find trash bins to be too far in between, particularly at Auditorium shores. They're mostly concentrated on one side of the park. It would be nice to have better coverage.
10/22/2009	5492587	More trashcans, there is only one at the shores and it fills up fast plus if you and your dog are in the grassy knolls you have to leash your dog and go find the trash can which is a pain and possibly why others don't pick up after their dog.
10/22/2009	5493402	I do really wish that the "scoop the poop" didn't involve that really ugly shovel/pile display. It's tacky.
		I feel that Redbud has a parking problem.
10/22/2009	5493604	A.S. is a great place to walk and run with my dog. I have regulars that I socialize with on a daily basis and it is a great outlet for both me, my family and my dog. It is truly the best OLDP in the city of Austin.

10/22/2009	5494055	If the City had officials who would write citations for people that were witnessed NOT picking up their dog waste (\$25 fine or something reasonable) the amount of dog waste left on the ground would decrease. If these officials were visible around the OLA's it would be much more effective to get owners to pick up after their dogs. It would only take a few times for the City to get out there and word would spread that if you don't pick up after your dog you will be fined. And the citations would pay for the officials wages, meaning no increase to the City budget. PLEASE do something like this, it would be much more effective than an advertising campaign.
10/22/2009	5494667	I think it would be good to step up enforcement of "scoop the poop" and keeping dogs leashed in the designated areas. I see a whole lot of violation of these two rules. I see children knocked down quite a bit.
10/22/2009	5497944	I feel very strongly that children who are not able to walk or who are just learning to walk should not come to an off-leash area. The very nature of an off-leash area means that an owner will have less control over their dog. Dogs who are playing energetically may run into toddling children and cause them to fall. There are many dogs who are nervous around children, and may bite or act inappropriately toward a child who approaches them. I always fear for young children's safety in an OLA, and also fear for the liability that parents are exposing dog owner's to by bringing their children who are barely capable of walking to a dog park.
10/22/2009	5497969	
10/22/2009	5499309	I also feel that a 'Scoop-the-Poop' campaign is not going to be effective unless a) you threaten closure of a park, like with the Bull Creek dog park or b) you actively and aggressively fine people for not picking up pet waste. I do not feel that closing a dog park to off-leash activity is a desirable way of dealing with the problem; it frustrates dog owners and causes rancor and tension between dog owners and city authorities. I do think that the regular presence of a "poop police" - if you will - who had the power to fine dog owners would greatly diminish the presence of pet waste.
10/22/2009	5499309	More garbage cans, especially close to the parking areas at Auditorium Shores. Police ticketing owners who don't pick up after their dog (sting operation). More thorough clean up after an event at Auditorium Shores.
10/23/2009	5509213	There should be a dismount bike sign in the area that the dogs are going in and out of the water. Bikers tend to fly through there and end up running into the dogs. This can be dangerous for both the biker and the dog.
10/23/2009	5510011	I think that if there were people monitoring the area to catch people who didn't pick up their pet waste, things would be vastly improved. In all honesty, I think the campaign for Scoop the Poop, is a good concept, but there are 2 kinds of pet owners: the ones that clean up after their pet and the ones that don't. I don't think billboards and posters are going to get the lazy ones to start picking up.
10/23/2009	5510342	I've heard rumor of shutting some of the OLA's down, unfortunately those irresponsible pet owners make it bad for those of us that do what we are supposed to do....The dog parks are much needed, especially for those of us living in apartments, it gives our pooch time to run free and play and socialize. I personally like the enclosed/fenced in OLAs better - I occasionally use Walnut Creek or Bull Creek for hiking and let him run, but it irritates some people out there without pets.
10/23/2009	5511619	
10/23/2009	5512035	I believe OLP need fences, to keep the dogs within their boundaries. I also believe there should be a phone for 311 calls when someone shows up to a dog park with an obviously aggressive dog. I would also like to see more visits at the dog parks by animal control and city officials because ai think this would keep people from bringing aggressive dogs not suited to off leash areas to the OLP's.
10/23/2009	5513224	well as for auditorium shores, the grass situation is going downhill. i suppose i'd like to see some upkeep of the grassy field. when the weather is windy, it's a dust bowl, which makes it harder to see and in turn harder to see our pets. something to think about
10/23/2009	5514523	
10/23/2009	5515541	
10/23/2009	5516027	1. Make Fiesta Gardens an official Off Leash Area 2. Install speed bumps on Festival Beach Road between Festival Beach and and Fiesta Gardens to slow down the drivers speeding through the park (Festival Beach Road leading to boat ramp). Speeders in the park threaten dogs and children and nearly killed my beloved dog.
10/23/2009	5518476	I think the dog park at Auditorium Shores is the best in Austin. I absolutely love it. We walk there every day and play often. Keep it up!
10/23/2009	5524308	more trash canes for poop
10/23/2009	5528235	
10/24/2009	5533035	
10/24/2009	5534921	
10/24/2009	5536401	
10/24/2009	5539154	
10/24/2009	5539755	I wish you would work on the grass area at Auditorium Shores like PARD did with Zilker. It needs some work/grass.
