

Your dog should never be off-leash in natural areas because they are occupied year-round by a wide range of wild animals feeding, breeding, and raising young, including some animals whose very existence is threatened. While your pet's activities may appear harmless and fun, wildlife and their habitat are significantly impacted in ways that you may not be able to see.

Even if your dog doesn't chase wildlife, dogs that are off trails disturb wild animals enough to deplete their precious energy reserves, which can cause malnutrition or death. Birds that nest on or near the ground are particularly susceptible to harm by off-leash dogs. Nests on the ground or in low shrubs are very difficult to see and your off-leash dog can easily destroy or dislodge them without you ever noticing. Fragile amphibians and reptiles rely on clean, quiet water bodies for feeding and reproduction. While your dog may have fun splashing in the water, this activity is detrimental to frogs and turtles. Also, remember that your dog is only one of thousands to recreate in Portland's parks. While your pet may appear to have little impact on the landscape, the cumulative effect of all the dogs that visit the same area is very significant.

Keeping your dog on a leash in natural areas is not only a responsible decision that protects wildlife and our urban environment, it's also the law. Portland City Code requires dogs to be leashed outside designated off-leash areas. Violators can be fined \$150 per dog (Portland City Code 20.12.140).

Please respect all the animals, domestic and wild, that live in Portland. Natural areas may be home to the animals listed here and your cooperation is essential for their survival.

For more information:
Environmental Services, 503-823-4000
or
www.portlandonline.com/bes/wildlife

Parks Off-leash Areas

Unleashed dogs are never allowed in natural areas. However, Portland has areas in 31 parks where dogs and their owners can exercise and play off-leash. Some sites are fenced, others are unfenced with markers designating the boundaries. Off-leash hours are specific to each park.

NORTH

Arbor Lodge Park
N Bryant and Delaware
Cathedral Park
N Edison and Pittsburg
Chimney Park
9360 N. Columbia Blvd
Delta Park
N Denver and MLK, Jr Blvd
Overlook Park
N Fremont and Interstate
Portland International Raceway
N Denver and Victory Blvd

NORTHWEST

Couch Park
NW 19th and Glisan
Wallace Park
NW 25th and Raleigh

NORTHEAST

Alberta Park
NE 22nd and Killingsworth
Argay Park
NE 141st and Failing

East Holladay Park

NE 130th and Wasco
Fernhill Park
NE 37th and Ainsworth

Frazer Park

NE 52nd and Hassalo
Grant Park
NE 33rd and U.S. Grant Place

Irving Park

NE 7th and Fremont
Normandale Park
NE 57th and Halsey

Sacajawea Park

NE 75th and Alberta
Wilshire Park
NE 33rd and Skidmore

SOUTHEAST

Brentwood Park
SE 60th and Duke

Cherry Park

SE 110th and Stephens
Creston Park
SE 44th and Powell Blvd

Laurelhurst Park

SE 39th and Stark

Lents Park

SE 92nd and Holgate
Lynchwood Park
SE 170th and Haig

Mt Tabor Park

SE Lincoln, east of SE 64th
Sellwood Riverfront Park
SE Spokane and Oaks Pkwy

Sewallcrest Park

SE 31st and Market
Woodstock Park
SE 47th and Steele

SOUTHWEST

Council Crest Park
SW Council Crest Dr

Gabriel Park

SW 45th and Vermont

Hillsdale Park

SW 27th and Hillsdale Hwy

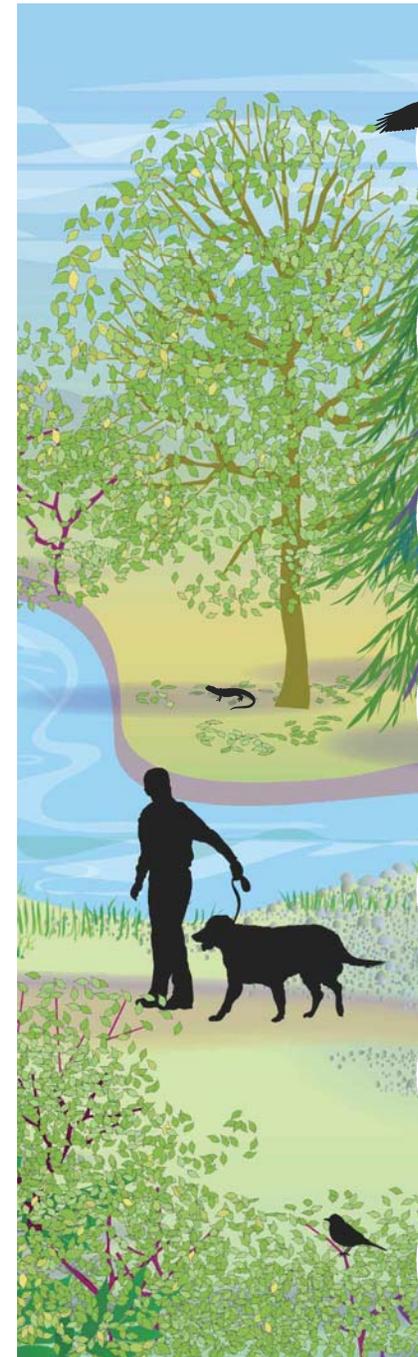
Willamette Park

SW Macadam and Nebraska



Nick Fish, Commissioner Mike Jordan, Director

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Portland's Sensitive Wildlife and Your Dog

Portland's natural areas are wonderful places for you and your pet to exercise and enjoy some solitude in the city

However, these places are also very important for the survival of wildlife living in and passing through Portland

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You can help protect Portland's wild creatures by keeping your dog on a leash.



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1 Western Painted Turtle: One of two native turtles designated as critical on Oregon's Sensitive Species list. This turtle relies on adequate riparian areas for nesting and is very sensitive to disturbance.

2 North American Beaver: Live in and near streams and rivers. They are especially susceptible to disturbance and predation when raising young. The Audubon Society of Portland receives injured beavers that are attacked by dogs in local parks.

3 Yellow Warbler: Nests in shrubs. It's one of Portland's Special Status Species.

4 Red Legged Frog: This frog is federally designated as a Species of Concern. It is dependent on shallow, often ephemeral, ponds or wetlands and adequate riparian vegetation. Eggs in water are easily disturbed.

5 Northwestern Salamander: Found in wet habitats from the Pacific coast sea level to 5,700 feet including grasslands, woodlands, and forests. Eggs in water are easily disturbed.

6 Killdeer: Nests on the ground in gravelly clearings. They are well camouflaged and easily flushed from nests.

7 Black Tailed Deer: These deer thrive on the edge of forests, which has the underbrush and grasslands the deer prefer for food and that provides cover for safety. Deer use many of our local natural areas and often leave vulnerable fawns unattended while they graze.

8 Spotted Towhee: Nests, on or near the ground in shrubby areas, are well camouflaged and easily disturbed.

9 American Kestrel: When hunting, this bird hovers then swoops to the ground to capture mice and insects. It's one of Portland's Special Status Species.

10 Belted Kingfisher: Nests in a horizontal tunnel made in a river bank or sand bank. Dogs splashing through streams impact nest sites.