

**\$(custom1) = Bull Creek**

Survey Question      Date Entered      Survey Record Number      Open Ended Text Statement

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**Please select the county which you reside.**

10/25/2009      [5561754](#)      comal

**Identify the reasons you choose \$(custom1) for you visit? Select 1 or more...**

10/8/2009      [5105497](#)      It's the only OLA that isn't more than 30 minutes away (accounting for traffic)

10/8/2009      [5113343](#)      Grew up going there and live 2 blocks away. I don't have time to travel to other parks before or after work.

10/8/2009      [5116061](#)      my dogs have dog friends there!

10/9/2009      [5126132](#)      It's a beautiful park with a variety of play options. My dogs love it.

10/9/2009      [5127219](#)      close to where I use to live

10/9/2009      [5128645](#)      awesome park.. love the creek.. not many people

10/21/2009      [5462398](#)      Beautiful Scenery

10/22/2009      [5477099](#)      Off leash

10/22/2009      [5483331](#)      socialize dog

10/22/2009      [5501053](#)      its pretty

10/23/2009      [5523317](#)      High owner popularity means plenty of other dogs with which mine can play

10/26/2009      [5578835](#)      its a beautiful natural creek for the dogs to be off leash and swim

11/1/2009      [5734820](#)      Beautiful park - dog owners take good care of it

11/2/2009      [5760563](#)      Only park even reasonably close to my house. Nothing else within 30 min.

11/3/2009      [5791080](#)      Hiking

11/4/2009      [5816986](#)      It is beautiful and my dogs love to hike on the trails and run around with all the other dogs. Socialization is a necessity if you want well behaved dogs, and bull creek is the perfect setting to do so and get your exercise. I go on my lunch break daily with them and then again when I get off work.

11/5/2009      [5844731](#)      my dog can socialize with other dogs

11/8/2009      [5895848](#)      Socialization of my dogs with other dogs

11/8/2009      [5904123](#)      It's particularly beautiful

11/20/2009      [6245425](#)      allow dog to socialize with other dogs

11/20/2009      [6245425](#)      allow dog to socialize with other dogs

11/20/2009      [6245425](#)      allow dog to socialize with other dogs

**How do you stay informed or follow current information on \$(custom1)? Select all that apply.**

10/8/2009      [5105497](#)      the savethedogpark website

10/8/2009      [5107847](#)      www.savebcdogpark.org

10/8/2009      [5113344](#)      Austin Statesman

10/8/2009      [5113343](#)      Other Bull Creek Park patrons.

10/9/2009      [5127868](#)      OLA group

10/10/2009      [5156746](#)      Word of mouth

10/14/2009      [5275747](#)      none apply

10/21/2009      [5462398](#)      Posted notices at dog park

10/22/2009      [5497614](#)      orher dog owners

10/31/2009      [5722447](#)      www.bullcreek.net

11/3/2009      [5793510](#)      rescue/pet community email groups

11/6/2009      [5848404](#)      others at the park

11/6/2009      [5851977](#)      talking with dog owners at park

11/8/2009      [5904123](#)      bull creek foundation website, talk to other people at park