10/24/2009	5540123	I think PARD does a great job providing well maintained dog parks as well as the whole town lake trail. Thanks for being out there on Saturdays and Sundays picking up garbage, etc.
10/24/2009	5540917	Bull Creek Dog Park is over run with dogs, I think it's bad for the water and grounds around the park. Perhaps it should be cut back to specific morning hours or certain days of the week.
10/24/2009	5541232	I just wish bike riders along the OFA would be warned to slow down.
10/24/2009	5541232	Benches and seating areas would be nice. As well as a public bathroom.

10/24/2009	5541826	I love Auditorium Shores, but too many times the people part and the dog part do not mix well. Even after signs were posted stating, "Dogs at Play" (much appreciated), runners and walkers still will get tangled up with the playing dogs. Would be nice to have the trail just at that small part of Town Lake separate from the dogs. Thanks for the effort to have everyone pick up their dogs waste.
10/24/2009	5552004	All in all, auditorium shores is a very nice place and we thank you for allowing us to bring our dogs there, leash-free. I would recommend a more obvious "slow-down" warning for bicyclists (and some runners) when approaching the leash-free area, especially next to the stairs by the water where dogs swim. There could be more waste cans for poop. Pay me the 75K a year to pick up all the dog waste rather than using it on an add campaign. I can do it for half that with a golf cart all day long.
10/25/2009	5558877	I always brought bags with me because as soon as my dog got to the park they'd go before I could get to the bags in the center of Aud Shores--this morning I appreciated the fact that there were bags and a trash can by the parking area on Riverside!!! Maybe it's just me but it seems to be a lot more "picked up" there lately. I like Auditorium Shores because the openness seems to create less tension in the dogs when a group gets together, also because of access to water/swimming, and finally because I can run or walk on the trails with the dogs on leash and also have an area where the dogs get to do their thing as well.
10/25/2009	5560008	
10/25/2009	5560039	I think some simple signage that was witty and to the point would help to encourage people to pick up there poop. Signage that taught people dog park etiquette would be just as much welcomed. My number one concern is small children that run and screaming in play. Many dog are set off by this and it really scares me. would love an area to spray off dogs after they have been in the lake or mud. That would be most fantastic! I would just love to see more of them. Having trails that you can run/walk your dog off leash would be nice. Of course it would be amazing for there to be free dog classes to encourage owners to train their dogs, or to get new ideas for training. Sometimes I wish there was a certified trainer around serving as a type of "life guard"/rule enforcer/teacher to pet owners. I realize this is unrealistic, but it would be cool. As long as there is fresh water and room for dogs to explore w/ one another, I'm happy. Thanks for all the hard work! The off leash dog areas are very heavily used. Auditorium shores is heavily used and could use some better management to keep grass, riparian areas in better condition and clean. This obviously takes money. I think all local dog owners should have to register there pets and pay an annual fee. I have heard that this is already the case?? but I have never seen it charged. It should be charged at the vet every year with pets vaccinations. Pet ownership is a RESPONSIBILITY and there should be a registry of pets and their owners and an annual "license" charge which is used to keep all these GREAT OLAreas in tip top condition. ALSO, ticketing the pet owners more often who do not pick up dog waste would be another source of income plus stop these offenders (and educate them) over the long haul. I think Auditorium Shores is a great location. All I could ask for is more police presence, more light as the time change is coming.
10/25/2009	5560840	
10/25/2009	5560891	
10/25/2009	5565415	Please keep them at least the size they currently are. They are a wonderful asset to Austin. thank you.
10/25/2009	5567478	
10/25/2009	5568395	Our family loves the off leash areas and have for over a decade been using them. It's great fun for the pets and the family. Go Austin! The bicycling should be prohibited. It is dangerous for other people and dogs that are at the park.
10/25/2009	5568474	We'd love a park as nice as Auditorium Shores located in southern South Austin :) There's a small exercise area (chin-up bar, etc) - there is one bench there that could use some attention. It's totally nit-picking. We love the park. We do wish that when 5k races were held, that we could run with our dogs. Most races don't allow pets. More parking at places such as Red Bud Isle and Auditorium Shores.
10/25/2009	5569306	
10/25/2009	5569714	
10/25/2009	5569816	
10/25/2009	5570618	
10/26/2009	5577428	
10/26/2009	5584908	
10/26/2009	5585514	
10/26/2009	5590719	
10/26/2009	5591530	
10/26/2009	5593160	
10/26/2009	5595765	
10/26/2009	5598861	
10/26/2009	5604121	
10/26/2009	5605058	
10/26/2009	5605195	
10/26/2009	5606728	
10/26/2009	5607468	
10/26/2009	5608182	
10/26/2009	5610980	

10/27/2009	5614668	
10/27/2009	5619008	
10/27/2009	5627199	
10/27/2009	5629923	Post signs that Zilker park is an off-leash area so that the public is aware.
