



# DOG OWNER'S GUIDE

to Mercer Island Parks

## QUESTIONS ABOUT DOGS IN PARKS?

Contact the Mercer Island Parks & Recreation Department at [miparks@mercergov.org](mailto:miparks@mercergov.org) or (206) 275-7609

Report any violations of the Animal Code to [woof@mercergov.org](mailto:woof@mercergov.org) or to the non-emergency line at (425) 577-5656. Please include date and time of violation, location, dog name and breed (if known)

This pamphlet summarizes selected components of MICC 7.04, which governs animal regulations on Mercer Island



## GOOD MANNERS ARE CONTAGIOUS!

*Spread the dog love by following these simple etiquette tips in Mercer Island Parks:*

- Pick up your dog's waste, and dispose of it properly
- Be prepared to leash your dog if necessary
- Prevent your dog from chasing wildlife
- Encourage your dog to stay on the trail to avoid damaging forest vegetation
- Prevent your dog from approaching other park users, unless invited
- Use designated off-leash areas or non-forested areas to play fetch



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## VOICE / SIGNAL CONTROL AREAS

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*There are many parks where you can take your dog off-leash, once they are voice control trained.*

If you like big trees and winding trails, try:

- Mercedale Hillside
- Island Crest Park
- SE 53rd Open Space
- North Mercedale Park
- Upper Luther Burbank Park
- Pioneer Park, NW & SE Quadrants

If you like open lawn areas, try:

- Aubrey Davis Park
- Homestead Field (while sports fields are not in use)

## WHAT DOES 'VOICE / SIGNAL CONTROL' MEAN?

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*Voice or signal control is not as easy as it sounds! A properly trained off-leash dog under voice and/or signal control:*

- Immediately returns to person in control when signaled or called
- Does not charge, chase, jump on or display aggression toward other people or animals
- Does not cause any physical or property damage
- Is always within sight of the person in control

## OFF-LEASH AREAS

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Luther Burbank Park

- Fenced
- Sand base
- Small/shy dog designated area
- Water access

Wildwood Park

- Unfenced
- Large lawn area

## ON-LEASH ONLY

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- NE Quadrant of Pioneer Park
- Deane's Children's Park (Dragon Park)
- Luther Burbank Park (except off-leash area)

## NO DOGS ALLOWED, ANYTIME

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- Any school property or facility
- Any playground
- Any sports court (tennis, basketball, etc)
- Any synthetic turf field
- Any sport field while practice or game is in progress

## PUBLIC SWIMMING AREAS

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*No dogs allowed May 1 - Sep 30*

*Dogs allowed on leash between Oct 1 - Apr 30*

- Luther Burbank Park
- Groveland Beach
- Clarke Beach
- Calkins Landing