11/12/2009      [6019447](#)      word of mouth

11/12/2009      [6037899](#)      friend

11/13/2009      [6051078](#)      signs at park

11/17/2009      [6155488](#)      Friends of bullcreek bulletin board

11/18/2009      [6194180](#)      Word of mouth

11/19/2009      [6235105](#)      Google

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

10/8/2009	<a href="#">5106128</a>	Cars, dogs in the parking lot
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5106269</a>	Cars
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5107660</a>	Hazards include getting two excited dogs across a busy parking lot and away from kids that may be playing near parking lot.
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5112933</a>	tight parking lot with lots of off leash dogs
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5113739</a>	need barrier between parking lot and road
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5127219</a>	other cars parking and driving
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5127772</a>	Getting through the parking lot is a hazard.
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5138709</a>	Drivers drive too fast on road by Bull Creek
10/10/2009	<a href="#">5156746</a>	Trash (broken glass and food) in parking lot
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5193779</a>	If it is necessary to park on the street it is not entirely safe to cross; the terrain is uneven in parts; the road is narrow and sometimes there is a lot of traffic.
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5194598</a>	Auto traffic and consideration of speed.
10/16/2009	<a href="#">5346458</a>	Other moving vehicles
10/24/2009	<a href="#">5541893</a>	Cross traffic, no fencing from main road
10/25/2009	<a href="#">5561911</a>	Roadway nearby, no fenced area between parking and the park itself.
11/2/2009	<a href="#">5771514</a>	dogs can easily chase after say a squirell and run into the road
11/3/2009	<a href="#">5791080</a>	The parking lot backs up to the park where many dogs are already off leash. I always have a small fear that my own dogs or someone else's will dart into the parking lot at the wrong moment.
11/12/2009	<a href="#">6019447</a>	mainly other dogs and owners,... not respectfully of the privilege of being off leash
11/14/2009	<a href="#">6063074</a>	Parking lot and entrance are too close to the street.
11/17/2009	<a href="#">6155279</a>	Because there is no designated parking people park on both sides of a "one" way street. Most people know that it is a one way, but there are jerks who park 6 feet from the curb and others who want to zoom in and out with no consideration for our dogs. Recently there were some "no parking" signs put up in a few locations. I was confused by the reasoning. I wish there was a Bull Creek Newsletter that I could receive so I could stay informed. My dog lives to go play in the park and I really need it because we live in an apartment. Parking is an issue, but one I can totally live with. I understand that there is no where to really expand.
11/20/2009	<a href="#">6245425</a>	cars leaving/entering parking lot
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**You answered "Yes"  $\{custom1\}$  is shared with other park patrons. Check all that apply. Select 1 or more...**

10/8/2009	<a href="#">5107847</a>	Rock Climbing, Basketball
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5112951</a>	z
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5113343</a>	Rock climbing
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5114722</a>	seems to be a lot of non-english speaking hispanic families
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5116061</a>	bathing
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5126808</a>	Swimming
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5194598</a>	I consider all parks multi-use
10/15/2009	<a href="#">5314970</a>	Hikers
10/15/2009	<a href="#">5316521</a>	Rock Climbing, Alcohol Drinkers (illegal), Trash Depositors (esp dirty diapers) also Illegal
10/18/2009	<a href="#">5377929</a>	Rock climbing & swimming
10/26/2009	<a href="#">5606397</a>	swimming
11/3/2009	<a href="#">5791080</a>	swimming
11/5/2009	<a href="#">5844731</a>	some people just come to enjoy the park
11/6/2009	<a href="#">5860605</a>	I'm not sure what it is that's being asked here.
11/8/2009	<a href="#">5904123</a>	photography, fishing, snorkeling, birdwatching, squirrel chasing
11/14/2009	<a href="#">6063074</a>	Hiking
11/18/2009	<a href="#">6194180</a>	Hiking

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

10/8/2009	<a href="#">5105497</a>	1) Don't close existing OLA's before opening new ones. 2) Lift the OLA decision/management/opening/etc process out of the bureaucratic muck it's becoming more and more mired in. 3) Let reason and rationality win the day over bad science. 4) Let stakeholder input be simple and direct, not channeled through an advisory panel created by a task-force created by a working group created by... does anyone remember? 5) When people become dedicated and put hours and hours into a place that they treasure and use every day according to it's rules (and not just admire from afar), don't reward them by taking it all away because one city department has some huge BS agenda.
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5105618</a>	