		We need an off leash area (with water) on the East side. I occasionally let my one dog run free (one is ALWAYS on a leash) because she needs to exercise. Occasionally, I am paranoid about Parks Services employees (one was very rude/authoritative to me after I put my dogs in the car at Rosewood Park and I've not returned to the park since). I want to feel relaxed about exercising my dog, not paranoid, and I want an east side dog off leash park because it is closer to my house, saving me time and saving the city traffic and pollution.
10/27/2009	5630882	
10/27/2009	5630808	
10/27/2009	5632051	Having a few PARD employees on duty at the park would help maintain a sence of order there. However the people that visit this area are USUALLY considerate & respectful of the other visitors most of the time
10/27/2009	5634680	
10/27/2009	5636377	
10/27/2009	5638854	
10/27/2009	5639437	
10/28/2009	5650504	
10/28/2009	5651563	
10/28/2009	5653107	
10/28/2009	5654411	I have lived in many cities, but I have never lived in a city with such great off-leash parks. As a dog-owner I love this about Austin! Keep up the good work!
10/28/2009	5655057	definitive boundaries, water for dogs to play in/around, fountains, after dark lighting
10/28/2009	5655580	
10/28/2009	5655905	
10/28/2009	5657472	Maybe provide more poop stations and trash cans along the trail. Sometimes if a dog owner doesn't get a couple of bags before he or she starts walking/running through the trail they won't be able to find a poop station for a while and in consequence they live the dog poop in the middle of the trail.
10/28/2009	5664062	
10/29/2009	5674431	
10/29/2009	5676035	Parking is always a problem with Red Bud And Auditorium Shores. The lighting is adequet but not any kind of a schedule so you never know if the "light" will be on. Watering/seeding is almost non existant I called the pard folks about the multiple mature trees especially the crape myrtles that were dying and was told not thier problem it was the forestry's. No offer to help not even a phone #. No one at either dept seemed to care, they would all be dead if the rain had not arrived in time. It seems that the dog parks are kind of step children while soccer fields and the long center seem to the chosen ones.
10/29/2009	5683600	Create more of them.
10/29/2009	5684510	
10/29/2009	5685080	I only wish that OLA was more consistently lit at night by that big light tower that seems to come on randomly. In the summer it is just too hot to visit during daylight hours.
10/29/2009	5685824	OLAs need to be fenced, with area for small and shy dogs. Some areas with agility equipment would be good. Please NOT in or adjacent to environmentally sensitive areas, especially waterways that provide our drinking water!!!!
10/29/2009	5688432	
10/29/2009	5688723	We like things the way they are.
10/30/2009	5694660	i think austin should have more OLA that are fenced in like norwood is. i have recently moved to austin from another city and have found austin sorely lacking in fenced in OLA. I also think there needs to be OLA's in the southwest portion of the city.
		for an example of an off leash fenced in area I refer you to Quann park in Madison Wisconsin,the park im most familiar with. They turned in old landfill into a fenced in OLA.
		I think fenced in area are more important for dogs than open OLA's. while dogs can be trained to come they are still dogs and will occasionally break training. a fenced in are prevents them from getting lost/injured.
		A high quality fenced in area doesnt need to be huge. 50-60 acres would do it
10/30/2009	5695077	
10/30/2009	5697213	
10/30/2009	5700465	Turkey Creek Trail needs a port -o-potty please. Thank You. :)

10/30/2009	5702276	When I was there today, I noticed someone letting their dog "do its business" and then did not pick it up. I was not close enough to say anything, but was deeply disappointed in the action. I realize that it is not always possible to pick it all up, but at least try to pick it up! Seems to be mostly young women that do this. I guess it's beneath them to clean up after their own dog.
10/30/2009	5702589	Keep the OLAs - keep Austin special!
10/30/2009	5703702	
10/30/2009	5705632	
10/30/2009	5706986	
10/30/2009	5707817	
10/30/2009	5707734	There needs to be a dog park on the East Side. It is an issue of fairness, equity, and social justice. Mueller would be a good spot for it.
		Our OLA dog parks are great and they're just fine the way they are; they don't need changing.
		I'm surprised that no one from the city has repaired the broken stone step at Auditorium Shores- the steps down to the water. It is clearly a safety hazard and someone is probably going to trip and get injured. Forget about adding more caution signs, fix the step instead!
10/30/2009	5707734	No more signs. They're ugly and we don't need them. Everything is good how it is. Our OLA dog parks are great and they're just fine the way they are; they don't need changing.
		I'm surprised that no one from the city has repaired the broken stone step at Auditorium Shores- the steps down to the water. It is clearly a safety hazard and someone is probably going to trip and get injured. Forget about adding more caution signs, fix the step instead!
10/30/2009	5710353	No more signs. They're ugly and we don't need them. Everything is good how it is.
10/30/2009	5710528	When the hike and bike trail runs through an off leash area (like Auditorium Shores), cyclists should be required to slow down. I see dogs walking in front of the bikes all the time, sometimes resulting in accident and/or injury to the dogs (and cyclists). It's very dangerous for the dogs. Please make bike riders aware that they are entering an off leash area and that it is necessary to decrease speeds to avoid hitting an animal/person. I have seen way too many bike riders come flying through the crowded area by the water with no regard to people's pets. I was almost hit once by one man who did not slow down and felt he was entitled to the space. When a dog was in his way he had to swerve and he almost took me out. Upon my requesting he slow down he began to scream and shout almost starting an altercation. If signs are posted more prominently and it is made clear to bikers that they MUST slow down in the crowded areas I believe everyone's safety would be improved upon. Another solution would be to reroute the bikers around the OLA water area directing them out to the street and then back down to the water. In my opinion this would work best b/c many bikers ignore the posted signs and seem belligerent towards dogs slowing them down.
