

#{custom1} = Norwood

Survey Question Date Entered Survey Record Number Open Ended Text Statement

Please select the county which you reside.

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

10/8/2009	5106401	It's fenced in
10/8/2009	5106471	Because it's fenced
10/8/2009	5107639	Norwood is fav off-leash park b/c it's COMPLETELY FENCED
10/8/2009	5108596	So my dog can chase the runners
10/8/2009	5109005	I am not able to walk my dog on leash and this is the only way I can exercise the dog. I'm older and the dog pulls too hard. I don't know what I would do without Norwood.
10/8/2009	5110552	It is a fenced DogPark large enough for my dogs to run and play
10/8/2009	5110471	Fenced-in (keeping my dog in a controlled area)
10/8/2009	5116088	One of the few fenced OLAs
10/9/2009	5128821	well maintained by volunteers
10/9/2009	5128890	Fully fenced-in. This is very important!
10/9/2009	5136163	After over 10 years of use, It just feels like my own backyard, especially with all the improvements brought about by our park "friends"
10/9/2009	5140539	love the trees - and how large it is
10/9/2009	5142672	the fact that it is gated is important
10/9/2009	5144711	fenced
10/10/2009	5147333	Size of the area (enough space to put distance between dogs that don't get a long), the small dog area, the community that works so hard to keep the park up.
10/10/2009	5148173	co-maintained by an active grassroots group of volunteers
10/10/2009	5148379	great dog park
10/10/2009	5151586	like the fence
10/11/2009	5173660	fenced
10/15/2009	5324479	Dog safety away from cars
10/22/2009	5500353	My dog loves to play at Red Bud Isle.
10/23/2009	5511347	The park is completely fenced in
10/23/2009	5523317	High owner popularity means plenty of other dogs with which mine can play
10/24/2009	5532893	Completely fenced
11/2/2009	5761062	It is completely fenced and has double gates essential for beagles and other breeds who will stray
11/2/2009	5762766	Fully fenced in, so that my dog won't run off.
11/2/2009	5784875	Beautiful location
11/2/2009	5785018	Completely, thoroughly fenced
11/13/2009	6058915	Fenced in 360 degrees
11/13/2009	6059095	i do not walk well, and it allows me to sit. also, my dog needs a fenced area.
11/15/2009	6094253	Enjoyable neighborhood atmosphere
11/16/2009	6110228	fully fenced
11/16/2009	6112291	Large space for the dogs to run
11/18/2009	6174602	Beautiful surroundings

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	5113344	Austin Statesman
10/9/2009	5128821	word of mouth at Norwood, community meetings
10/9/2009	5136163	Friends of Norwood Estates yahoo site
10/9/2009	5142672	email
11/9/2009	5923990	Know a few OLA people and speak with them.
11/10/2009	5941216	read signs at park

