

***Ramsey County Ordinance sets conditions for pets  
in our parks to ensure the enjoyment and safety  
of all park users and preserve the  
natural resources.***

Chapter III, Section T—Pets in Parks

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Cause or allow any pet to roam or be at large in any park;
2. Allow a pet, except guide animals to assist a blind or impaired person, to enter any beach area, picnic area, nature interpretive area, wildlife refuge, golf course, park building or park shelter;
3. Bring a pet into an authorized area of a park unless caged or on a leash not more than six (6) feet in length, except in a designated pet exercise or training area;
4. Allow a pet to disturb, harass or interfere with any park visitor, park visitor's property or park employee;
5. Tether any animal to a tree, plant, building or park equipment;
6. Have custody or control of any pet in a park without possessing and using an appropriate device for cleaning up pet feces and disposing of the feces in a sanitary manner; or
7. Allow any pet or domestic animal to graze or browse in any park.

***A person guilty of violating this ordinance  
shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$700,  
together with taxable costs, or imprisonment  
for a period not to exceed 90 days, or both.***

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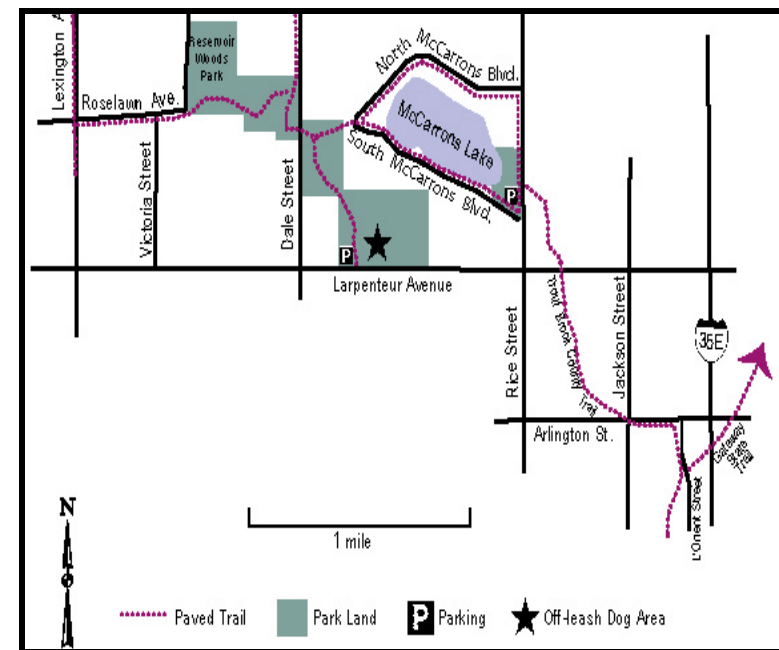


**RAMSEY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

## **Pets in Ramsey County Parks and Open Spaces**



### Woodview



### Where are pets allowed?

Pets are allowed on most trails or in designated off-leash dog areas. Guide animals assisting blind or impaired persons are permitted in all areas and park structures.

### Where are pets NOT allowed?

Beach areas, golf courses, picnic areas, park buildings, wildlife preserves, park shelters or nature interpretive areas.

### Must my pet be leashed?

Yes, your pet must be either caged or on a leash no longer than six (6) feet in length, except in designated off-leash dog areas.

### Must I clean up after my pet?

In order to maintain a clean and sanitary environment for all, owners are required to clean up and dispose of pet feces in a sanitary manner.