10/30/2009	5710984	nice to know the city cares enough to create a survey.
10/31/2009	5717256	
10/31/2009	5720456	I've only been here a few months. I moved from Shreveport, LA where there are NO OLA for pets and think that the number of parks and how well maintained the one I always go to is, I'm very pleased with what I see the Austin parks and Recreation Department is doing. I'm sure the "old timers" have other views but as a newcomer, I commend you.
10/31/2009	5730479	Thanks for the opportunity to participate in this survey, keep up the good work. Keep promoting dog friendly (leash free) recreational areas
10/31/2009	5733739	Great park. Keep up the good work.
10/31/2009	5734314	there is still a lot of poop at this location!
11/1/2009	5737656	Leave them as is. Thank you.
11/1/2009	5738647	
11/1/2009	5738847	
11/1/2009	5744431	
11/1/2009	5744528	
11/1/2009	5752043	I think it would be more effective to have someone fining owners who don't pick up after their dogs. I found the scoop the poop campaign ineffective. It assumes things which make it inaccurate (it assumes no dog owner picks up after their dog, when most actually do). I think it did a better job making people more angry at dog owners, which sucks for the responsible ones.
11/1/2009	5752303	I would love to see a small dog area, I love big dogs but sometimes they can intimidate even hurt smaller dogs without realizing. The drinking fountains for dogs in the areas by Parmer even center are great. I've always picked up after my dog but I really think the campaign has helped, especially in the parks, I think it should be expanded city wide. I'm amazed how many people in my neighborhood let their dogs poop in peoples lawns or along Arroyo Seco. My dog is "a runner" so I can't let her off leash but thank you so much for the off leash areas we love visiting and meeting other dogs and dog owners.
11/1/2009	5752400	Keep them open!

11/1/2009	5752494	I go to Town Lake Park with my 2 dogs almost every day and I can't imagine the negative impact taking away off-leash in this area would have. This is a great opportunity for our animals and our residents to get some exercise, take part in the community, get to know each other. It is all about Austin being Austin. As someone who was born and raised here, I absolutely love the dog community I share with so many at Town Lake Park--especially at the steps where dogs of every size and breed gather and show their human friends how to get along. Thanks for asking. Please support our dog parks!!!!
11/1/2009	5752865	We love Auditorium Shores. Please keep it leash free!
11/2/2009	5758552	We visited the Town Lake park this Saturday and as always had a wonderful time with the dogs. The Mutt Mitt's are readily available (or perhaps it was that I took several at the one parking location), but we didn't always find a trash can to dispose of it. I also wasn't aware of the website and did not know about all the other dog parks. I certainly plan to visit many of the others.
11/2/2009	5759944	I sprinkler system to keep the grass alive during the hot summer months would help keep down the dust. Dogs do a bit of damage but mainly it is the drought.
11/2/2009	5760351	Refilling the poop bags regularly. It is very disheartening when we are trying to be responsible dog owners to go to the bag pole and find no bags available. What the heck are we supposed to do? Also, emptying the trash cans more than once every couple of weeks would be nice too. On a number of occasions I have observed that they are terribly overflowing with dog waste!!!
11/2/2009	5760714	Auditorium Shores is a unique dog park to Austin...keep it the way it is. There are plenty of parks people can go to with their families to have picnics and children...etc. If someone is uncomfortable with dogs off leash then they shouldn't go there...they can go else where. DO NOT ALLOW food vendors in Auditorium Shores all it will do is attract the homeless and allow for more obnoxious panhandling.
11/2/2009	5761260	
11/2/2009	5761312	
11/2/2009	5761853	
11/2/2009	5762050	
11/2/2009	5762690	Please do not have areas where dogs are fenced in...this causes aggression amongst dogs. Also Auditorium Shores is an active place for adults and dogs and there is no need to bring in concession and playgrounds. This will add to the liability to have small children and dogs running in the area. Also concessions add to the trash and chaos amongst dogs. Dont add new elements it is great the way it is for exercising adults and dogs.
11/2/2009	5762996	
11/2/2009	5764272	
11/2/2009	5768413	
11/2/2009	5768675	With regard to Town Lake Park, I am very concerned about the speed at which bikers travel through the OLA and along the trail in general. I have seen bikers barreling through the OLA and hit dogs. Bigger dogs can usually handle a bicycle hit better, but for smaller - and for bigger dogs - a bicycle hit can be fatal. Bikers ride past with their headphones and act totally unaware of the fact that they are biking through and area where many dogs and small children are running around. Moreover, when I have seen a biker hit a dog, they rarely stop and when they have it is to yell and curse at the dog and/or the dog's owner. I wish I could say this is a rare, but almost everyone who regularly takes there dog to Town Lake has witnessed or had similar encounters.
