



Whistler Off-Leash Area Transitions To Winter Guidelines

Keep Your Dog On A Leash Until Well Within The Off-Leash Area

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-November 1, 2021-With leaves falling fast, colder temperatures bringing snow and winter right around the corner, seasonal changes are taking place in the Whistler Park off lease area, where segments that were off leash or leashed in summer will transition for winter.

“We need everyone’s help to ensure that all park users, both two- and four-legged get the most out of these areas,” said Animal Control Officer Krista Amatuzio. “Please be respectful of each other and follow the rules for the area.”

Whistler Park sees the southeast segment of the park, which includes the sports fields and playground, transition to off-leash in the winter. In addition, the west portion of the dog area becomes **leash required** due to elk winter range and the city asks park users to remain on existing trails. The winter requirements in Whistler Park are in effect from November 1 through April 30.

Off leash areas are clearly signed at entry/exit points with a map outlining details. Off leash hours in both dog parks, Rita Valentine & Spring Creek, and the three off leash areas (Butcherknife, Sailors Way and Whistler Park) run from one hour after sunrise to one hour before sunset.

Please keep in mind that a leash is required for all surrounding trails leading into Rita Valentine Dog Park as well as the parking lot. Dogs should remain on leash until within the dog park boundaries.

Keep your dog on a leash until well within the off-leash areas. When using these areas, voice and sight control as well as dog waste removal and disposal is required by law. Individuals can report animal complaints to Police Dispatch at 970.879.1144. Additional information and maps highlighting the Dog Parks and Off Leash Areas can be found at steamboatsprings.net/offleash.



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