Maple Grove Park

Maple Grove Park Dog Owner's Association

Kirsten Bishop, President

- Maple Grove Park (“MGP”) is located just north of the intersection of St. Mary’s Road and the Perimeter Highway.

- MGP is shared by the St. Vital Mustangs Football Club, Maple Grove Rugby Park, Manitoba Organization of Disc Sports, and includes a large off leash area for dogs.

- Designated off leash dog park is 12.92 hectares of land. It features fields, forest and riverside areas with trails and a small fenced area.



MGP Dog Owners' Association

- Association established in 2001
- 200+ members
- Protect & Enhance the park in conjunction with the City
- Many Dedicated volunteers
- Recently completed a safety fence project mainly funded by a $14,000 Land Dedication Reserve Grant.

Other park users

- Rugby & Football – have their own field(s)
- Soccer (large field across the road from the football field)
- Skiers – no trails within the off-leash area (pretty sure dogs would ruin ski trails)
- Snowshoe enthisiasts
- Walkers, Runners, Cyclists - the surrounding area has many City maintained trails for walking, running and cycling which residents can access from their home and do not need to drive to get to these areas.



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- Dog owners can let their pets socialize and exercise off-leash in a **safe** environment. Off-leash dog areas are not fenced in.



On the City site:

- Dog owners/walkers and or commercial dog walkers are legally responsible for their own dog(s) and any injuries or damage caused by their dog(s). Individuals who choose to use off-leash areas do so at their own risk.

- By allowing multi use OLAs, we are inviting trouble where it is not necessary.
  - Q: For all Other uses…Can this be done somewhere else?
  - A: Absolutely. In the case of Maple Grove, all other uses can be done nearby and likely closer to home.

Dedicated space







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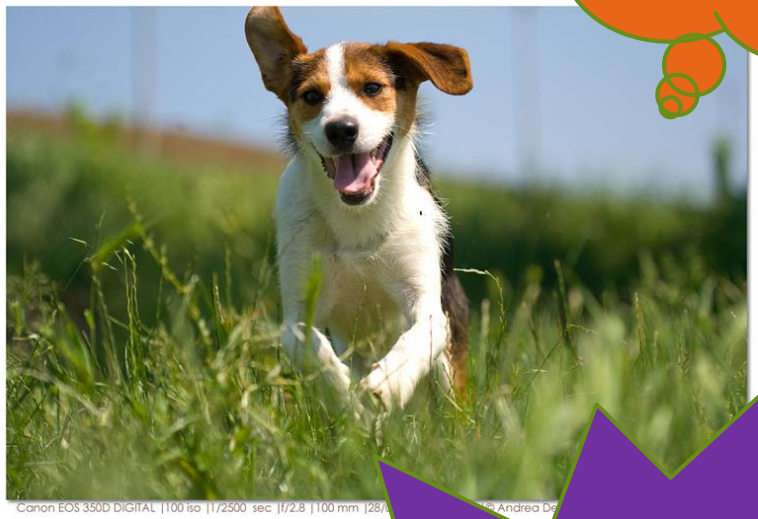
Do not list off-leash dog parks as a place to go to cycle, run or walk…

Woohoo… let's go!!





I don't think this will end well…

In closing,

Multi use vs Single use

- Choose Single Use for the enjoyment of all off leash areas by the people and pets it is intended to serve.

If only some OLAs will be designated as single use…

- Maple Grove Park off-leash area is a great candidate for single use given the provisions in the immediate area for other uses.

Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

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