10/8/2009	<a href="#">5105730</a>	PLEASE KEEP BULL CREEK PARK AN OFF LEASH PARK!!!!!!!
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5106128</a>	
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5106269</a>	
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5106744</a>	
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5107246</a>	My neighbors would like to see an off leash area for dogs at Brentwood Park. I want to be supportive so I am mentioning this here. Brentwood has a wonderful dog community and there is a small dog group that meets there nightly. It would be nice and so I'm going to mention it but I doubt it can happen. There will be too many people who complain they don't feel off leash areas are safe for their children or small pets.
		Because of incidents in this zip code with pitt bull owners and others who don't pick up poop, I seldom let my dogs off leash.
		I hate when people don't clean up after their pets. COA should create a campaign that focuses on good dog ownership. Then, maybe we could talk about more off leash areas.
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5107660</a>	
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5107847</a>	More of them
		More of them in all areas of the City
		More of them with water to swim in
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5108058</a>	More of them! Like everything else in Austin, they have become over-crowded. And now a very popular one -- Bull Creek Park -- is slated for closure Nov. 1.
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5109942</a>	
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5110258</a>	
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5110534</a>	The crestview neighborhood would really benefit from an off-leash dog area. We do not have one close to our neighborhood and because there are so many dogs in the area, people often take their dogs to Brentwood park to run even though it is an on-leash park.
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5110949</a>	
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5112951</a>	:-{
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5112933</a>	Just a comment on this survey... We don't use the OLAs once a week... we use them less than that, but there's no option for that.
		More parking would be key. I would also like if there could be some fenced OLAs at most municipal parks, that way there would be an OLA we could walk to.
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5113192</a>	Like to make Brentwood Park an off-leash area.
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5113344</a>	Continue to remind people to "scoop the poop" - I think a public service campaign is a good idea.
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5113343</a>	The city needs more off-leash areas in NW Austin. I would not be able to exercise my dogs daily if there was not a park somewhere near my home. I rescued both of my dogs because I knew I could take them to Bull Creek Park daily. Before or after work on weekdays, traffic is too bad to drive across town.
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5113739</a>	Keep Bull Creek OLA!
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5114722</a>	Please consider posting signs to let families know that the areas are 'pets off leash' & perhaps direct them to the play areas better suited for small kids. Too many times people with little kids (& no dogs) get in the middle of running & playing dogs and act offended, surprised or scarred by the animals.
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5115070</a>	
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5115619</a>	more signs clearly stating that certain parks or areas are designated as OLA's. a more aggressive scoop-the-poop campaign.
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5116061</a>	Make more actual DOGPARKS, not just off leash areas. We need to separate the children, cyclists and other folks from the dog areas. There is too much chance of injury to dogs and people. My dog was actually RUN OVER by a cyclist at Town Lake trail a couple of weeks ago. This is just one example ( he's ok). I have seen children bitten at Bull Creek twice in 8 years, as well as picnickers throwing bones and trash on the ground that dogs will eat and choke on,etc. In the least we need signage that tells families and cyclists that they are entering an off leash area, walk your bikes and don't let children run unmonitored. This is imparitive! We need more fenced, enclosed, dedicated dog parks in north Austin with water features, whether man made or natural, and enforcement of the poop pick up law. Until there is enforcement, there won't be compliance. I also think professional dog services should have to pay to take their "clients" to the offleash areas. They are high traffic users and are making a profit on the public recreation facilities. If we make them pay a surcharge, as well as make the off
10/8/2009	<a href="#">5116429</a>	
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5126132</a>	Make Bull Creek off-leash again, maybe add another park in south Austin and one in Crestview up north. Austin is the most dog-friendly city I have ever been to and I really appreciate all the off-leash areas.
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5126808</a>	I would like to see more fenced-in dog parks in Austin. My dog and many dogs are prone to running away off-leash and so I cannot take advantage of the off-leash dog parks. This also seems like it would address some of the boundary issues that are arising with OLAs and other nearby activities. To my knowledge there is only one fenced-in dog park in Austin, at Riverside and I-35. I would be very interested in seeing a fenced-in dog park in Brentwood Park.

