

Parks and Recreation for the Dogs

Off-Leash Dog Areas (see maps below)

Several park areas have been designated for off-leash dog activity in Sitka. **Off-leash areas** are sites that have shared use with sports or other recreational activities. Conversely a **dog park** is exclusively for dog use. The designated **dog use** areas are within the following locations:

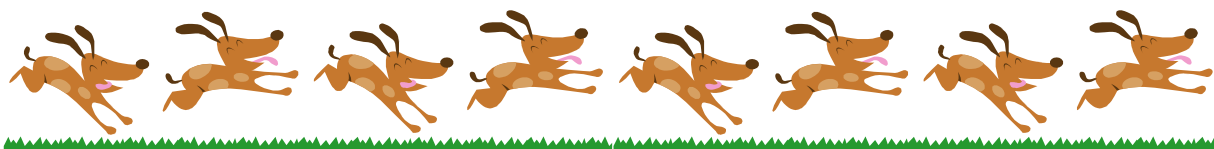
- Land along the Sitka Cross Trail;
- Fenced Ballfields: Blatchley/Vilandre, Keet Gooshi Heen and Kimsham Field One during times when the sport fields are not scheduled or in use for sports or school activities or when in use by students or players;
- Turnaround dog park. The dog park is for exclusive dog use, at all times.

Hours for Off-leash Areas

Vilandre and Keet Gooshi Heen Fields are intermittently used by the schools during the day. These fields may be used at unscheduled times during the school day and require that dog owners vacate the field. The Turnaround Dog Park and the Off-leash area at Kimsham is reliably available during the day and a better choice for dog owners who do not want interruptions to their dog play sessions.

Field One at Kimsham General Off-leash Schedule:

Kimsham Ballfield 1 - CLOSED TO DOGS during the scheduled times below OR WHEN PLAYERS PRESENT												
Closed times in RED	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept 7	Oct	Nov	Dec
Weekends 10AM-10PM												
Weekdays 5PM - 10PM												



KGH and Vilandre Field Schedule:

KGH and Vilandre Fields CLOSED TO DOGS during the scheduled times below OR WHEN PLAYERS PRESENT												
	January	February	March	Apr	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Weekdays 8 AM - 3 PM												
Saturdays noon - 6PM												
Weekdays 3PM - 10PM												
Mon/Wed 5:30 - 7												

CBS Areas Closed to Non-service Dogs:

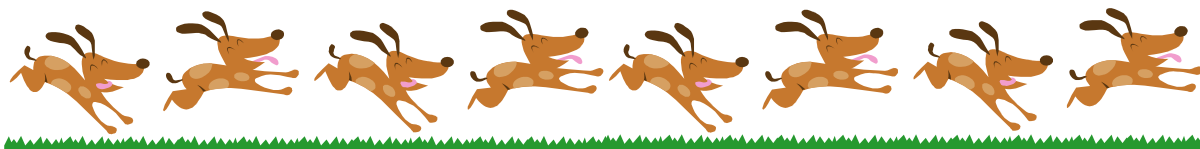
- Moller Park baseball field
- Moller Park Multiuse Field (Moller track open to dogs **ON-LEASH**)
- Moller Park East and West Playgrounds
- Baranof ballfield
- Kimsham Krueger (multiuse field), Fields 3 and 4 or the lower ballfields.
- Crescent Harbor Park playground

Dog keepers and/or custodians will be subject to a \$100 fine if found in a closed area or \$300 fine for Moller Field.

Good Petiquette

Areas designated for off-leash dog use are shared by many park users. Sports fields designated for off-leash use are open during hours specified on posted signs. Sports fields designated for off-leash use are closed when players or students are present for games, sports or other activities; practice; tournaments and field preparations. Keeper and/or custodian must promptly vacate the sports field whenever unscheduled use by players or students occurs. Sports use by students or players has the priority.

Because these areas are truly multi-use, it is important to exhibit courteous behavior or “good petiquette”. There are some simple things that can be done to make off-leash areas enjoyable for all users including:

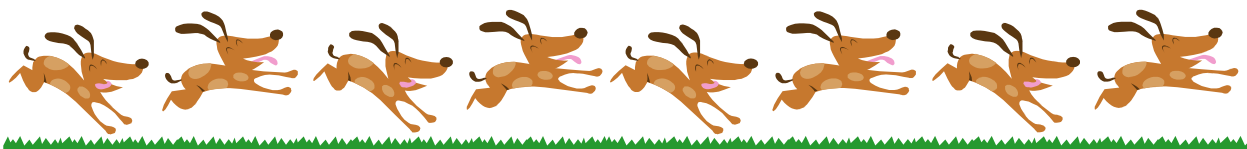


- Promptly vacate sports field when being used for players or students at unscheduled times.
- Always carry a leash (if you need it, you have it).
- Bring poop scoop bags from home to clean up after your pet. Please help by picking up extra. Even responsible dog owners get distracted.
- Keep your dog in sight and under control at all times.
- Control excessive barking.
- Keep your dog controlled and from interfering with other people and their dogs (especially leashed ones).
- Properly dispose of all garbage in cans or take it home with you.
- Remember, you are fully responsible for your dog and his actions.

Off-Leash Dog Areas - Rules

The following rules shall be followed by all keepers and/or custodians that use the off-leash areas with their dogs, and shall be posted at fenced off-leash areas:

1. Sports fields designated for off-leash use are open during hours specified and posted on signs.
2. Sports fields designated for off-leash use are closed when players or students are present for games, sports or other activities; practice; tournaments and field preparations.
3. Keeper and/or custodian must promptly vacate the sports field whenever unscheduled use by players or students occurs. Sports use by students or players has the priority.
4. Objectionable and dangerous dogs, as defined under SGC 8.04.080 and 8.04.081, and female dogs in heat are prohibited;
5. Dogs shall be leashed upon entering and leaving the fenced sports fields designated for off-leash use;
6. Keepers and/or custodians shall keep their dogs in sight and under “competent voice control” at all times as defined under SGC 8.04.010F;
7. Keepers and/or custodians shall remain with their dogs within the fenced off-leash area or sports field;
8. Keepers and/or custodians shall clean up and remove any dogs’ feces left by their dog or be subject to fines or prohibitions;
9. Holes dug by dogs must be filled by the keeper and/or custodian;
10. Keepers and/or custodians shall be responsible for all actions of their dogs; and
11. Aggressive or unruly dogs, including dogs that play roughly, are not allowed;



SITKA OFF-LEASH AREAS MAP (Cross Trail not shown)