		Also, as a person who uses Town Lake to run, I have found bikers to be a danger to me personally when running. I often run long distances through South Austin, so I am aware of the various dangers and obstacles present to runners - namely vehicles. I look forward to running at Town Lake because it seemingly allows a safe reprieve from some of the dangers of running on roads. Yet bikers, seem to be increasingly inconsiderate to their runner counter-parts.
		I'm not sure what can be done to improve this situation aside from restricting access to bikers in this area. I doubt that posting speed advisories for bikers would bringing any improvement, as I doubt they'd even see them.
11/2/2009	5777276	
11/2/2009	5782982	I wish Auditorium Shores was fenced-off, or if traffic could be made to go slower. My dog and I have both almost been hit by speeding cars on Riverside.
		Also, it could use more grass. The drought this summer turned it into a dustbowl.
		Overall, I love the park and go every day. It's my favorite part of Austin.
11/2/2009	5783530	
11/2/2009	5783602	
11/2/2009	5783934	Teach/preach personal responsibility. One bad incident can cost dog people the OLAs.
11/2/2009	5784289	
11/2/2009	5784689	the lights in the middle of the main area where dogs play in auditorium shores often turns off early, doesn't stay on sunday nights, and sometimes doesn't come on during the weeknights... i wish this was more consistent... there is a small issue of some people not picking up after their dogs, but i think that's mostly people just not paying close enough attention or something... i don't quite think it's malicious... everything else about this park is excellent... oh, except for parking... parking sucks a fat one for the most part...

11/2/2009	5784672	I don't know if these were provided by the city or not, but I really appreciate having the dog bowl at the majority of the water fountains so I can give my dog water on runs. I find this very important
11/2/2009	5784655	I'm very impressed with the improvement in the park regarding poop. I didn't think that it would improve and I have a renewed hope that OLAs will be allowed to continue. This is a very important aspect to my continued belief in the high quality of life in Austin.
11/3/2009	5789503	
11/3/2009	5789911	
11/3/2009	5790372	
11/3/2009	5790861	
11/3/2009	5790475	
11/3/2009	5793892	
11/3/2009	5794870	More signs indicating the "off-leash" areas.
11/3/2009	5795194	Fence the boundaries of the park to keep dogs from getting hit by cars. Segregate bicyclists and joggers from the dog park via a bridge over or a tunnel under the park.
11/3/2009	5795653	I think the areas could be safer from streets. I do not, however, like the addition of high maintenance items just to make us "feel" better. I'm not into lots of fluff-n-stuff eye candy --just the basics. Keep things simple, but whatever is done choose QUALITY.
11/3/2009	5795986	I think there needs to be more off leash fenced dog parks or more flexibility at other small neighborhood parks or small off leash fenced areas withing neighborhood parks.
11/3/2009	5796944	
11/3/2009	5798140	I love the Mutt Mitts, but it would be nice to have more trashcans available at Auditorium Shores. It would also be great to have fencing along the parking lot/Riverside Dr. to prevent dogs from running into the road.
11/3/2009	5798902	Town Lake OLA is absolutely wonderful. I also like Bull Creek. I don't feel Far West is adequate or should really be considered a "dog park." I have jogged through it but did not even know it was a designated OLA until I saw it on the PARD website. I would rather have it there than not, but I don't feel there is enough open space for a dog to run safely; fencing it in and providing signs may be an improvement.
11/3/2009	5799853	
11/3/2009	5799731	I'm glad you've closed Bull Creek to OLA - I quit taking my dog there because of the bacteria which is not good for her. I love Turkey Creek but know it's not an Austin park. I usually go to Auditorium Shores are part of a 4.8 hike (per your lovely signs) around Lady Bird Lake. I wish there were more OLAs for dogs along the way but my dog loves the one you have. I also love to take her to Walnut Creek Park but it is so big that I'm not comfortable venturing deep into the woods without someone else along. That park is a real treasure for our city.
		Thanks for taking care of our citizens and us dog owners.
11/3/2009	5802364	Irresponsible owners who don't pick up after their dogs are the biggest problem at public dog parks. Enforcement and significant fines should be considered.
11/3/2009	5804891	
11/3/2009	5805243	
11/4/2009	5811197	
11/4/2009	5812619	At Auditorium Shores, there is a big problem with runners, bikers, and walkers going through the off leash trail area. Runners do not watch for dogs and I have seen many runners either trip over dogs, or run into the dogs because they were not watching for the dogs even though the off leash area is clearly marked. They get angry at dog owners for not "keeping control of their dogs." This has happened twice in the past three weeks, once to me, and once I saw it happen to other people who brought their dog to the park. Maybe runners and bikers don't realize that the area is off leash?? Maybe there can be a bigger sign? Do they expect the dogs to be watching for them? It is a big problem and has made me rethink going to that off leash area. I keep going back though because this is my dog's favorite park. Bikers also bike through there at break neck speeds. A couple of times a week I will see bikers either hit dogs, or have to brake hard and swerve to miss dogs as they go through the off leash area. This is dangerous for the dogs and for other people who may be walking or running nearby. I am also a runner on Town Lake as well as a dog park visitor. I always make a point to be aware of what is going on around me when I am in the off leash area since it is such a high traffic area. I think others should do the same, and maybe posted signs warning runners and bikers to slow down and pay attention would help. Those are my only issues with the Auditorium Shores dog park. We love it other than that, it's my dog's favorite place in the city.