10/9/2009	<a href="#">5127219</a>	More off leash parks, especially on east side. I now live at Mueller and would like to walk to an off leash dog park rather than drive.
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5126403</a>	My dogs love the off leash dog parks and we used to go almost daily, but since we moved to our new house their is not one close to our house, so time constraints only allow me to go once or twice a week.
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5127772</a>	First of all, the off-leash rules need to be POSTED PROMINENTLY at the park. A website doesn't cut it.  Secondly, the city needs to WORK with citizen groups like BCDOG.  Thirdly, pursuing OLA policies like those in Boulder are the REAL answer.
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5127868</a>	1 - need more of them. The current OLAs are loved to death. 2 - enforce poop pickup (OLA or not, I regularly see people who do not pick up their poop. 3 - provide basic maintenance of the environment. Currently most of this is provided by volunteers - at least at Bull Creek. 4 - Remember that dogs need solid exercise just like people do. There are a number of special use parks in the area (baseball, football, etc.) that not everyone uses. There are so many parks exclusively for people as well. Provide lovely park environments for people who love to spend time with their dogs and you provide a quality of life that people in Austin strive for.
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5128373</a>	I think its important to ensure a large enough space away from cars, or to have a fenced in area. I think water is usually a benefit, and we ususally prefer parks with Water because our dog enjoys it so much. However it is not essential.
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5129425</a>	
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5132487</a>	Bull creek should have a fenced in area for dogs that like to wander
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5137034</a>	
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5138709</a>	Not to take them away from us. Off-Leash areas are one of the main reasons I live in Austin and would be sad to see them go.
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5144908</a>	
10/10/2009	<a href="#">5148302</a>	
10/10/2009	<a href="#">5148979</a>	I believe that the bacteria level arguement for making Bull Creek not an off leash park has not adequately taken into account how low the water levels were when decisions were made.  I also think that dog owners should be explicitly urged to pick up other dogs poop at least enough to compensate for the poop that they miss of their own dog - I do.
10/10/2009	<a href="#">5154047</a>	Leave BullCreek unleashed. It is imperative for dog owners and animals well being to have a place to go and excersise in the open and socialize!!!!!!!
10/10/2009	<a href="#">5162451</a>	
10/11/2009	<a href="#">5166889</a>	
10/11/2009	<a href="#">5173779</a>	Austin is lucky to have natural amenities for their dogs particularly inside the core of Austin where all the high rise development is coming in. It's important for us to maintain the areas that we have and to supplement them as Austin grows.  I also support volunteer efforts to maintain the parks and think that park police should ticket people who don't scoop the poop. That's probably the only way that people will comply.  I live in Crestview and Brentwood park is often used by dog owners, families, sports teams, etc. But everyone picks up after their dogs and their trash. There is a community pride here that needs to be extended to the other parks in the city.  Thank you for inviting input. And please keep Bull Creek off-leash.
10/11/2009	<a href="#">5174344</a>	Please, please, please, when Bull Creek reopens, let it remain an off-leash park!
10/11/2009	<a href="#">5176640</a>	
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5187539</a>	Please keep Bull Creek an off leash area for dogs.
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5194598</a>	I prefer fenced areas to ensure dogs do not run into traffic. Owners should be responsible and know that their dog needs to be well mannered or they should leave the park if their dog misbehaves. Owners also I do not think have understood the impact of dog poop and education will help this situation. To keep parks appearance nice if fences are to be constructed, nice fencing can be built. I never let my dog loose unless there is a fence. I don't want him to go missing, so he rarely gets any off leash opportunities.
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5198711</a>	
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5218550</a>	
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5221500</a>	
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5223096</a>	
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5222382</a>	
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5235978</a>	
10/14/2009	<a href="#">5247730</a>	