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

10/8/2009	5105564	No sidewalks, have to walk on narrow street with cars parked on both sides to park area. If a car came whipping around the curve, could be hit.
10/8/2009	5107973	Sometimes the nearby lot is full and there is a lightly trafficked street to cross. Additionally, picnic area and many children present can present distractions for dogs.
10/8/2009	5108596	Runners, bikers, walkers, cars and lizards
10/8/2009	5116088	Parking along the street is parallel, roadway is not very wide and with no sidewalks you have to walk in the travel portion of the roadway, which can be hazardous.
10/9/2009	5135326	Cars backing out, circling close to park entrance.
10/12/2009	5190996	You have to watch for cars in the parking lot. There is so little parking that everyone drives around several times trying to find a place to park.
10/12/2009	5193779	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.
10/13/2009	5218535	Bike riders
10/15/2009	5324479	I keep my dog on the leash until we are well away from the road.
10/21/2009	5462511	Parking area
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.
10/23/2009	5525335	During especially busy times, parking spills out onto Red Bud Road and cars jostle somewhat for space. When parking is in short supply, you have to be very careful maneuvering in your car or on foot.
10/23/2009	5528235	cars driving through the parking lot
10/24/2009	5546473	narrow roadway - cars parallel parked on both sides, there's only room for one car to pass at a time, and if a car is passing it is not always safe for pedestrians and dogs
10/28/2009	5655905	crossing road, cars, bikes, runners
11/2/2009	5761155	Small street with cars on each side. We have to be very careful to keep the dogs in the grass (no sidewalk) which can be difficult with the cars parked everywhere and the cars driving in.
11/2/2009	5762766	The only parking is on the street, one must parallel park. This requires watching for other cars, etc. when exiting the vehicle. Sometimes cars travel too fast down the street.
11/3/2009	5794838	cars, horses, other dog people, homeless people
11/6/2009	5858088	cars
11/9/2009	5923990	Have to cross the parking lot. Very minor
11/10/2009	5941216	traffic
11/12/2009	6023968	Cars driving too fast on riverside, not aware of pedestrian crossings.
11/13/2009	6058915	Cars are parked on both sides of this single lane driveway to the dog park entrance, making the driveway extremely narrow for new entering/exiting cars coming thru, as well as pedestrians with their dogs.
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.
11/18/2009	6174602	Because the parking is in a circular area, and it's fairly crowded & hard to see, you always have to cross the area where cars are driving with the dogs & be very careful so that they don't get hit
11/18/2009	6175032	Have to be careful entering & leaving park due to high vehicle traffic and multitude of other users cycling, running, etc.

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

10/8/2009	5106401	oops -- i was wrong. i would not consider it shared.
10/8/2009	5107973	swimming pool
10/8/2009	5109005	made a mistake on previous question and can't go back
10/8/2009	5110471	I misunderstood the question. It should have asked if the OLA was shared with non-OLA park patrons
10/9/2009	5128821	people who are interested in dogs
10/9/2009	5135603	Doggie frisbee
10/9/2009	5136163	Other dog owners and some walkers
10/9/2009	5135326	swimming
10/11/2009	5180135	Swimmers, party-ers
10/22/2009	5500353	Swimming (although posted "no swimming")
10/24/2009	5546473	i think i misunderstood this question
11/3/2009	5794838	equestrians (horse people)
11/6/2009	5855273	tai chi, sitting and staring, playing music ...
11/9/2009	5923990	Homeless
11/12/2009	6040186	Norwood is only a dog park; I misunderstood the previous question

11/16/2009 [6112291](#) exercise groups
11/18/2009 [6174602](#) Swimming

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

10/8/2009 [5105564](#) More of them, bigger, enforcement of scoop requirements (give tickets?)
10/8/2009 [5106401](#)
10/8/2009 [5106471](#) Support the volunteer groups and equitably provide resources

10/8/2009 [5106797](#) Build more dogparks
10/8/2009 [5107639](#) We need an OLA at Bartholomew Park. East Austin has lots of dogs and no dog parks.
There should be more official off-leash areas, ie Barton Springs/Greenbelt, Pease Park- parks that aren't mostly trails for bikers should be off leash!
Responsible pet owners w/ obedient animals shouldn't be penalized for those who are not. There should be more fenced-in areas at larger parks for people and dogs. Bull Creek, for example, could be fenced in around the main green area (by the volleyball pit and restrooms) so dogs and kids can't wander too far away or gain access to the creek unsupervised. Also, frisbee golf courses should be better marked so meandering dog walkers don't get hit on the head w/ frisbees (which actually happened to me!).
10/8/2009 [5107973](#) Better enforcement of poop scooping rules would benefit everyone.

10/8/2009 [5108656](#)
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 [5108904](#) The City of Houston's Congressman Bill Archer Dog Park is great. Austin needs something exactly like this.
10/8/2009 [5109005](#) KEEP THEM. Norwood is a perfect dog park. Keep it PLEASE!

