

\$(custom1) = Walnut Creek

Survey Question	Date Entered	Survey Record Number	Open Ended Text Statement
<b>Please select the county which you reside.</b>			
	11/8/2009	<a href="#">5896496</a>	Pflugerville - 78660
<b>Identify the reasons you choose \$(custom1) for you visit? Select 1 or more...</b>			
	10/12/2009	<a href="#">5192596</a>	I like to ride my bike with my dog following off the leash
	10/14/2009	<a href="#">5248423</a>	large number of trails; rugged park; few people
	10/16/2009	<a href="#">5347911</a>	socialize dog with other people and dogs
	10/17/2009	<a href="#">5356075</a>	Really a Beautiful Park
	10/22/2009	<a href="#">5477282</a>	we also meet with friends and walk to the park with their 2 dogs
	10/29/2009	<a href="#">5667371</a>	Most closely resembles natural area for strenuous and stimulating pack activity (hiking).
	11/4/2009	<a href="#">5814355</a>	Go with friend who lives nearby
	11/7/2009	<a href="#">5869559</a>	it is leash free.
	11/8/2009	<a href="#">5896496</a>	Beautiful Walk. Socialize my dog w/other dogs
<b>How do you stay informed or follow current information on \$(custom1)? Select all that apply.</b>			
	10/12/2009	<a href="#">5188037</a>	go out in the park every day
	10/13/2009	<a href="#">5216289</a>	from neighbors
	10/28/2009	<a href="#">5646983</a>	austindogfriendly.com
	10/29/2009	<a href="#">5667371</a>	friends
	11/13/2009	<a href="#">6059440</a>	Gracywoods Neighborhood Group
<b>In the transition from parking to entering \$(custom1) you stated some "hazards" are present. List those hazards.</b>			
	10/8/2009	<a href="#">5107973</a>	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.
	10/9/2009	<a href="#">5136721</a>	The off leash section is on the other side of the road from the parking, so must cross the road with dog and no visible road humps
	10/12/2009	<a href="#">5187016</a>	speeding cars
	10/13/2009	<a href="#">5218535</a>	Bike riders
<b>You answered "Yes" \$(custom1) is shared with other park patrons. Check all that apply. Select 1 or more...</b>			
	10/8/2009	<a href="#">5105287</a>	swimming pool
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	10/13/2009	<a href="#">5216289</a>	Homeless
	10/13/2009	<a href="#">5219322</a>	Swimming pool on location
	10/29/2009	<a href="#">5667371</a>	swimming
<b>Please share with us any ideas you have that can help improve the City of Austin's Off-Leash Areas.</b>			
	10/8/2009	<a href="#">5105287</a>	I don't feel it is the City's responsibility to provide amenities for OLAs. They should be maintained as any other park and not be given extras. The citizens need to be responsible for their pets and the waste they create. We should not allow dog owners (I'm one) to decide where the OLAs will be in regards to proximity to water and children. The City should have OLAs spread out throughout the city and move them as needed to prevent pollution and the destruction of parkland. Maybe how farmers rotate crops so the fields aren't depleted of nutrients.
	10/8/2009	<a href="#">5105965</a>	
	10/8/2009	<a href="#">5106470</a>	
	10/8/2009	<a href="#">5108065</a>	I think you should consider making Brentwood Park off-leash at certain times of the day, like early morning.
	10/8/2009	<a href="#">5107973</a>	Better enforcement of poop scooping rules would benefit everyone.
	10/8/2009	<a href="#">5110040</a>	
	10/8/2009	<a href="#">5113260</a>	
	10/8/2009	<a href="#">5114780</a>	
	10/9/2009	<a href="#">5126502</a>	
	10/9/2009	<a href="#">5126780</a>	Make more parks OFA's!
	10/9/2009	<a href="#">5128770</a>	

10/9/2009	<a href="#">5136721</a>	The only real problem I have had as a dog walker in the Walnut Creek is the mountain bikers share the trails with the leash free area and sometimes are not very nice when they come up on a hiker. I have has several yell at me to control my dog when we have the right of way and my dog was walking peacefully.
