

2020-2021 POP-UP DOG PARK TOUR

September 2021 – Online Survey Written Responses

Anything special your dog liked at the Pop-up Dog Park sites?
other dogs to play with
Convenient location at Community Center and good for Old Town neighborhood dog owners. Best use for that space. Please keep it open!
Convenient location at Community Center
Liked having room to run around and when other dogs were there to run with. Limited seating, but nice. If there had been a covered area to sit or stand for shade or rain, that would be nice too
Its a fenced place to run
Walk ability
Plenty of Room to chase a ball.
Pooping in a place other than his yard
Please make the community center location permanent. Very convenient, and great use of the old skate park. Capital expenditure to maintain this would be minimal. .
ha, my dog liked them when empty! (he is 11)
play time
They can be off leash
Enough space for the dogs to run and be apart
Chance to play with other dogs.
Rainier trail was a great location! So convenient. Liked the balls and the bench
We need a permanent dog park. What happened to Tibbets park???
Water
Ability to be off-leash without a long drive
room to run and smell.
Dog Parks need to be big like Marymoor's.
The only thing I found was the gate latch wasn't always staying latched. My dogs loved playing with other dogs!
The sunshine and openness at the Squak Valley Park.
Being able to safely run off leash. Socializing with other dogs.
Freedom to run
Not really, as no one else was there. He got bored pretty quickly.
this was a perfect re-use of the skate park area! excellent!
Shade, access to water bowls, other pups being there!
Water / lake access.
Had sun and shade available. And a bench for me.
Waste bags, large open field, two gate entrance
I loved the park near the Rainier trail, it was easy to access on foot and just the right size
My dog? No, the sites were not exciting by any means outside of being able to be with other dogs
The very simple fact that they existed. THANK YOU>

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Running, fetch, playing
Close to home!
None of the sites were convenient for me, so we never went there. Confluence Park would be a better site.
wide open field to play fetch
The other dogs! Near my kid playing
Parking was plentiful.
Proximity to home, fenced area large enough to run, making new dog friends
parking available near the entrance to the fenced area
Nice grass area to run around, seemed well attended
That there were extra poop bags and double door entrances
There was room to run which is always a treat :)
NEW SMELLS!!
The large open field at Squak valley was nice - better than the pickering or community center locations - which are too small.
Freedom
WATER
They are not what I envision a dog park to be like for large dogs.
there was a decent amount of dogs whenever we went and we never had issues with parking
Grass & parking at Pickering Barn, parking at Rainier Community Center
Meet other furiends!!!
Lucy loved the Pickering Barn location the best as she could see geese and traffic. Lots to "see."
Please expedite the permanent park. We appreciate the effort, These options are not great.
I wish it last during the summer! Loved the convenience
No, and it was too muddy.
No
The Pickering Barn spot was so big and they could chase frisbees easily.
The closeness to Olde Town, which is a walkability hub
Shady and cool spots, and I appreciated the lack of mud!
Lots of dog friends at the Rainier Trail site.
Poop bags and room to run
Good location and parking
Other dogs :)
Rainier trail has more shade, and my dog loves seeing people and dogs walking the trail!
Toy

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The Community Center is the only dog park we can walk to with the pup. The Highlands have multiple. Please permanently build a dog park in this unused space for the old town community. Its on the trail system making it safe to access for walkers. Locating it at the Community Center really highlights just that; a full-use community center.
Liked central location, especially behind the community center which could work well longer term
Having it in walking distance from home! Please keep it by the community center permanently!
When no other dogs were there, there were places to walk. The park by the community center worked best - it got less muddy in the rain and was convenient to access
love the area this dog park is in so quiet and so local for us downtown folks in apartments with dogs to me tibets is to far but all of us apartment goers in downtown issy can easily walk here and let our cooped up doggies run its been a great experience and i would love to see it stay here at the community center
Could run
Benches outside fence just to set and watch
rec center dog park has shade, parking and a bench
Ease of parking at pickering barn was fantastic
Loved the pickering barn location the best. it's close to home but also very visible so easy to remember it was there.
We liked going to different local parks
no
Just bring outdoors; we live in an apartment
The other dogs. :)
Just that it was big enough for my ridgebacks to run around
Dogs loved playing ball and running around wildly!
She loved running on the green grass at Squak Valley.
Location

You said you wouldn't continue using the dog park tour. Please let us know why.
I would use the original Tibbets permanent site more
I don't have a dog but would visit with my grand dogs.
They are too small and a waste of resources. Time and money should be spent on slowly preparing the Tibbetts Valley Park site so it can be completed as soon as possible.
They are not what I envision a dog park to be like for large dogs.
These options are appreciated, but not very good. Please build the permanent park.
I didn't like the Pickering site and neither did the dog.

