

CITY OF BILLINGS
PARKS AND
RECREATION



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Wondering Where You Can Walk Your Pet?

Thanks to a resolution that was adopted in 2003, you can now walk your pet (on a leash of course) in the following undeveloped City Park areas:

- All un-landscaped areas of Heritage Trail system within the city limits
- Mystic Park, on Buena Vista Avenue
- Swords Park and Black Otter Trail, and adjacent city owned property on top of the rims east of N. 27th St & Hwy 318
- All natural park areas owned by the city along the rimrocks west of N. 27th St. and south of Hwy 3
- Unimproved portions of Centennial, Rimpoint, Palisades, Descro Strip, Lampman Strip and Lampman parks
- Unimproved areas along Alkali Creek that are city owned
- Unimproved city owned area in High Sierra subdivision adjacent to High Sierra Park
- Unimproved park areas in Cedar Park & Briarwood subdivisions
- Walkways within Harvest and Olympic subdivisions

City parks located outside of city limits such as Coulson, Riverfront, and Phipps Diamond X Ranch shall be governed by Yellowstone Co. Animal Control Ordinances. (County Office: 256-2701)

BILLINGS ORDINANCES REQUIRE PET OWNERS TO DO 4 THINGS WHEN ON PUBLIC STREETS AND IN PARK AREAS OPEN TO PETS –

- USE A LEASH TO RELIABLY CONTROL YOUR PET AS A CRITICAL TOOL FOR KEEPING YOUR PET SAFE FROM OTHER PETS, OTHER PEOPLE, AND FROM VEHICLES
- CLEAN UP YOUR PET WASTE AS AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURE THAT PREVENTS THE SPREAD OF DISEASES AND PARASITES FROM ONE PET TO ANOTHER
- MAKE SURE YOUR PETS VACCINATIONS ARE CURRENT
- MAKE SURE YOUR CITY PET LICENSE IS CURRENT
- BESIDES BEING GOOD MANNERS, IT KEEPS YOU AND OTHERS, AND YOUR PETS HEALTHY AND SAFE!
- AND, IT'S THE LAW – (BMC Chapter 4)

Sec. 4-407. Small animals in city parks.

No small animals, whether restrained or unrestrained, shall be permitted in the city parks except for service animals when being used for that purpose and service animals being used in police work. This prohibition does not prohibit small animals in posted areas of parks or public lands that are specifically designated by council resolution for use by small animals in accordance with posted regulations. Small animal in the city parks are deemed a nuisance and may be impounded; provided, that a permit for organized obedience training or shows may be granted for use in designated areas of designated parks on designated days. The permit shall be obtained from the animal shelter at the discretion of the animal control supervisor for that particular event. The permit shall be in writing and shall designate the park, area within the park, the dates and duration. A fee as prescribed by council resolution shall be collected for each permit for each event.

(Ord. No. 03-5259, § 10, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 05-5351, § 8, 12-12-05)

Editor's note: Ord. No. 03-5259, § 10, adopted October 27, 2003, amended § 4-407 in its entirety to read as herein set out. Formerly, § 4-407 pertained to dogs in city parks and derived from the Code of 1967, § 8.08.065.

Cross references: Parks and recreation, Ch. 19.