10/9/2009	<a href="#">5141314</a>	Please don't close any more off leash areas! It would be great to have another actual "dog park" like Norwood in another location, maybe north. Turkey Creek is great but too difficult to get dogs from parking lot to trail on leash. Walnut Creek needs trash cans in more places so people don't leave poop bags on trail. It would be great to have an off leash area that was lighted for nighttime use, especially since winter is coming. Thank you!
10/10/2009	<a href="#">5147924</a>	
10/10/2009	<a href="#">5148368</a>	more mutt stations. another rest room more drinking water
10/10/2009	<a href="#">5152533</a>	
10/10/2009	<a href="#">5156048</a>	
10/10/2009	<a href="#">5162331</a>	
10/11/2009	<a href="#">5168085</a>	Please add another OLA soon at Mueller
10/11/2009	<a href="#">5181550</a>	Please extend the OLA to Walnut Bluffs Park (off Oakbrook Dr.) past the powerlines and around the trail. I have noticed a lot of people allow their dogs to swim in the creek and walk off leash (if the dog is obedient). It would be nice to make it official.
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5187016</a>	Dogs should be on lead until they reach the designated "off lead" area. This should be made clear so people don't simply throw open their car doors and let their dogs loose. Multiple alpha dogs running free can be dangerous to dogs and people. Encourage training of canine behavior for people.
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5187422</a>	Perhaps more trash cans placed along the main walking trails (the wider ones) would cut down on people leaving their full poop bags along the trail.
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5187673</a>	Please keep Walnut Creek an off leash dog area-especially the trails and the creek areas
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5188037</a>	I have been going to the park with my dogs for over 12 years and there have been many changes over that time. The biggest change has been recently to the designation of what is off leash, which I feel is not necessary in a park that is so large. I feel the entire park should be off leash and not just the side where the parking lot is located. I have been told that it has always been this way, but when I looked at the map several years ago, it looked to me that the only part that was on leash was along the LCRA easement. I don't understand why there has been any designation between on leash and off leash in this almost 300 acre park. There are many days we see no one in the park on our walk. For years, I have taken a bag out to pick up garbage left over the weekend from the people who come in from the parking lot. It is a park that is large and has lots of untouched wilderness, something that is very precious in a city that is growing so quickly. For me and my dogs it is our backyard and the reason why we live where we live.
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5191015</a>	Keep the dogs on leash, I take my grandkids and my dog to the park and I want to avoid problems with dogs off leash. We also have bike riders and they come flying through, the park is dangerous.
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5192596</a>	More frequent trash pick up.
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5195714</a>	For those of us who live near (literally, at an entrance to) Walnut Creek Park, the most beautiful primitive park in Austin, the recent strict designation of "off leash" and "on leash" areas has been a huge disappointment. Being as it is nearly impossible to walk two dogs on leash over the uneven terrain in the south part of the park -- not to mention the fact that none of us benefits exercise-wise from on-leash walking -- I now have to drive my dogs to the main entrance off Lamar, even though my neighborhood houses the south entrance to Walnut Creek and it's just .2 miles from my home. Those of use who use the park DAILY (and in my neighborhood, there are hundreds!) simply do not see the reasoning behind the sudden segregation of the park. There are no fewer cyclists or pedestrians in the south side than the north side -- and again, I say this as a very aware 7-day-a-week user of this park and resident of the Park at Walnut Creek neighborhood. PLEASE reconsider your decision to enforce on- and off-leash areas at Walnut Creek park and simply expand the off-leash hiking to all
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5203064</a>	We moved to our neighborhood, "The Park at Walnut Creek", 5 years ago and love it because of its proximity to the park and ability to exercise our dog(s). However, within the past 5 years signs have gone up indicating that we are on the "on leash" side, which I am not happy about and why I chose to complete this survey. I think, unless there is a safety issue to do so, dogs should be allowed off leash throughout the park, especially during the week when nearly no one uses the trails.