10/14/2009	<a href="#">5249318</a>	Add more visible barriers between off leash areas and on leash areas such as bushes and big stones. Also put up signs to designate areas. The receptacles that hold pet waste bags in case your dog poops should be restocked more or hold more bags. And also, they should be brighter in color/bigger so they can be easier to see. alot of the time they are skinny and green so they are hard to find.
10/14/2009	<a href="#">5275747</a>	I would like to see a leash free dog park in far south Austin.
10/15/2009	<a href="#">5295717</a>	
10/15/2009	<a href="#">5312217</a>	Enforcement of "scoop the poop". I (and probably everyone else) feel like I walk through too many piles of poop left by irresponsible dog owners.
10/15/2009	<a href="#">5314970</a>	Please keep Bull Creek OPEN to pets and people!!! We moved to this area for this wonderful park. We will have to drive several miles to take our dog to other locations. Thanks!
10/15/2009	<a href="#">5316521</a>	PARD needs to act now to increase OLAs because the population of Austin has more than doubled with no additional OLAs, putting tremendous pressure on the existing ones. For the good of the community PARD must immediately take action on this.
10/15/2009	<a href="#">5326989</a>	
10/16/2009	<a href="#">5346458</a>	I am happy with the city's dog parks. I think that most of the complaints from citizen about un-scooped poop are unfounded. I do worry a little that the Scoop The Poop campaign will be used by anti=dog park citizens as ammunition that the parks are too dirty and not maintained.
10/18/2009	<a href="#">5377929</a>	Encourage pet-friendly businesses near OLA!
10/18/2009	<a href="#">5390691</a>	If the concern is water quality, Bull Creek needs Mutt Mitt stations and trash cans closer to the water. The only ones I know of are up by the parking and kind of a hike to get to if you're playing down by the water. I do it, but I see a lot of people don't.
10/19/2009	<a href="#">5406176</a>	
10/20/2009	<a href="#">5447596</a>	It would be great if people with small children who are not with dogs were encouraged to use other areas of the park besides the OLA. I have larger dogs who are gentle, but young and energetic. They wouldn't hurt anyone on purpose but they are strong and fast and could easily knock over a child in play. It is stressful to me when people bring small children to the OLA and allow them to roam and play unattended.
10/21/2009	<a href="#">5456136</a>	The people that bring their dogs to the bull creek dog park are very informed and careful about watching their dogs and cleaning up after them. The people I observe bring picnics and kids tend to leave their trash and wasted food at the picnic tables or on the ground. While I will clean up after the dogs I will not clean up after the humans.
10/22/2009	<a href="#">5477187</a>	
10/22/2009	<a href="#">5477099</a>	It would be very useful if you could provide a page on your website that helps private community parks to move to off-leash. The page could provide step-by-step guidance to move to off-leash, any necessary forms (or templates for forms that could be modified by the neighborhood), and a contact number/email address for someone at PARD to provide advice and assistance in moving parks to off-leash status. An advertising campaign to help communities organize would also be great.
10/22/2009	<a href="#">5479023</a>	
10/22/2009	<a href="#">5480413</a>	
10/22/2009	<a href="#">5483331</a>	Have officers present to fine those who refuse to "scoop" thier pet's poop.
10/22/2009	<a href="#">5497614</a>	
10/22/2009	<a href="#">5500998</a>	we need more choices, less crowding
10/22/2009	<a href="#">5501053</a>	
10/23/2009	<a href="#">5520439</a>	Keep Bull Creek OLA in tact - do not remove OLA privileges
10/23/2009	<a href="#">5523317</a>	I was going to dismiss and throw out my community newsletter as usual (addressed to Resident, not sure why I get it), but I saw it had an article about the Bull Creek OLA and how it might be closed down due to bacteria levels. From the article, it was hard to say conclusively whether the main contributing factor to the high levels was unusual rain patterns, dog owners not picking up waste, or a sewage spill that had taken place upstream. But unless I had happened to glance at that article, I would never have known the park was in danger of being shut down for months and being brought back as a non-OLA park like most other parks in Austin.  Especially if the cause of the high bacteria count is from dog owners not picking up their waste, I think everyone needs a more direct reminder at all at-risk OLA park entrances those SPECIFIC sites are in immediate danger of being shut down. Otherwise, the general warning signs already up that say something to the effect of "please pick up your waste or bacteria levels will get too high and force COA to shut down the park" don't sound immediate and intense enough, and I think people will tend to ignore them. It may be the only way to change owner behavior in the short term. Long term behavioral change would unfortunately probably require a fundamental shift in peoples' mentality of civic responsibility vs. selfishness/laziness
10/23/2009	<a href="#">5524912</a>	Please keep Bull Creek off-leash.
10/23/2009	<a href="#">5525379</a>	Please keep them open form public use. That is all I have to say, thanks!
10/24/2009	<a href="#">5540647</a>	

