

## Dogs in Parks

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Allouez	No	No dogs in the park - over 30 years, dogs on the trail - 6 years +-	Yes - Some people do not follow the dog must be leashed rule	Dogs are allowed only on our trail system and must be on a leash. We started a program this year called "Goose Patrol"
Antigo	Yes	?	We have occasional reminder conversations with the pet owner if we see a pet off-leash, and make them aware of the off-leash dog park located in town	They must be on a leash and the owner must clean-up after them, or they can be fined. We do have poop bag dispensers located throughout parks where dogs are walked more frequently.
Ashland	Yes	Always. Ordinance was re-written 4-12	Yes, some owners still allow their dogs to run leash free	Yes - Must be on a leash
Ashwaubenon	Yes - On a pass-through basis	This revised ordinance has been in effect since 1/2011	No. No noticeable increase in animal "poop" in the parks. People who clean up will clean up, those who don't still don't. Our revision just makes it legal for people to walk/run their dogs through a park for exercise (their own or their dogs)	Certified service animals and police dogs are exempt. Owners are required to clean up any waste deposited by their pet. Dogs must be in control on a maximum 8' visible leash. Pets not allowed in park buildings playgrounds picnic sport or public event areas. The PRF Director also has the latitude to hand out permission cards to run dogs off-leash in certain parks for "goose patrol purposes"
Berlin	Yes - Specific parks only	Unknown	Very few problems	Must be on a leash at all times and owners must clean up after pets
Black River Falls	Yes	Forever	Yes, we seem to get left over remnants of puppy love deposited around the parks. If caught, we have a \$225 fine for dogs running loose	They are supposed to be on a leash
Brown County Parks	Some Parks	Years	No	1) Dogs allowed off-leash in dog park in the fenced in area of Brown County Park. On-leash in other areas of that park. 2) Dogs on leash in campground for campers only 3) Dogs on leash (no more than 5') on the Mountain-Bay and Fox River State Trails 4) Dogs not allowed in any park areas except those listed above

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Cedarburg	No	Long time	Yes, people ignore the signs that are posted at every park	In the past we had a goose chasing program which allowed permitted dogs in parks. Discontinued program
Chippewa Falls	Yes	Not sure, over 30 years	Dogs not on a leash. Dogs out of control. Owners who don't pick up after their dogs. We have very few problems.	Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Dog owners must pick up after their dogs.
Dane County Parks	Yes	On leash 50+ years, off leash dog exercise areas 20 years.	Our biggest issue is non-compliance with the on-leash rule, but we usually don't hear many complaints from other park users about off leash dogs in the park.	Dogs must be on a leash in all parks with a maximum 8' leash. We also have fenced in off-leash dog exercise areas.
De Pere	Only select parks or trails. 3 parks allow dogs in only to harass geese as part of the Goose Patrol Program. In one park, on the Riverwalk, and on the trails they need to be leashed.	4 years for the trail, Riverwalk 2013	No complaints so far	Within voice command for the Goose Patrol Program and leashed in other areas
East Troy	Yes	Forever	NO	Must be on leash and pick up after them.
Elm Grove	Yes	Since 2005	Some owners don't have their dogs on a leash and some don't pick up after their dogs	Dogs must be on a leash at all times and on designated pathways in the park. Owners must clean up after dogs
Fond du Lac	No	Unknown	Occasionally someone wants to change the ordinance, but it does not go anywhere	
Green Bay	Yes	City Council decided about 4 years ago to go from no dogs in parks to the ordinance that now allows dogs with restrictions.	Enforcement continues to be a problem. Responsible owners now can walk our trails	Dogs must be on a 7' or less leash, walking (no stopping) on a designated trail, path or walk and the owner must pick up any excretion
Holmen	Yes	Since 1998	Yes, mostly people not using leashes, or they like to keep the dogs in the fenced-in ball fields (they are not allowed in these areas), or the few people that do not clean up after their pets and use the park areas multiple times daily.	Must be on a leash and must clean-up after their pets. Not allowed in certain areas (ball fields)
Howard Parks	Yes	Unknown; a long time	Some issues with dogs off leash but not many	Must be on leash of no longer than 8'; must clean up pet waste; prohibited in buildings, playgrounds, picnic, sport, and public event areas
Janesville	Yes	Not certain	No problems	Must be on a leash 6' or less in length. Except in designated dog exercise areas, dogs and cats are prohibited in parks from May 15-September 15. Dogs are not allowed on playgrounds, golf courses, or school properties at any time