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5203581</a>	
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5204637</a>	
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5209639</a>	I was disappointed that Walnut Creek decided to delineate a much smaller area for off leash dogs. I have never had any issues out there, with other dogs, walkers, bicyclists, as far as us getting in each other's way. I think that if people just have good control over their pets and we all agree to share the space, the entire park should continue to be off leash.
10/12/2009	<a href="#">5210718</a>	How to deal with the inconsiderate pet owners? 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	<a href="#">5216222</a>	
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5216289</a>	
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5218535</a>	
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5219949</a>	I want Walnut Creek Park to be 100% off leash!
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5219322</a>	

10/13/2009	<a href="#">5224654</a>	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.
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5230233</a>	The designated OLA does not correspond to the way the park is being used. I live in the Gracy Farms subdivision, and I know all of us would like to continue using the large path that leads to the water as an OLA (the people from the neighborhood walk their dogs there every day). When we saw the new sign designating OLAs north of the creek only, we thought it didn't take into account the way the neighborhood uses it (and we felt left out of the process). Thank you for all of the work you do!
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5234011</a>	At Walnut Creek, need trash can and poop bags by the open field next to the maintenance area.
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5234581</a>	Would love to see fenced dog parks such as Dallas White Rock Park.
10/13/2009	<a href="#">5236001</a>	
10/14/2009	<a href="#">5248423</a>	Walnut Creek - I have never seen any trash cans on the trails. There is a lot of trash in the Waterfall at the Waterfall Crossing Trail; this is a shame because this spot is a natural beauty. I enjoy the fact that Walnut is remote and not very well visited (at least at the times when I have been there) and for this reason I strongly believe that the whole of Walnut Creek Park should be off-leash again.
10/14/2009	<a href="#">5249578</a>	Red Bud Isle - There is not enough parking!!! Walnut Creek Park is a huge area and yet, to my knowledge, there is only one Mutt Mitt station and one garbage can for dog waste. New signs were recently posted throughout the park so there is obviously a way for park employees to move through the park. Why can't we have a few trash cans stationed throughout the park? Even the most responsible pet owners do not want to carry a bag of poop for miles through the trails. There are discarded Mutt Mitts throughout the park, full of waste, that people have finally just dumped by the side of the trail because they were tired of carrying them. There will always be bad dog owners, but please give the responsible ones a chance to scoop and discard without carrying it for the entire length of the walk. (I usually walk at least an hour a day.) I have even seen some owners tie the full bags to their dog's collar and they make the dog carry it. That seems too much like punishment to me. It would make a huge difference to have a garbage can at a few key trail intersections. A Mitt station would be a bonus. Most responsible owners will scoop if they know they I use Walnut Creek Park on almost a daily basis. I enjoy the park a lot, but have a few suggestions. First, we need more trash cans to deposit dog waste. The only trash can I've ever seen at the park is at one of the entrances. The off-leash area has lots of trails, and people don't "scoop the poop" probably in large part because they don't want to carry it for a mile or more to a trash can. If trash cans are placed at multiple convenient places in the park, poop likely would not be such a big problem. Second, I think the off leash area should encompass the entire park. Many dogs and their owners love the park because of the stream. Using the stream as a natural boundary is inconvenient if the stream itself is not a destination, but rather a stopping-point along a longer route. It often serves to truncate a walk, as there are few circular paths in the park that one can do while staying only north of the stream. Having dogs off leash south of the stream would not inconvenience other users. Most of the cycling trails are in the off leash area already. There are no other picnic or playground areas south of the In my experience, Walnut Creek only has one wastebasket and it's at the main entrance to the off-leash area. Since I enter from the opposite end of the park (my neighborhood) this is of no use to me. Even on the rare occasions that I drive my dogs to the main entrance this seems to be of limited use. I'm good about scooping the poop everywhere else I go, but I'm only willing to tote it for so far. And since the south end of the park is now posted as on-leash and I have two dogs, I need both hands free. Is it asking so much to have a few extra cans throughout the park?
