

Seattle Nature Alliance supports off-leash areas in appropriate locations.

(not on Seattle park nature trails, Seattle park beaches, or other inappropriate locations)

What areas are appropriate?

The brochure ["Creating Dog Parks – Without Rancor,"](#) published by the Trust for Public Land defines the criteria.

Quoted from the brochure:

- (1) avoid interference with other established uses or department-sponsored activities;
- (2) avoid locations directly abutting residences,
- (3) assure availability of close-by parking;
- (4) avoid locations near children's play areas;
- (4) (sic) choose spots where there are minimal impacts on the visual character of a park
- (5) site so as to avoid spillover into non-dog areas; and
- (6) avoid sensitive environmental habitats.

"Try to find property with no history," says Dewey Potter, *(former)* spokeswoman for the park department. "It's a lot easier than persuading people to change a field's use into something different."

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