### What are Off-Leash Dog Areas?

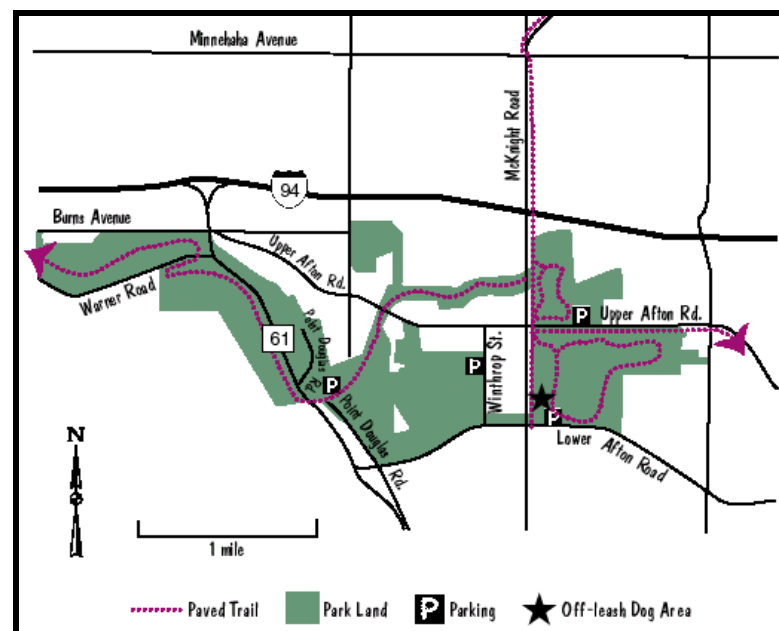
As urban areas develop, owners increasingly use parks to exercise their dogs. County ordinances limit dogs in parks and require users to have pets leashed or, in many cases, restrict pets from many areas of the parks. However, dog owners have recently become more vocal and organized against these restrictions, petitioning for increased freedom with their pets.

In response, Ramsey County has designated spaces where dogs are allowed to exercise and socialize without being leashed. Off-leash dog areas are a legitimate recreational activity that can be accommodated in carefully selected sites.

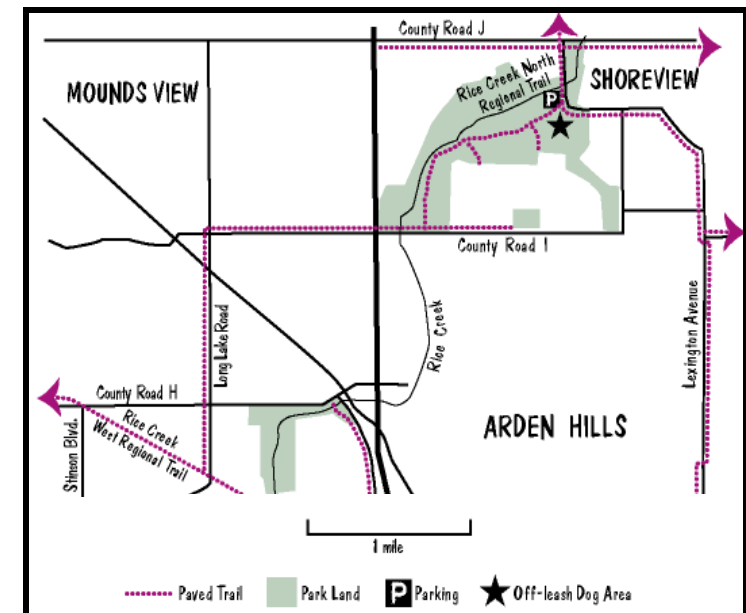
### Rules for Off-Leash Dog Areas

- Dogs must be properly licensed and vaccinated.
- Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving the off-leash area and in transition corridors.
- Owners must have a visible leash at all times.
- Owners must be in verbal control of their dogs at all times and prevent aggressive behavior, biting, fighting or excessive barking.
- Owners are liable for damage or injury inflicted by their dogs.
- Owners must possess a device for cleanup and disposal of feces.
- Dogs in heat are not allowed.
- Dogs must stay within signed boundaries.
- Owners must comply with all other park rules and regulations.

### Battle Creek Regional Park



### Rice Creek North Regional Trail Corridor



### Otter Lake Regional Park