10/14/2009	<a href="#">5252309</a>	
10/14/2009	<a href="#">5279425</a>	And about that south end on-leash rule - I seem to be the only dog owner honoring it. I know it's not a popular idea in my subdivision that borders the south side of the park. Many of us moved here specifically for the access to a park where we can take our dogs. I realize we have to share the park with cyclists, but is this really necessary? I don't have any sense that the bikers are gravitating away from the north side of the park, either.
10/14/2009	<a href="#">5290370</a>	
10/16/2009	<a href="#">5347911</a>	we need more off leash areas closer to home.
10/17/2009	<a href="#">5354365</a>	It may not be practical to have trashcans in the interior of Walnut Creek due to the park's size, but I think more dog owners would pick up after their dogs if they could throw away the bag someplace other than the entrance to the park. I think Walnut Creek, Shoal Creek, and Turkey Creek are great parks, well-maintained, and (for the most part) populated by responsible dog owners; plus, it's nice to be able to hike while exercising the dog...more parks like these!
10/17/2009	<a href="#">5356075</a>	Slaughter Creek Park near Slaughter Lane and Escarpment should be a leash free area. Signs forbidding vehicular traffic on paths should be restored at the path entrances. Also, every city park and water quality improvement area should have a pathway around its perimeter for walking and hiking, some of which, if not all should be OLA--leash free. Leashes should not be required within the city limits or anywhere except ecologically sensitive zones. However, dog owners must be able to control their dogs and must have a leash available at all times. Dogs may have been the first animal domesticated by humans and thus, are ancient partners. Dogs need to run more than people do, for their health and well being, and leashes prevent that. My experience has proven time and time again that dogs 'on leash' are more dangerous to themselves and humans than dogs 'off leash'.
10/18/2009	<a href="#">5387067</a>	
10/19/2009	<a href="#">5417016</a>	Walnut Creek is an ideal model for OLA planning; picnic/playground areas should be on leash; the rest of the park is off leash

10/21/2009	<a href="#">5452873</a>	Request a portion of the Stephenson Preserve in South Austin be made off leash The more mutt mit kiosks, the better. The more fliers and bulletin boards explaining how detrimental dog poop can be to water quality, the better. Lots of erosion in some heavily used areas. Shut down areas during certain parts of the year to allow for restoration. Block access to water in certain badly eroded areas (e.g., Bull Creek District Park downslope of the oak grove).
10/22/2009	<a href="#">5477282</a>	I frequent a few parks with my dogs and our friends and am one of the dog owners that always carries poop bags with me. In regard to Walnut Creek park, I often walk in with friends from their neighborhood, so I'm unfamiliar with the actual location of the Scoop the Poop bags. But at Bull Creek and Walnut Creek both, I don't think there are enough bags and trash cans throughout the park, and I think it would help tremendously. Bull Creek (and Red Bud Isle from what I hear) likely needs some monitoring for awhile to re-educate visitors about the importance of scooping poop, and fines are certainly reasonable to get people to participate. Even a louder red sign at park entrances or throughout the parks that says "Stop! If you have a dog, you are required to scoop and properly dispose of any poop to help protect our creeks and parks" might be more effective. I also HIGHLY recommend you post signs in both English and Spanish in all the parks. The more signs the better, but also having an info sign about why it's important to scoop poop might help train people. I love our city dog parks and don't
10/24/2009	<a href="#">5536545</a>	I feel that the city is not that involved with the dog community. While there are a few hard working volunteers in the dog community that tries to disseminate information, the majority of average pet owners are completely unaware of such issues. The city could be more interactive with their efforts not only in park management, but teaching dogs proper behavior. The city needs something like this: <a href="http://romanreign.com/austin_dog_friendly.htm">http://romanreign.com/austin_dog_friendly.htm</a> Stricter guidelines and rules need to be set.
