

**Review of Dog Exercise Areas in the City of Melville – summary of public submissions (as at 12 May 2021)**

**General:**

1. Complaints about uncontrolled dogs interacting with people without dogs – want education, signs and more enforcement.
2. Complaints about dog-walkers not picking up excrement – want education, signs, more enforcement, adequate bins/bags.
3. Complaints about non-enforcement of rules, including in dog prohibited areas.
4. Requests for more visible ranger presence to encourage compliance.
5. Requests for more signs and more enclosed/fenced dog parks.
6. Requests for more areas where dogs can swim, especially in Bicton area.
7. Requests for off-leash areas in some parks currently restricted to on-leash or prohibited to dogs.
8. Requests for dogs to be restricted to on-leash in some smaller parks designed for families with young children.
9. Suggestions for time-based and area-based restrictions based on park use by different user types – similar to parking regulation.
10. Review risks of dogs walking on paths used by cyclists and runners (safer for dogs to walk beside paths to avoid conflict).

**Overall issue:** Main problem is conflict between different categories of users: dog-walkers and non-dog-walkers trying to use the same space for their own activities.

**Interpretation of table:**

Officer recommendation published – no public comment received.

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\* No officer recommendation made regarding this park, but public comments have been received.

**By Park:**

	Park or Location	Current dog-access status	Officer recommendation (as published for consultation)	Summary of Public Comments	# making similar comment
	Alfred Cove Nature Reserve	Prohibited	No change	None	N/A
*	Alan Edwards Park Kardinya	Off-leash	N/A	Restrict to on-leash only	2
	Apex Park	Foreshore – prohibited Non-foreshore –	No change No change	Allow off-leash between path and river (foreshore)	1

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		on-leash			
	Attadale Foreshore	Conservation area – prohibited/on-leash Non-conservation area – off-leash	No change	Fence off path making it dog free, keep dog areas to a minimum	1
Build public toilet facilities in dog exercise area				1	
Extend dog beach closer to boat ramp. Install drink station and hose near dog beach. Put bins closer to beach area				1	
	Bateman Park	Dogs prohibited & off-leash exercise	No change	None	N/A
	Bicton Baths Reserve	Prohibited	No change	Dogs should be permitted on-leash on Bicton Baths jetty	1
	Bicton Foreshore/ Blackwall Reach Pde	Prohibited, permitted on-leash on path	No change	Allow off-leash area and access to river for dogs to swim at a location between Kent St and Bicton Baths	9
				Allow dogs on leash between path and river	4
	Blackwall Reach Reserve	Prohibited	No change	Allow dogs on leash on path	2
	Blue Gum Reserve	On-leash	No change	None	N/A
	Booragoon Lake Reserve	On-leash	No change	None	N/A
	Bosworth Park	Prohibited	No change	None	N/A
	Burke Drive Foreshore	Prohibited	No change	None	N/A
	Carawatha Park	On-leash	No change	None	N/A
	Civic Centre	On-leash	No change	None	N/A
	Deep Water Point	Prohibited	Allow on-leash access in the Dome Café <i>al fresco</i> area and the area	Keep dog prohibition near cafe	1
				People already have dogs in this location despite prohibition -	1

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			between the café and the car park	clarify requirements if permitting dogs in some places	
	Ern Stapleton Reserve	On-leash	No change	None	N/A
	Foreshore between Flannagan Rd & Canning Bridge; Queens Rd & Cranford Ave	On-leash	No change	None	N/A
	Foss Street Park	On-leash	No change	None	N/A
	Four Seasons Park	On-leash	No change	None	N/A
	George Humes Park	Off-leash	Restrict to on-leash	None	N/A
	Harry Sandon Park	On-leash	No change	None	N/A
*	Hill Park	Off-leash	N/A	Restrict to on-leash only to reduce conflict with families using play areas and BBQ area	1
	Jeff Joseph Reserve	Prohibited	Prohibited & on-leash only	Allow off-leash exercise except for public holidays or community events to HWM and river access	4
				Allow off-leash early morning and/or early evening, and outside that time except within 50m of children's playground.	2
				Move cyclists out of reserve to avoid conflict	2
				Allow leashed dogs anywhere except playground and paths	1
	Joan Williams Park	On-leash	Off-leash	None	N/A
*	John Creaney Reserve	Off-leash	N/A	Some areas should be restricted to on-leash only	1
*	Juett Park	Off-leash	N/A	Make on-leash only to prevent conflict with families using play areas and pond	1

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	Kadjiny Park	On-leash; some areas prohibited	No change	Make some areas off-leash before 7:30am	1
	Len Shearer Reserve	Off-leash except for during sporting events/activities	No change	None	N/A
	Lucky Bay Foreshore			Allow off-leash to HWM for beach/river access (Boardwalk-Conon Rd; Pt Dundas to Dee Rd)	2
	Marmion Reserve	On-leash	Off-leash and on-leash	None	N/A
	Melville Reserve	On-leash	Off-leash	Strongly object to changing to off-leash	1
				Support off-leash area	1
	Moss Park	Prohibited	No change	None	N/A
*	Ogilvie Road Reserve	Off-leash	N/A	Restrict this park to on-leash only	1
	Oz Park	Prohibited	No change	None	N/A
	Piney Lakes	Combination: prohibited in bushland; On-leash on sealed paths and in southern part except playground; Off-leash in middle area	No change	More enforcement of rules – dogs frequently off-leash in restricted areas and on paths	2
	Point Dundas, Applecross	Prohibited	No change	None	N/A
	Point Heathcote Reserve	Prohibited	No change	Allow off-leash exercise on lower level next to SPYC ( <i>this is not part of the reserve</i> )	1
	Point Walter Reserve	Prohibited	No change	Allow dogs on-leash on paths	6

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				Make paths dog-free	1
				Better enforcement of rules against off-leash dogs	2
				More access to the river for dogs to swim	1
				Extend dog beach towards boat ramp	1
	Ratcliffe Park	Off-leash	No change	None	N/A
	Robert Crawford Reserve	Off-leash	Restrict to on-leash	Do not restrict off-leash access	1
	Ross Park	Prohibited	No change	None	N/A
	Thomas Middleton Park	Prohibited	No change	None	N/A
	Three Bears Park	Off-leash	Restrict to on-leash	Keep this park as an off-leash area	7
				Fence play area, restrict to on-leash before/after school (same as speed restrictions); remove 2 of the paths	1
	Tompkins Park Reserve	On-leash	Off-leash except for during sporting events	Support proposal for off-leash exercise other than during sporting events.	18
				Allow off-leash early morning	2
				Do not allow dogs on winter sport pitches (excrement issue) but allow off-leash at eastern end in unmown grassed area	1
				More surveillance and enforcement of rules near Cunningham St car park	1
				Put up fence between park and cycle path to prevent conflict	1

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				Oppose any changes to leash-only status of park – keep restrictions	1
				No decisions should be made until stakeholder consultation on Attadale/Alfred Cove Foreshore Master Plan is complete	1
	Troy Park	Prohibited in bushland/foreshore, on-leash elsewhere	No change	Support on-leash during sport, allow off-leash other times	3
				No decisions should be made until stakeholder consultation on Attadale/Alfred Cove Foreshore Master Plan is complete	1
	Wal Hughes Reserve	On-leash	No change	None	N/A
*	Warwick Wild Park	Off-leash	N/A	Should remain an off-leash area but more bins and bag dispensers needed	1
	William Reynolds Park	Off-leash	Restrict to on-leash	None	N/A
	Wireless Hill Park	On-leash only	No change	None	N/A