11/4/2009	5814276	Please keep our off leash dog parks available to us! It's such a wonderful place to take my dogs, very convenient and they can't get enough swimming, fetching the ball, socializing with other dogs. I like talking to other dog owners and the beauty of the park and lake. It's a great place for all of us to get exercise and fresh air. Thank you for offering this survey to voice our opinions.
11/4/2009	5818917	
11/4/2009	5819182	please keep auditorium shores available as OLA. There are many people moving downtown and this is the most convenient area for them. In particular, condo owners without yards need a convenient area to let their dogs run free.
11/4/2009	5820955	Auditorium Shores needs more benches and lighting
11/4/2009	5822977	

11/4/2009	5823188	
11/5/2009	5827465	I, personally, have found the off-leash areas dangerous. I have a very small dog I walk with a halter rather than a collar, and I never let her off-leash because I'm too afraid to. I've often seen dogs run in front of bikes, making the rider fall; I've had big dogs come after my dog so that I've had to swing her up in the air to get her out of the way. I finally started avoid the off-leash areas if possible. I've also seen plenty of folks let their dogs poop without cleaning up after them. It's a beautiful park in a beautiful city, and I'm a dog lover, but I wish there was more of a "dog park" type of place for dogs to run around off-leash instead of out in the general area where so much is going on. Thanks for letting me get this off my chest.
11/5/2009	5829997	
11/5/2009	5839120	
11/5/2009	5839301	My dogs love to run to the water from Auditorium Shores but with all of the runners and walkers and bikers I worry someone will get hurt from the dog crossing. I assume most pedestrians on the trail are aware of the "dog crossing" but it couldn't hurt to put a sign up on either side of the water entry from the park. Otherwise, we are very happy with the park. We love seeing all different groups of Austinites there, from families to dog-owners to athletes, sport teams, etc. Austin really uses this park - which is what I believe parks are for.
11/5/2009	5840767	
11/5/2009	5842220	I wish there were more off-leash areas that have fencing around them. My dog will run toward the road when he's off-leash, but I want him to be able to run free on occasion. I have not been able to find out which OLAs are fenced - it would be good to have that information readily available.
11/5/2009	5841758	
11/5/2009	5846018	
11/6/2009	5855273	More of them!!! It might be helpful at Auditorium Shores to post signs on either ends of the park on the hike and bike trail alerting runners and especially bikers to use caution and keep an eye out for dogs. I have seen too many bikers swerving at the last minute to avoid hitting a dog. a few fenced in areas for small dogs or dogs who can play well with some other dogs, but not others; a monthly, or at least scheduled, training course at each dog park on how to evaluate dog temperament, how to break up a dog fight without getting injured, doggy first aid basics, what to do if your dog is attacked by another dog that has no owner in sight ... safety things, but with caveats of course to remove liability from the city. Oh, and agility training and a dog sulkey racing course. THAT'd be awesome. Imagine a Tex-iterod competition with a crack team of fifteen well-trained chihuahuas pulling a sled? ... I can totally see it. Or at least a good place to run dogs on bikes (like dog scootering) ... it's not safe to do it on the street, there are too many people at the hike and bike trails, and Marble Falls is too far for me to go regularly (and expensive if you don't have a yearly park pass). And I want my Mueller off-leash area back. Designated, because too many people are making the one by the big pond unleashed right now and it's not safe for me or my dogs. Bend dangerous dog breeds from the off leash area, pit bulls in specific. they ruin eveyone's experience and only bring worry to other patrons and other dog owners
11/6/2009	5856765	
11/6/2009	5858088	
11/6/2009	5858810	
11/6/2009	5862209	
11/7/2009	5864965	
11/7/2009	5866564	
11/7/2009	5879764	
11/7/2009	5880103	
11/8/2009	5888210	
11/8/2009	5894489	Please add more trash cans along the walking trail between Auditorium Shores and the Mopac bridge on both sides of the lake because many times I find myself having to carry the poop a half mile or more before seeing a trash can.
11/8/2009	5904329	
11/8/2009	5904348	
11/8/2009	5904138	
11/8/2009	5907059	
11/9/2009	5914607	
11/9/2009	5914843	I think that auditorium shores is the best off leash dog park I have ever been to.
11/9/2009	5915765	
11/9/2009	5918413	as a single female walking her dog, and I NEVER walk at night, extra security during the day time is always appreciated. thank you!
11/9/2009	5932202	
11/9/2009	5936557	I have been very happy with how Austin handles Off-Leash areas for dogs and am thankful that they are readily available. At auditorium shores, maybe some more lighting along the walkways at night might be nicer though. It's good in some areas but others it's hard to see. Thanks!