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Dog died

crowded

Is there anything else you'd like to share with us about the Pop-Up Dog Park Tour?

They were a bit small, but better than nothing

Since the skateboard park was removed, the land was unkept and was of no benefit to the community. Now the community can use the space for a good use.

Keep the Community Center location, best use of space and enjoyed by the community.

no

Better notification of pop up dog parks. I was not aware of it and would have liked to have gone

Looking forward to getting it a permanent spot. Thank you!!!

These are ok for temporary, but overall not great. Plus not many dogs went. Not sure the locations were well known

Add a bench

Better signage when you enter the parking area.

We look forward to the permanent park.

I thought it was a great idea. Too bad Squak Valley was so wet. the one by CC (old skate park) was quite nice.

Fences need to be taller for my dog. It was frustrating how close the one by the community center was to the trail. Very distracting for people just wanting to walk their dogs.

The gates were hard to keep closed. The site at the community center was so narrow that we frequently lost our frisbee and balls over the fence. All that said, we appreciated having a designated play space.

I didn't visit any of the pop-up dog parks in 2020 or 2021 yet, but plan on doing it as soon as they're available again!

Keep the Community Ctr dog park, best use of space, great location for us that lives in downtown Issaquah and good parking.

Maybe we could keep the dog park on Rainier trail for longer?

I missed the communications on the pop up events, so my feedback would be that I either need to pay more attention myself, or there needs to be more communication about the events. I'd love to take advantage of the pop-up parks with my dog next year.

Need a permanent one.

Easy parking is a plus

Money wasted on dog distancing could've been used for the permanent site.

Water station would be SO great.

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would be nice if some of these pop ups were places with trees for shade and places for the dogs to explore like Timberlake park
Sorry for the repetition but Dog Parks should be very big.
I felt the awareness communication could be stronger. Make it clear if people should wear masks while at the dog park
On the signage it would be nice to have a QR code so we (users) can donate to the dog park tour and or the permanent dog park.
My dog got bit by a big dog after going a few months, so you definitely need a small dog park.
Drawbacks are that they are small/uninteresting, and attract too few dogs.
Make the rainier trail dog park permanent. Let users/residents know what is needed to make it a permanent feature and to maintain it.
Might want to advertise in the Patch or somewhere else so more people are aware of it.
thank you for doing this! an excellent addition to the neighborhood
We liked the Squak Valley location best. Big area, great location with lots of parking, easy in and out, and lots of good sniffing. The Pickering Barn location got pretty soggy during the rain, and the Community Center location was a bit small.
They need areas to run off leash
Another bend please. If theres room adding a separate area for the aggressive or nervous dogs.
Would love to see a temporary dog park at Tibbets while waiting for funding rather than a pop up dog park. Either way, thanks for providing a place for dogs to go offleash.
It just got way too muddy at Pickering barn. A lot of goose poop.
I do wish that they provide access to water for dogs.
Future parks need to be located in areas of good drainage. Some were too muddy during the wet season.
The pop up park by pickering barn was absolutely miserable for drainage. It also smelled like a sewer-- might have been manure/fertilizer that was soaked but the dogs came back caked in stinky mud. It was awful. Also, I don't think these were well advertised. I told many friends, who had no idea they existed. Would be great to do better in communicating this out so there were more dogs at them.
Pretty obvious, but just attention to avoiding "soggy-ness"
Bigger is better
Couldn't use the sites because they were too inconvenient to get to for me. Confluence Park would be best.
I was disappointed to find that very few people picked up after their dog. There was poop everywhere.
Few people knew it was there because they were not permanent and the long enough. Numbers and use are projections.
Sites tended to be muddy. Perhaps consider locations based on wetness & time of year?
Thank you! Hope to see more of it in the future. Hope to see a permanent dog park, as well. Truly appreciate the effort to have something available for our furry friends.