10/8/2009 [5109695](#) The water at Bull Creek should be DNA tested to determine if the e coli is of human origin or dog origin. I seriously doubt that there is enough dog poop runoff to create the e coli problem. It's probably sewage runoff from upstream.

10/8/2009 [5110552](#) Austin needs more fenced off-leash areas. Unfenced areas are unsafe.

10/8/2009 [5110471](#) I love the Norwood estate. It upsets me when government representatives claim it is a temporary location, when it has clearly existed for years, and will continue to exist for years. It is a valuable park and calling it temporary feels threatening.

Volunteer maintain it well, and plan its future expertly. I would love to see government officials work more positively with those volunteers and visitors who frequent the park and strive to nurture it and improve it.

10/8/2009 [5113344](#) Continue to remind people to "scoop the poop" - I think a public service campaign is a good idea.

10/8/2009 [5116088](#) Red Bud Isle would be my favorite dog park except it seems the city is intent on driving people out of that park by painting many of the curbs as red no parking zones, or ticketing people who park in the ROW. There is horribly insufficient parking given the size of the park, and that has been made worse by taking away curb and ROW parking.

Most of the best OLAs are south. An additional fenced OLA needs to be created somewhere north central, such as Brentwood Park or Wooten Park. (Wooten Park already has a brushy area)

10/9/2009 [5128027](#)

10/9/2009 [5128890](#)

10/9/2009 [5128821](#)

We need more OLAs that are fenced-in.

Seek support from representatives who actually frequent the dog park on a regular basis with dogs. Be supportive and appreciative of the community members who take their time to volunteer in support of the OLA parks. Be more supportive of those who love and live with dogs in the Austin community. Recognise that any park will require routine maintainance. Don't try to develop a park using stone for terracing in order to create permanent improvements in order to strategize to avoid providing routine maintainance on an ongoing basis. Your OLA committee does not have dog owners from many central city zip codes. Ask the OLA's to come up with their own representatives. It appears that there are political motivations behind the choices of the appointments of the OLA representatives. Thank you!

10/9/2009 [5135151](#)

The city needs to be more sensitive and responsive to dog owners. Austin is a very dog-friendly city as far as the people and local businesses go. The city, however, has not kept apace in being dog friendly. The city should be opening new OFAs and improving existing ones instead of closing them and holding the constant threat of closure over park users heads. I frequent Norwood and have for the last 11 years. I was shocked and angry to hear of it being referred to by the parks department as a "temporary" off-leash area. There are many dog lovers in Austin willing to become very involved in city politics. We should not be marginalized.

10/9/2009 [5135724](#)

10/9/2009 [5135603](#)