11/9/2009	5936990	Have another water station on the upper part of Town Lake. Otherwise, you are doing a great job.
11/10/2009	5941216	I am disappointed that you have cut back the amount of off leash space at Auditorium Shores.
11/10/2009	5947143	
11/10/2009	5948358	
11/10/2009	5949915	The question for me at townlake is are trail runners coming thru a dog park or are the dog owners using the runner's trail?(specifically when the dogs are swimming in town lake) For the most part, each party is respectful of the others and can co-habitate the space. Might be a good idea to give the runners an alternate path away from the area where the dogs are entering the lake.

11/10/2009	5952768	Full-time PARD officer with built in mini-video camera in his/her cap, at Auditorium Shores, empowered to ticket dog owners who do not pick up after their pets.
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11/10/2009	5960887	overall-great job austin, we moved here for the awesome standard of living and austin gives it. thank you. n/a If it's not broke don't try to fix it :-) I believe the OLA's are a wonderful resource for the community of Austin. I know that I would rarely use the parks if I wasn't able to bring my dog. It would be great if all people would take responsibility and clean up after their dogs...my hope is that these folks don't ruin the benefit of having these areas off leash...that would be a shame.
11/10/2009	5961313	
11/12/2009	6012542	
11/12/2009	6016851	
11/12/2009	6017468	
11/12/2009	6022910	Water the grass. The parks quickly become a dust bowl during drought conditions (which happens every summer.) Just thank you for having good dog parks in Austin. I appreciate you making a space. Gratitude from the 78748. In order to make the park more friendly for families and not just dogs, how about creating a designated family or picnic area with improved quality of the grass, maybe in one shady area of the park? People I know with families don't picnic or hang out there because they perceive the park's ground to be dirty and not well maintained "because of all the dogs". That way the park could be more of a shared space instead of just a dog park. Also, love the scoop the poop campaign. Not only are people more inclined to pick up their dog's poop, but if they don't people are more inclined to say something.
11/12/2009	6023968	
11/12/2009	6022201	
11/12/2009	6030268	
11/13/2009	6047688	
11/13/2009	6053826	Need to issue citations for dog owners who refuse to pick their dog's waste. Have seen too many people just walk away and not pick it up. The off leash area of the park is along side a very busy street. There needs to be a fence surrounding the area so no dogs are hit by cars. When they are playing they are not always aware if a car might be coming.
11/13/2009	6056148	
11/13/2009	6056785	
11/13/2009	6058862	Fences. Make people pick up their poop. Which you're well on the way to doing. Auditorium Shores has grown in public and dog use through the years, where people, bikes and dogs all are forced to deal with each other directly. It would be great to move the start of the jogging/running/biking marker away from the dog crossing point to the water to help with the congestion and people trying to start/finish while dogs run across their paths to the water. Neither groups watches out very well for the other. The OLA parks as a whole need to somehow get all of the patrons to work together to solve the problems and not just blame the other. We are a community and the parks can work for all.
11/14/2009	6063838	
11/14/2009	6078921	
11/14/2009	6079072	
11/14/2009	6079645	
11/15/2009	6083725	
11/15/2009	6087327	
11/15/2009	6087428	
11/15/2009	6090530	
11/15/2009	6091845	I like the off leash park where it currently is located.
11/15/2009	6091932	I continue to step in dog poop at the park. It is pretty disgusting how much there is, and how often owners do not pick up after their dogs. So far, other owners have been helpful when I am looking for my dog's waste and can't find it. Which has made it so that I have never left waste behind. So it is confusing to me how anyone would not pick up after their dog. Somewhat frustrating.
11/15/2009	6095094	The Auditorium Shores park is great. The only thing I would do is put light in the public restroom. And it is also sad that i cannot take the bus with my dog, that would be perfect not to worry about driving there.
11/15/2009	6094283	
11/15/2009	6094595	
11/15/2009	6096644	Take the pile of fake poop and shovel display at auditorium shores! TACKY!!
11/15/2009	6103629	I've never seen a cop writing a ticket for someone failing to pick up after their pet. If you want to really get people to pick up poop, then fine them when they don't. A giant trough and dirt pile at Auditorium shores isn't going to do anything.
11/15/2009	6104509	Runners and walkers don't seem to ne an issue, but bikers do have potential just because of speed, and this is an issue on all paths, regardless of OLA or not. But in OLA it is a little more dangerous. Slowing bikers and/or moving bike path might be a good idea.
11/15/2009	6104761	Aggressive dogs should stay on a leash, possibly even muzzled at all times.
11/15/2009	6105310	These areas are part of the reason why I like Austin so much. I love that this is a "dog friendly" town. If anything, there needs to be more separation between the runners and bikers and the dogs, especially down by the water. The dogs run across to the water without looking, and some runners and bikers don't slow down at the crossing, and I think the dogs have the right of way.

11/16/2009	6109495	One of Austin's greatest qualities is its off-leash parks. Please keep the ones we have and offer further expansions. With the closing of Bull Creek, it's difficult for people in the NW to find a dog park to take their dogs too.