10/28/2009	<a href="#">5646983</a>	
10/29/2009	<a href="#">5667371</a>	Austin rocks due to number of OLAs. PLEASE protect them! Being able to exercise and socialize OFF LEASH is key to well-mannered, emotionally healthy dogs. Recent changes to designated leash free areas within Walnut Creek are confusing and alarming. Not only do I live on Walnut Creek, My family has been hiking and biking WITH our dogs at the park for years...way before it became so popular. Would love to see less people, esp when they are having loud parties (that's when we light out on the trails). At least with all the foot and bike traffic there's less perverts on the trail! If I had my way (and I hate to say this), I would restrict the bikers. It's so crowded on a nice weekend! I am thinking they may be behind the leash free restrictions? Can't we all use the area? So, only real suggestion/complaint is about the huge amount of poison ivy (or related species?) in this park. Is there any way to limit this plant without harming the environment or upsetting the eco-system? Thanks for letting us have some freedom with our dogs. Let's not let irresponsible dog owners (and they usually
10/31/2009	<a href="#">5734281</a>	I wish there was a way to make people more responsible for picking up their dog's poo
11/2/2009	<a href="#">5767562</a>	We need more and larger areas to hike off leash with our dogs! Turkey creek should be 10 miles, up from 3 miles. Walnut creek is being highly restricted with some trails being on leash and others off leash. That whole area of the park should be leash free. We also need some more OLA parks of 40 acres minimum, to hike with our dogs. Austin is a great city that's well know for being pet friendly, let's prove it even more.
11/4/2009	<a href="#">5814355</a>	I'm VERY inhappy with the reduction in off-leash area. There are so few off-leash areas in Austin! We need more, not fewer. Bicyclists can go EVERYWHERE.
11/5/2009	<a href="#">5843439</a>	I believe the biggest impact on picking up poop would be to have more trashcans along the trails. This would obviously need to include regular trash removal as well.
11/6/2009	<a href="#">5860980</a>	
11/8/2009	<a href="#">5896496</a>	Need more trash cans so people can pick up the poop and dispose of it soon, hopefully this will encourage picking up. Walnut Creek has a serious problems with poop. From the parking lot, just staring down the path, there is dog poop on both sides of the trail, in the trees. Either people are oblivious, don't want to go into the trees, don't care, or don't want to turn around to deposit the poop back up the trail in the parking lot area trash can. A bag station and trash can NEED to be located at the first cross, just down from there, so people can see it. A very large sign telling them to pick it up needs to be put there. We really need to change this behavior in this park.
11/13/2009	<a href="#">6056892</a>	The trails are not clearly marked and it is pretty easy to get lost or turned around on the trails if you are not familiar with them. There needs to be more "you are here" maps posted on trails or the trails need to be marked with color coding.
11/13/2009	<a href="#">6059440</a>	PARD seems to be under the impression that park patrons can be educated to pick up their dog's poop. This is just not the case. While many, if not most, do pick up the poop there are those that will just not do their part. Unfortunately those are enough to contaminate our precious water resource. Walking through my own neighborhood and greenbelts proves my point. I am 100% certain that even those in the PARD OLA board would have to agree that in their own neighborhoods the problem exists in abundance.
		What amazes me most is walking through the parks is seeing the bags full of poop strewn all over the place. How can someone take the time to pick up the poop then drop the bag on the ground (accidentally or not)? Walk around Walnut Creek Park OLA to verify observations.
		Most of these OLAs are located around the water resources we need for consumption. Contamination through dog (and human...transients) is the real culprit. As a community, if we are not going to diligently enforce these rules then we should close all the parks located in or near drainage to our aquifers to ALL dogs (leashed or unleashed). A second option would be to relocate our dog parks to areas wear runoff is a non issue.
11/13/2009	<a href="#">6060593</a>	The above option is completely at odds with my own pup's opinion. The parks are great! Only thing I can think of is it would be nice to keep the poison ivy cut down. Many times I've come home only to have picked up poison ivy from my dogs running through it, when it was close to the trail. This is especially true of Auditorium Shores.
11/14/2009	<a href="#">6081390</a>	

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More \_\_of\_ them, number one :)

Posted signs at boundaries of alternate entrances to OLAs. Walnut Creek's a great example - entering from the Lamar entrance, there are clear signs at the beginning of the OLA; entering from the Gracywoods entrances, you don't realize you're in WC until you start recognizing landmarks.

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I love that OLAs exist as all in areas that are large with no fence.