10/9/2009	5136163	Keep them - do nothing to place them in jeopardy of closing. These are important features for the Austin dog community which is huge. Assist local park volunteers and listen to them, being there daily means they know the park better than some hired expert. The Norwood Dog Park was a mess until the volunteers took over.
10/9/2009	5135326	
10/9/2009	5140539	
10/9/2009	5142090	OLAs are a wonderful place for our dogs to socialize, burn off energy and have fun. It would be wonderful if there were more designated areas closer to where people live/ in our neighborhoods, so that we wouldn't have to drive to the location. If the parks are near busy roads, having them fenced in would be amazing. I truly appreciate all the hard work, time and money that people donate to the existing OLAs. Thanks!
10/9/2009	5142672	I have been going to Norwood Doggie Park for 11 or 12 years. People take care of the park, take care of their animals and are nice and friendly to each other. I think more city maintenance and investment in a doggie park that is so visible (location) would benefit the city. I have been to the park when there have been close to 50 or 60 dogs and their humans. The atmosphere is nice, congenial and fun. Please keep Norwood estates for the purpose for which it has been long designated. Other ideas to improve - more seats, more garbage cans, planned city events with a pet focus, come and talk with some of the owners on a Saturday or Sunday - spend some time with us as part of your decision making.
10/9/2009	5144711	It would be great to have more fenced off-leash areas, and more off-leash areas with separate areas for small/shy dogs.
10/10/2009	5147333	Norwood Estate OLA is the best dog park in the city, hands down. It is fenced, it has a small dog area to reduce conflict, it has shade, trees and enough space to accommodate many dogs in a safe, secure space. The many attempts to shut the park down are disheartening. Without Norwood, I would not have had the space to train my dogs or allow them to play safely with other dogs. The users are active and put so much effort to keep the park attractive to people and dogs. The many attempts to dislocate the park in favor of the Norwood house has always been disheartening; Norwood Estate OLA is a high-use, premiere park in Austin for dogs and their humans and deserves more attention, city assistance for improvements and respect.
10/10/2009	5148173	
10/10/2009	5148379	
10/10/2009	5151586	I would appreciate a new off leash area in the Mueller neighborhood. This is a close knit urban area that shares a lot of space, and it would be nice to have a designated area for dog owners to run their dogs.
10/10/2009	5151780	I chose Austin in part due to animal friendliness and progress in awareness to continue their well being. Dogs are smart and can be of service to the blind and deaf and incredible companions to an owner(s). I have always picked up poop and am annoyed that many do not care to do same. THOUGH with this threat of losing our freedom to give a life to our pets and companions, I believe that many will become more diligent in doing so. Pets do "walk away" to eliminate and we owners always see the elimination. Picking up any poop seen is the goal if you ask me. I do not mind. I cherish Austin's efforts in this department. I am becoming aware of the volunteer and am considering to do so.
10/10/2009	5154047	Leave BullCreek unleashed. It is imperative for dog owners and animals well being to have a place to go and exercise in the open and socialize!!!!!!
10/10/2009	5163136	Myself and my dog love the dog parks, particularly Norwood Estate Dog Park and I hope these areas remain and new parks open as there is certainly a need for them. Thanks for all you do
10/11/2009	5173660	I only take the dogs there occasionally, not every week.
10/11/2009	5180135	Keep them open! Best you can do is try to get folks to scoop poop. Not always going to happen.
		Perhaps having animal control officers present on occasion would be helpful to have owners remove their unruly dogs. Some folks are a little clueless. Especially at fenced dog parks. This is where folks who can't control their dogs bring them. Leads to major issues on occasion.
		In general, love the off leash parks and thanks for having them?
10/12/2009	5188414	
10/12/2009	5190996	Please do not shut any of them down! For the responsible dog owners we need a place to let our dogs run. Thanks.
10/13/2009	5218550	
10/13/2009	5218535	City does a good job. If I could change anything it would be to enforce the walkers/joggers have right away over bikes. Bikers can be rude at times. But, otherwise, good job
10/13/2009	5224654	I walk my dogs into Walnut Creek Park from the neighborhood side of the park (not the main park entrance). Recently signs have appeared there specifying parts of the park off leash and others onleash. the areas specified are unclear, but there has been discussion in the neighborhood that we have lost our off leash area. Since that was a major consideration of my home purchase in this neighborhood, I hope that that is not the case. At minimum we should have been consulted. We have long maintained a positive relationship with other park users in this part of the park, often helping them to find their way back to the main entrance when lost. If it is true that our part of the park is no longer off-leash, I would be interested in knowing (1) what precipitated this change, and (2) what channels would be appropriate for our homeowners association to pursue to have this change revoked.
10/14/2009	5290025	Dog owners not picking up poop is the biggest issue I see in all of the park areas I've been to. I'm not sure what the best way to address that is. More awareness? More enforcement?
10/15/2009	5315547	Add more parks with fences.