10/24/2009	<a href="#">5541893</a>	First, let me urge to please not to take away the ability for my dogs to be off -lead and to socialize and play with other dogs. This is an critical part of their on-going development to ensure that they don't become anti-social or vicious. I just returned here from Europe and am shocked at the few facilities that seem begrudgingly set aside for dogs to play and run. Keeping them at the end of a leash and unable to run except in backyards is a sure recipe for disaster when they are then exposed to other humans and dogs. If you are serious about the safety of humans and other creatures, then do the compassionate thing and let these dogs learn how to "be" with other dogs in a beautiful environment. Wouldn't you want the same for yourself?
10/25/2009	<a href="#">5561754</a>	
10/25/2009	<a href="#">5561911</a>	
10/25/2009	<a href="#">5568131</a>	Do not shut down Bull Creek Dog Park
10/25/2009	<a href="#">5574506</a>	
10/26/2009	<a href="#">5578835</a>	please keep bull creek off leash.
10/26/2009	<a href="#">5590929</a>	We need to maintain the leash free parks in Austin to support exercise requirements of our dogs. Bull Creek Park is a jewel for the community and the pet owner community rels on this valuable asset.
10/26/2009	<a href="#">5596348</a>	
10/26/2009	<a href="#">5606397</a>	
10/27/2009	<a href="#">5618397</a>	Keep Bull Creek Park open as an OLA! The efforts of the volunteers on behalf of the park have made it the best OLA in Austin. Recent rainfall has demonstrated that it's the drought and development that was primarily responsible for the poor water quality, not the dogs. Bull Creek OLA is the crown jewel in Austin's OLA system and it should remain so!
10/28/2009	<a href="#">5645399</a>	
10/28/2009	<a href="#">5651070</a>	
10/29/2009	<a href="#">5674651</a>	
10/29/2009	<a href="#">5683751</a>	
10/30/2009	<a href="#">5700768</a>	Keep Bull Creek open to dog's. I have never even considered that there was an issue with dogs in that park. The park is very well kept and maintained by the volunteers and the dog owners... More so than any other park I have been to in the city. As far as I can tell the issues that have been in the public light recently are marginally affected by the dogs and their owners. There is a great deal of residential and commercial development that contribute to the runoff in that creek(can't forget the huge amount of wild animals in the area) and the percentage that is due to the dogs that frequent the park has got to be pretty small. Lets be reasonable and not let a few loud talkers ruin a good thing for our great city.
10/31/2009	<a href="#">5722447</a>	
10/31/2009	<a href="#">5728086</a>	
10/31/2009	<a href="#">5729769</a>	
11/1/2009	<a href="#">5734820</a>	Bull Creek is a fantastic OLA dog park. I am there every day, sometimes 2X per day. As a PhD biologist, I am keenly aware of the amount of dog poop in this yard, and I pick up poop fanatically. I have reviewed the city's historical data for E. coli in the creek over the last few years. Overall the data is sparse and each sample collection is unitary (no replicates). I am troubled that this inadequate data set is the foundation for the advertised premise that E. coli number in Bull Creek OLA is directly linked with dog poop contamination. My opinion is that this data is weak and does not support the correlation with dog poop at the Bull Creek OLA park at all. I have traced and studied the creek northward (upstream) and I am more concerned that there are several "hot spots" - potential sources of polluted or contaminated water - which pour into the creek during high rains. The level of sampling and analysis necessary to provide a sufficient level of confidence in identification of source(s) would be cost-prohibitive. Also, the E. Coli numbers (at certain times) are cause for concern for all of us. But to no reason to close BCDP OLA from the evidence of the good work done there by the dog owner group
11/1/2009	<a href="#">5748804</a>	City should be ashamed for not working with those people and recognizing their contribution
11/2/2009	<a href="#">5760563</a>	You have closed Bull Creek. Seeing as I live in NW Austin, I now have nowhere to take my dogs that is reasonable. My tax dollars count too and I am not getting my money's worth. Austin's dog friendliness was a big part of why I moved here. Now I'm running out of reasons to stay.
11/2/2009	<a href="#">5768372</a>	
11/2/2009	<a href="#">5771514</a>	better maintance and policing of the park areas>
11/2/2009	<a href="#">5775230</a>	
11/3/2009	<a href="#">5791080</a>	Off-leash hiking areas and off-leash water areas.
11/3/2009	<a href="#">5793510</a>	
11/3/2009	<a href="#">5799157</a>	
11/4/2009	<a href="#">5816986</a>	Ok, In the portion of the survey I stated that there were insufficient number of trash cans and mutt mitt stations. That is only applying to the area on the trails. One of my dogs has the honor of carrying their waste in his backpack, this is including the waste of many other dogs'. There is just no mitt stations on the trail and worse yet no trash cans, so people will pick up the poop and leave it in a tree or on a rock because they dont want to carry the smelly mass for the remainder of their hike. I understand that the reason you do not supply trash cans may be that you dont want to hire people to go and empty the trash and it is supposed to be a natural setting. But if you are considering shutting down a city treasure due to this I will personally volunteer to go empty the trash bins myself. I moved to the area surrounding the park from 30 minutes away because I fell in love with the beautiful atmosphere and the ever-present dogs. Before I was an avid Bull Creek lover I went to Auditorium Shores everyday and it is true that I have witness a few dog altercations at Town Lake, and especially