11/16/2009	6112291	I've only seen the tv spots and heard the radio commercials for the scoop the poop campaign. There isn't much information in and around the dogs park. There is the big pile of dirt, however that's far away from where most of the dogs play.
		Something to slow down the cyclists on the jogging trail would be nice, this is a serious hazard. Also, something to slow down the boaters and rowers to watch out for dogs in the water. Often the boaters and rowers have no regard for animals swimming and I have seen many close calls.
11/16/2009	6129491	
11/16/2009	6137615	
11/17/2009	6140296	Just keep improving the water access at the various parks. The upgraded water entries with the stone steps down into the water is very much appreciated. The dogs having to enter the water thru steep slopes and roots/rocks always concerned me that my dog was going to get injures, especially when running in after a ball. Thanks!
11/17/2009	6140892	more publicly visible enforcement of poop the scoop law
11/17/2009	6151525	The Austin dog parks are awesome. It is a shame what happened to Bull Creek. I do not think, however, that removing the off-leash designation will result in better poop pick-up. The same inconsiderate crappy people who don't scoop the poop will refuse to do so regardless of leash laws. Oh, and what ever happened to those black and white poop bags? Those were the BEST! THANKS!
11/17/2009	6155457	
11/17/2009	6156109	
11/17/2009	6156826	
11/17/2009	6160075	
11/17/2009	6160133	
11/18/2009	6170731	The addition of extra Mutt Mitt stations and trash cans has been a big help. Please do not let a handfull of anti-dog people decide to do away with one of the best off-leash park cities in the country. They may be more vocal (that's their 'job'), but they are outnumbered.
11/18/2009	6175032	
11/18/2009	6183252	Auditorium Shores and several others (like Redbud) are just GREAT!!!! And such a wonderful asset to Austin. I have heard many folks who don't own dogs say how much they love to walk or kayak by to see the dogs having such a GREAT time. And I have talked to many visitors to Austin who comment that the OLA parks (esp Aud Shores) are such a wonderful element in Austin. Keep up the good work, guys!!!!!!
11/18/2009	6195129	I rated some items low. Some old trees in the park died, I think they should have been saved. Also, runners, joggers, people walking are fine, but dogs and bikes aren't a good combination. Is there some other type of ground cover that could be used? The 'grass' isn't watered and it gets really dry and dusty in the summer. I would hate to see the OLAs limited in any redevelopment. Also, dogs have a mind of there own when it comes to squirrels, some type of fence along Riverside would be a good idea. One more item, the entry to the main parking lot under the overpass has blindspots and cars drive too fast--Should have speed limit signs and speed bumps.
11/18/2009	6198807	
11/19/2009	6211003	shorter survey next time. more importantly, we need to lower the speed & emphasize pedestrian ROW on the street that crosses under the mopac bridge. cars cruise through that walk, full of high school kids & moms with strollers, at 35 mph.
11/19/2009	6213455	I would like to see the Barton Creek Greenbelt have off leash sections.
11/19/2009	6223791	
11/19/2009	6226539	The City of Austin could improve communication with the public regarding OLAs that are in the city and present the responsibilities of the pet owners and the other park patrons that share the park. This is long overdue and the number of dog owners in this city is only growing. As well as the number of active people (i.e., runners, walkers, bikers, exercise groups) that utilize the same parks. Now is the time to bridge the gap in understanding the overall function of a community park and everyone's responsibility in sharing it.
11/19/2009	6238690	Putting more grass on the upper level where all the dogs play would be nice. I know they tear it up when they play but it gets really muddy.
11/20/2009	6244909	I'd love to have more dog park space in south Austin. We frequently drive to the dog park, and would prefer to at least have to drive less. I also used to frequent red bud, but the parking has become much more difficult and frustrating to use. There are so many event at Auditorium shores that close down the parking (marathons, walkathons, etc). I'm always caught by surprise by these. I'd love for these kinds of events to be posted several days in advance at the park, or to have a schedule posted to know when I should go somewhere other than Auditorium Shores.
11/20/2009	6245431	
11/20/2009	6245700	the biggest problem I've observed in the OLA's is the lack of education on canine behavior of some humans. I don't have the slightest idea how to address that problem.

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You need lots of off-leash dog areas spread out across the entire city so that people don't have to drive so far. Off-leash areas are incredibly popular with dog-owners. Again, you need lots of them, even if they are small ones. Parking is a problem at Auditorium Shores during certain times of day/evening. Signs should be posted alerting people to fact of off-leash ares, as you have at Aud. Shores. Some of the parks are a little overrun, such as Red Bud. The amount of dogs is almost overwhelming. Red Bud seems to have an odor problem bec. people put dog poop in trash cans, but the cans don't have lids. I think most people pick up the poop--if that's not true, city should pick up its scoop-the-poop campaign, even on radio and tv!!!

I LOVE off-leash areas and dogs need exercise, real exercise. It is so much better and more fun for them and the people. People clearly prefer off-leash overall. Austin is full of dog owners. Please listen to their desires. I think we need more parks. The hike and bike trail is over run. It has reached carrying capacity. Thank you for doing this survey!!!

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