10/15/2009	5324479	We need more! Even just small areas and more sections of trails like shoal creek. Even areas without congregation/play areas. I like to jog with my dog and he does not need to be on the leash because he runs right with me. Portland has 30 off leash dog areas and I think Austin should be comparable. Thank you for providing the survey.
10/17/2009	5352991	I would like to see more OLA areas with long enough trails so I can walk far enough to get good exercise myself. I live near Mary Moore Searight Park, and would like a trail that runs along the creek. More trash cans are needed in the park. There is a lot of vandalism and littering in the park (especially by people fishing), also illegal fires. These are much more dangerous and deliterious to the park than having dogs off-leash. In fact, most of us dogs owners pick up other people's trash. I would like to see Searight park have one of the longest off-leash trails in the city as an experiment, because I think that our presence discourages the aforementioned activities that are harmful to the park. I see many very responsible dog owners in the park- we encourage the "scoop the poop" rule to each other. Thanks for involving us.
10/21/2009	5462511	I have to drive to any/all of the OLA's in Austin. Would be nice to be able to walk to one.
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	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	5497969	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.
		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	5500353	We need more OLAs to help ease congestion.
10/23/2009	5511347	Not to sound greedy, I'd like to have even more fenced-in dog park options. Austin really is an amazingly dog-friendly city with a great group of dog parks, so dc not read this as a complaint. I feel less stress when I'm in a fenced-in dog park, than in an OLA, such as Auditorium Shores, where dogs could sprint in front of a runner or biker. Non-dog owners have a right to the park, too, and should not have to worry about running into a playful dog. Fenced-in dog parks allow for this type of separation. There's a couple of good areas around South 5th and Barton Skyway or South 5th and Cumberland that could make for a fine area for a fenced-in OLA.
10/23/2009	5523317	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	5525335	... I seem to have navigated away from the previous page inadvertently. I'll just sum up and say that I strongly encourage PARD to actively partner with Norwood volunteers to provide the level of maintenance and upkeep needed for this extensively used park resource. I also hope that Bull Creek will be able to continue as an off-leash park option.
10/23/2009	5528235	
10/24/2009	5532893	Include signs that say that food (human or dog) is not allowed in the dog park. Dogs tend to congregate and beg for the food. Also people don't ask permission before giving dogs food - so my dog is eating an unknown substance and getting sick. Plus, I take him to the park to socialize and exercise, not so he can sit next to someone eating a burger or handing out treats.
		Include a campaign of the importance of bringing fixed animals to the dog park. The majority of the dog fights that I see have to do with unaltered animals.

I'm sorry but young kids should not be at a dog park. I have seen kids humped, scratched, growled at, and run over by dogs. People are bringing young children to an area with 20 or 30 dogs and they don't know the history of those dogs. Even if they can control the child, they can't control the dogs. I've been hit by large dogs because I'm walking across the field and they are charging at a full run. It hurt and I bruised badly. I can't think of what an 150 lb dog will do if they plow into a 30 lb toddler.

10/24/2009

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I wish you would work on the grass area at Auditorium Shores like PARD did with Zilker. It needs some work/grass.

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.

these spaces are fantastic. thanks so much for maintaining them and for asking my opinion on them

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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

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More of a COA presence to help with people who don't "scoop the poop" and aggressive dogs. Some owners seem to never pay attention to their dogs while they are at the park and are busy socializing while their dog may be acting aggressively towards other dogs.

11/2/2009

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I would love it if there were more areas that were secure for dogs that will stray without fences. I also believe that public awareness of the problem of pet waste together with plenty of bag stations will help.

I think the pile of dirt is very informative for people who might think "one little pile" won't make much difference. I have seen many people show up with 3 large dogs to Auditorium shores and then proceed to talk on the cell phone or look at their messages or just pretend not to notice. I really like the big sign up at Rosebud (where dogs often can't be seen b/c of the shrubs) that says "virtually every dog will "go" in a dog park so pick up at least one pile for every dog you bring even if it isn't your dog's." It will even out. Thank you very much.