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I appreciate the extra effort this has taken
Got way too muddy when it rained ... need to have an area that covered with wood chips or something less messy
We need a dog park in downtown issaquah
Looking forward to getting a permanent one installed.
Thanks for having the south pop up park!
Keep it going until the permant solution at Tibbets is developed. Dont change the plan just do it.
Why can't the resources being used for pop ups be put toward working on the permanent site?
there is no pop up or planned permanent dog park in Issaquah that compares favorably with Three Rivers Dog Park in Snoqualmie
I appreciate this option!! So thank you. Places where there will be less mud during winter months!!! PLEEEEAASSSEEEE!
the central location close to gilman and front street was nice, but it got very muddy most of the time so we ended up driving out to redmond most of the time instead. if it was a slightly more elevated area i wouldve gone more often. communication about where it moved to would have been nice, i didnt know where it went to when it was removed from pickering barn
Squak Valley Park site too wet and poor access from Issaquah Hobart Rd
Prefer areas with less mud
Love the idea the city is helping four legged friends get together!
Tax revenue is back, build the park please.
Water source would be really nice
I wish there was a dog park there year round!
My dogs loved it!
Let's continue to get the permanent park constructed.
No
Thank you for your efforts in trying to provid alternative parks to help reduce off leash dogs in Confluence Park and Tibbetts Valley Park.
Let us know where to volunteer to help set up and take down!
Please make a permanent dog park in Olde Town
Water access is important, but I understand this is more of a permanent feature.
Mud & small.
The Pickering Barn site was too muddy and difficult to walk around. The Rainier Trail site appeared to be very popular. It should be a permanent site even with the other location.
The only downside was how muddy my dog got at the Pickering site on wet days.
Would like to make the park near community center permanent.
I would prefer the resources being used for this temporary solution instead be applied to some basic fencing for the Tibbetts location, and get that park open as a permanent solution. Even just a couple gates and fencing would be huge for the hundreds of dog owners begging for a dog park.

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Sometimes dog parks were too muddy. Woodchips work well.
I talked to a number of people who really liked using the dog parks and felt that each location should become a permanent dog park!
Pickering was not a great location for the goose poop. Do we need a tour? Seems like rainier trail is central- can we just keep one location? Maybe more people would use it.
Benches would be great. Otherwise we thought it was great & really enjoyed it.
Clean
Please build a permanent dog park at the Community Center location.
Recommend that you continue with the downtown dog parks
The pop up by the Community Center is such a great location as so many people can walk to it with their dogs. Also, one down side of all the pop ups is that when it rains they get really muddy. No one's fault, it just is. Since they are temporary it's just not feasible to put in the wood chips. Just fyi
Please keep the Rainier trail location permanently!!!!
The only issue was the lack of other dogs. I think more communication will help.
if u decide to keep it at community center than more bright lighting for the night time doggie runs :)
Separate small dog area? Fun agility equipment? Maybe once a month, a dog snack or dog groomer trailer could come?
No
We felt the fencing was not high enough for our young dog.
Can they still keep the rec center dog park after Nov? add some wood chips for the rainy season
Pickering barn location is very muddy and needs bark or good drainage
pickering barn location got very swampy by the entrance during the rainy season so mats or gravel or consider where the low spots are on the fields when setting up the entrance. loved that all spots had plenty of parking. we live in South cove so unless one is down here, we have to drive to get to a park. i did not like to community center one b/c it was tucked away and when i went there was only one other person there. i did not feel safe. i hope new locations will be added going forward. i appreciate that this was an option fir the city
Appreciate it so much!
We loved it!
no
Thank you! Would have gone to more but I didn't know about them. I only saw the one by the community center by accident
There were no features or anything interesting for the dogs. Just a flat fenced area
the one by the Community Center was too small for big dogs
Try to have two entrances, so dogs coming out do not have to get in the mix with excited dogs going in :-)
thank you for funding and providing these pop-ups. Please continue until a permanent dog park can be established!
Some of the gates didn't close very well.

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Liked having it at the trail by the community center. Wish that could be permanent