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Jefferson	No	2005	Currently looking into repealing this ordinance. At the current time, we have not issued any citations	Includes all domestic pets
Kaukauna	No	1960	Nothing major	Leashed animals on a designated trail may walk through a park
Kimberly	Yes	Forever	People letting their dogs run free and dogs at games, events, etc. have been a concern on occasion	Dogs must be on a leash and picked up after. Some event sponsors have restricted dogs from premises such as Paperfest, ISC World Tournament.
Village of Little Chute	Yes, only leashed dogs on roads, paved trails, and chipped or gravel paths. Not allowed on playgrounds, athletic fields, picnic areas, lawns, or in shelters	28-Nov-12	No	Leash 8' or shorter. Current rabies and reg. tags displayed. Rules do not apply to certified guide dogs
Madison	Madison General Ordinance 8.19(1) prohibits dogs in Parks unless specifically allowed in the ordinance. We allow dogs on leash in 13 parks as an exception to this ordinance. Additionally, We have six off leash dog parks, with plans for 2 more in 2014 and more in discussion	Madison General Ordinance 8.19(1) was enacted 6-22-1973. Amendment to Madison General Ordinance 23.32 creating the dog parks enacted 10/14/1996	We receive numerous complaints on both sides of the issue. Some people clearly do not obey the ordinance and choose to bring their dogs into the parks where they are prohibited. A large amount of these dogs are off leash causing conflict with patrons attempting to enjoy the Park. Park Rangers use an "Education before Regulation" policy and citations are rare	All Dogs within the designated Dog on and off leash Parks are required to obtain a permit from the Parks Division. The money from these permits goes into a segregated fund which in turn is used for maintenance and improvements
Manitowoc County	Yes	12 years	We do have some owners who do not leash their dog, but it has not been a issue. The biggest issue I think every Department would have is the left behind dog poop	Dog must remain on leashes
Marathon County	Yes	Unknown	None noted	Leashes must not be longer than 16'. 3 parks allow dogs off leashes between 6-9 am and 6-9 pm. Dogs not allowed in picnic areas, enclosed and open shelters unless they are service animals. Not allowed during special events
Middleton	Yes	Since 2001	None noted	Dogs must be on leash on all park conservancy trails
Monroe	No	Always	People still bring dogs into parks. Signage is not effective. Police issue warnings on sight	

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Neenah	Yes	About 20 years	No problem with the rule. Occasionally have people allow their dogs to run off leash. We do post signs indicating the fine is \$114	Dogs must be leashed and are allowed on roads and trails only
New London	Yes	Not sure, at least 6 years	People do walk around our parks off leash. Looking into signage to make sure people know the ordinances	Must be leashed and owner must clean up after dog. Dogs are allowed at events opened to the public on public property
Oshkosh	No, except for one "natural" park area and on our riverwalk. Must be on 6' leash	Riverwalk rule this summer, "natural" park area within last 5-7 years	Dogs off leash, not picking up droppings	Must be on 6' leash
Pewaukee	No	Uncertain	People still bring dogs into parks. Looking to create a dog park in the future to meet the needs of the community	
Port Washington	Yes	Uncertain	No issues thus far	Dogs must be leashed
Prairie du Chien Parks and Recreation Dept.	We allow dogs in all but 2 of our parks and both of them have a high number of patrons. This ordinance just went to council a month ago to tighten the language and it still barely passed which we were in disbelief!	As long as I know of	Biggest issue is that dogs must be on a leash at all times and cleaning up after themselves. Trying to have police enforce this is also a problem	Leash rule
Shawano County Parks	Yes	25+ years	Sometimes visitors have to be reminded to keep dogs off swimming beach. We have a separate beach for dogs. Also have Dogipot stations throughout the park to help remind owners to clean up after their dogs	Dogs must be on leash no longer than 6' unless on dog beach where they can be unleashed. Not allowed on swimming beach
Sparta	Yes	Forever	We don't usually have any issues with this. There are some who bring dogs to the lake to fetch sticks but I have not received complaints from people. We have a small fenced in dog park in a local park that dogs are allowed off leash	Dogs must be on leash, must clean up after dogs
St. Croix County Parks	Yes	1974	Very minimal	Dogs required to be on lease or confined to kennel, camper, etc.

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Town of Brookfield	Allowed in 1 park which is open space, otherwise no	At least 20 years	Vigilance with enforcement has a gone a long way in avoiding situations	Service dogs allowed in other parks
Town of Menasha	No	as long as I know	Yes - People do not obey...don't want to and do not know the rules	
Waukesha	No	Uncertain	Rule enforcement	Allowed in parks for persons (blind) who are led by a service dog, where permitted by official City Signs, and Dog Parks. Contractual trained dogs can be used for purposes of dispersing geese from City owned properties
Waunakee	Yes	2 years	Has worked out very well	Leashed pets shall be allowed on sidewalks, trails, and pathways within parks. Leash must be 6' or shorter. Pet waste needs to be picked up. Does not apply to guide dogs used by persons in need
West Bend	No	Uncertain	None noted	Exception is the 10 acre West Bend Dog Park
Winnebago County Parks	Just in the dog park and on trails	The dog park was established 12 years ago and the trails were opened up for on-leash usage approx. 6 years ago	The dog park is considered to be too small for the area population.	
Wisconsin Rapids	We have a special dog park where they are allowed.	Dogs have not been allowed in parks since I've been here, 1991. They are allowed on one of the walking trails along the river	Problem: dog walkers picking up after their dog/s along the walking trail. Dog Park problems: owners allowing dogs to "fight", bringing a sick dog to the park, not picking up after their dog.... We do have volunteers who have curbed some of the dog park issues	
Whitewater	Yes	Uncertain	None noted	Not required to be on a leash but must be under the owner's control