11/5/2009	<a href="#">5844731</a>	<p>Please don't take away the OLA designation for Bull Creek Park! Our regular group of dog owners pick up after our dogs, and other people's dogs. We have a wonderful community, and the park is a necessary part of our dogs' lives. It just isn't the same on a leash. My dog needs to run. He can't do that on a leash. There isn't anything like Bull Creek Park in our area, and I can't take my dog all the way down to Auditorium Shores regularly.</p> <p>I would be willing to pay a fee for enhanced poop scooping. I know others would as well if that's what it takes. We are very responsible park users. We use the park more than any other group. Please don't penalize us.</p>
11/6/2009	<a href="#">5848404</a>	<p>irrigation system for grass areas and planting of grass in these areas. This is a wonderful park and I would guess one of the busiest parks in Austin. I think the idea of a community park is for the use of the park by the most people. Those that bring their dogs here are devoted to the park and are willing to do whatever is necessary to help maintain it as a quality park for dogs and people.</p>
11/6/2009	<a href="#">5851977</a>	<p>With the days getting shorter and the very hot summer afternoons, lighting in some areas would be wonderful. Bull Creek is very important as an OLA to the many dog owners in the community. Please do what you can to keep it a successful OLA Park.</p>
11/6/2009	<a href="#">5855173</a>	<p>Please add an OLA to either Mueller or Patterson Parks</p>
11/6/2009	<a href="#">5858149</a>	
11/6/2009	<a href="#">5860650</a>	
11/6/2009	<a href="#">5860605</a>	<p>I believe that the high levels of fecal coliform in the creek may be due more to drought condition last summer than to higher levels of dog feces. I have not seen any dog owner fail to pick up after his/her dog.</p>
11/7/2009	<a href="#">5878475</a>	
11/8/2009	<a href="#">5895848</a>	<p>Unfortunately, there is always poop around at Bull Creek, and especially at Walnut Creek. I am not sure WHY pet owners do not pick up after their pets. One, small, contributor may be the infrequency of trash cans to dispose ("I could pick it up, but then I have to carry it for the whole walk". I think if 'regular people' started talking to other people "Hey, do you have bags, here are some bags, pick it up, you know, so it stays clean" would be VERY effective.</p> <p>I would love to expand the space at Bull Creek ... perhaps clear out some of the trees of the other side of the creek, so there is more room for dogs. Socialization of my dogs is the #1 reason I take my dogs to the park ... I can walk them anywhere. You should have had that listed on your survey. Your results may be off because you didn't have it.</p>
11/8/2009	<a href="#">5904123</a>	<p>Have a PARD official periodically monitor park and when they see someone picking up after their dog (or other people's dogs) thank them and take a picture and put up on the OLA website.</p> <p>Add new OLA parks, particularly away from city center.</p> <p>Set up a volunteer "dog park docent" program to welcome new people to park, point out the amenities and remind them of requirements.</p> <p>Sell advertising space on dog park kiosks to local vets &amp; pet service companies and use the income to fund poop-patrols to help clean up the citizen lapses.</p>
11/8/2009	<a href="#">5906051</a>	
11/11/2009	<a href="#">5986008</a>	<p>Why on earth is the city planning to close Bull Creek to off-leash? I understand the need to rehabilitate the park area... the drought has been hard on it like all the other parks. But closing the park because some idiots got sick swimming in the creek after a torrential downpour is crazy. There are a bunch of potentially leaky sewer lines and septic tanks upstream from that park... how much of the fecal bacteria is coming from those sources versus dogs? How much is coming from deer and other wildlife? How about enforcing the scoop the poop ordinance with some fines/tickets instead of punishing all the dog owners who DO pick up after their dogs?</p>
11/12/2009	<a href="#">6019447</a>	<p>great job,.. thanks for thinking of the pups</p>
11/12/2009	<a href="#">6033756</a>	
11/12/2009	<a href="#">6037899</a>	<p>the BC water E. coli data does not make any sense when reviewed and analyzed for correlations with dog park-dog activity. the only clear correlation is a trend for increasing E. coli contamination with high rates of storm drain run-off, during and after storms. Within a few days after rains, levels of E. coli drop off to insignificant quantities. The city is basing their analysis of Bull Creek water quality on spurious claims that there is a potential direct correlation with feces left by dogs in the OLA. This premise is unsupported by the city's own water quality data.</p>
11/13/2009	<a href="#">6051078</a>	<p>Keep increasing public awareness to keep Austin's off-leash areas. Thank you for all that you do!</p>
11/13/2009	<a href="#">6056616</a>	<p>I have a beagle which cannot be off leash. We need more dog parks that have fenced in areas to keep the dogs safe.</p>
11/14/2009	<a href="#">6063074</a>	
11/14/2009	<a href="#">6082729</a>	<p>I really enjoy an area where my dog can play and run with out runners and bikers always rushing by. This is why I love Bull Creek. The scenery is very beautiful as well.</p>
11/15/2009	<a href="#">6086828</a>	
11/15/2009	<a href="#">6096185</a>	
11/17/2009	<a href="#">6155239</a>	