11/2/2009

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I would like to see additional fenced-in off-leash areas within Central Austin. In my opinion, Austin really needs more of these types of areas within town, especially since there has been such a movement towards urban living. I would like to see additional fenced areas specifically in the Burnet/Lamar/2222 area - possibly near the new rail station near Justin Lane or near the new Triangle development. This would allow pet owners to exercise their dogs closer to home, without having to drive so far to one of the existing off-leash parks. If more fenced-in parks were available, I am confident that they would be very popular.

In addition, I would like to see more warning signs around the lakeshore area of Auditorium Shores. I frequently run on the trail, and I have noticed a problem with dogs and runners getting in each others' way. It has been a hazard for both runners and dogs for quite some time. Many times, I have tripped over dogs in this very congested area. I would like to see more signs alerting runners to the dogs, as well as signs advising pet owners to be alert to the runners...and to try to avoid getting in their way. This area can be very tough to navigate through.

I would also like to see enforcement/fines for people not picking up their dog's poop. When visiting Auditorium Shores, I have noticed that many owners do not pick up their dog's poop...and I believe that if enforcers were sometimes present and handing out tickets, it would really get people more motivated to pick up their dog's waste.

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Thank you for awareness and needs of the doggy population!

Signs warning people they are likely to encounter dogs off-leash and advising them to KEEP OUT if they are afraid of dogs.

Signs warning people they are likely to encounter horses & trail riders and advising them to KEEP OUT if they are afraid of horses.

11/3/2009

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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.

11/6/2009	5855273	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.
11/6/2009	5858088	
11/7/2009	5880103	
11/7/2009	5883126	Please add the hike and bike trail east of Longhorn Dam to the leash-free areas. It is a safe, secluded area that is perfect for this purpose.
11/9/2009	5923990	Putting a fine and enforcing the scoop the poop laws.
11/9/2009	5931288	Auditorium Shores/Butler Area has beautiful design. If that formula (off leash area, lighted water fountain, area is well lighted at night, benches, landscaping, water pond/water elements, well-maintained grounds) could be applied to every dog park then I think Austin would have more people out using them on a regular basis. As it is I feel the older, more run down and tired park areas are not getting utilized because they need to be worked on. For example trash, narrow side walks, no open grassy areas.
11/10/2009	5941216	I am disappointed that you have cut back the amount of off leash space at Auditorium Shores.
11/12/2009	6021971	
11/12/2009	6023968	Water the grass. The parks quickly become a dust bowl during drought conditions (which happens every summer.)
11/12/2009	6040186	Perhaps put information pamphlets out defining what is good and what is bad dog behavior. I've found that many dog owners don't understand when their dogs are behaving badly (e.g. mounting, biting at the neck, etc.), and simply say that their dogs "play rough" when in actuality, their dogs are exhibiting dominant or "alpha" behavior, which can cause MANY problems at dog parks. Also, perhaps an age limit of 8 or 10 for children visiting dog parks; that's just an accident waiting to happen.
11/13/2009	6059095	please start paying more attention to norwood dog park. listen to the people who go there. improve the water situation. keep this park for those of us who have dogs who need a fenced area in order to be off leash. also keep it open for those of us who can not take our dogs on walks. i was even able to go there when i had to use a wheel chair. also more mulch please.
11/14/2009	6078921	
11/15/2009	6094253	Our only real complaint is how prominent the mosquitoes are at this dog park but realize there may not be much that can be done - except for us purchasing bug spray. Other than that, we love this dog park and are so excited to have 'found' it! We really love that neighborhood and find that the people who go there are very friendly and seem to know each other. It's wonderful! Well maintained area.. no real complaints!
11/15/2009	6094595	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.
11/16/2009	6110228	
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.
11/17/2009	6156826	
11/17/2009	6159311	
11/17/2009	6165470	
11/18/2009	6174602	
11/18/2009	6174858	Start issuing tickets to people who don't clean up! I always grab a few extra piles but it's really annoying.
11/18/2009	6175032	