11/17/2009	<a href="#">6155279</a>	I think off the leash areas are really important for training dogs and I know that if you were to take them away you would have a riot of pet owners. I love Bull Creek because it is fenced in and so I don't have to worry about it, plus my dog as made other doggie friends! The parking isn't ideal and some people park like a-holes, but that is life. Please don't ever take away Bull Creek. My dog LIVES for this park. And I love it because we live in an apartment and she can get all the exercise and socialization she needs at the park. I love the fact that Austin is such a dog friendly city; it makes me never want to leave Austin. I know compromises have to be made, but please don't take away our dog parks.
11/17/2009	<a href="#">6155488</a>	Keep opening more dog parks with recreational water access for dogs. This would help the few parks that have that option with the occupancy load and would minimize bacteria levels. Speaking as an owner of 2 great danes that weigh 160 lbs and are black, I am very concerned about their activity and safety. In the summer, the temps get so high that going to dog parks with water are our only option. My dogs must stay cool because they are dark and so big, they could over heat easily. This is why Bull Creek, Red Bud, and Auditorium are our parks of choice. I am also the assistant organizer of the Austin Area Great Dane Meetup. We have Over 500 members here in Austin. We use Bull Creek dog park for our bi monthly meetups. 30-50 members usually show up these these meetups so that our big babies can play together. It is the only time these guys can "really" play with dogs of their own size. Bull Creek is our only park option within Travis county because of the availability of parking. If Redbud and Auditorium shores had better parking, we could consider those an option. Please please please don't take Bull Creek away from it's dog patrons and owners. Many Thanks, Shannon Cooper
11/17/2009	<a href="#">6159094</a>	Clearer signage indicating 'off-lease' areas would be an improvement. I have often run into families with little kids that seem off-put by finding loose dogs in the area. I believe there is room for everyone but letting folks know they are entering 'ola' might help with some of the surprises. Even the best behaved dogs often find screaming/running children a distraction.
11/17/2009	<a href="#">6159311</a>	
11/18/2009	<a href="#">6194180</a>	
11/19/2009	<a href="#">6235105</a>	
11/19/2009	<a href="#">6235301</a>	
11/20/2009	<a href="#">6245425</a>	
11/20/2009	<a href="#">6245425</a>	
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It would be nice is there was some sort of security.