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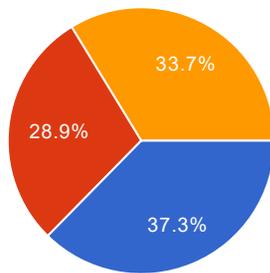
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Summary

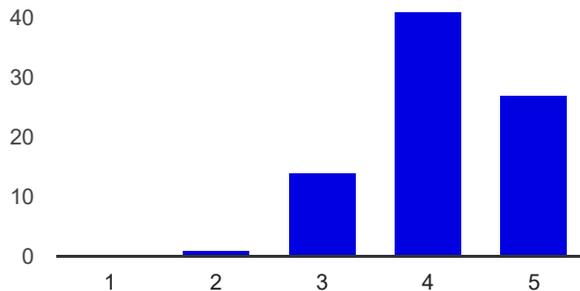
2017 WINTER SURVEY

How often do you use the dog park?



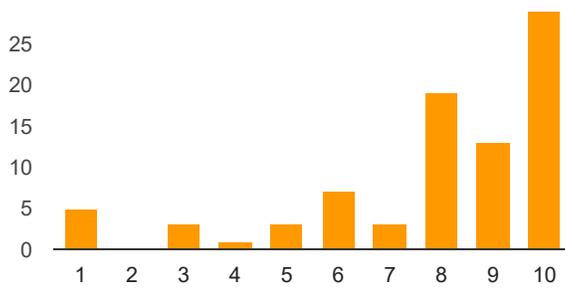
2-3 times a week	31	37.3%
5+ times a week	24	28.9%
Other	28	33.7%

Overall how would you rate our park?



Poor: 1	0	0%
2	1	1.2%
3	14	16.9%
4	41	49.4%
Excellent: 5	27	32.5%

How strongly do you feel about the north and south end being all turf (grass)?



Don't care:	1	5	0%
	2	0	0%
	3	3	3.6%
	4	1	1.2%
	5	3	3.6%
	6	7	8.4%
	7	3	3.6%
	8	19	22.9%
	9	13	15.7%

Strongly support: 10 **29** 34.9%

What your biggest concern, outside of turf maintenance, with the dog park? (i.e. aggressive dogs, young children, lack of poop pick-up, inattentive owners, etc.)

Inattentive owners

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Aggressive dogs

Lack of poop pick-up

aggressive dogs

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Lack of poop pick up. Owners not watching their dogs.

Definitely people not picking up the poop.

i don't go enough to answer this question. my dog won't get in my car.

sections being unnecessarily closed down

No comment on this question

Neglectful owners not picking up there dogs poop (to busy on phone and socailizing with there clicks.

Seems cold and windy a lot of the time

I have seen very young children there on a couple occasions and was concerned for their safety

Keeping it a welcome environment for older children

All of the above

Mud

Water access all year round

Inattentive owners and children

Young children, inattentive owners

Inattentive owners

Unfriendliness of other owners

Inattentive owners who do not clean up after their dogs.

poop pickupinattentive owners

Lack of poop pick up

My biggest concern is that the park is not usable when the weather is bad. Please, please, please gravel or stone dust the small end so it is usable all year round. We have to go to Grist Mill during winters.

Lack of poop pickup and inattentive owners

Drainage on north end.

Aggressive dogs and inattentive owners, lack of seating for owners and standing water at entrance locations.

inattentive owners, lack of poop pick up

aggressive dogs, young children, water

Nothing major to report here...overall a great place!!!

Inattentive owners which leads to poop not being picked up as well

muddy-ness...

1) Owners not picking up poop, 2) Would also love to have some lighting in there especially when it gets dark early - if at all possible, and 3) last - an annual check up or fortification of the gates. Sometimes the gates don't connect properly to lock up or there are spaces/cavities that become big enough for a small dog to escape through.

Drainage.

I want to see the pools returned when the weather warms up. My dog runs alot and gets really hot.

Aggressive dogs w/ inattentive owners

Owners who cannot or will not control aggressive dogs.

inattentive owners and aggressive dogs

Poop pickup!

Lack of eco-friendly park design features

Inattentive owners.

Unattentive dog handlers.

lack of poop pick-up

Lack of poop pick up

Lack of interpersonal skills and judgment of owners.

Leaders of Westgrove PACK

aggressive dogs & owners, inattentive owners not picking up after their charges

None

the park authority has failed to meet its commitments to provide a user-friendly space-- no real effort to address the drainage issues (which, as several landscape architects have pointed out for years, can be fixed. inexcusable that the parking area just after the entrance is still soggy all the time, and there has been no effort to reroute water in the end nearest the road. suggest you press storck to get the park authority to be more proactive -- and remind him that stone won't solve the drainage problem, would be environmentally unfriendly (with the sun beating down it will be too hot to use), etc. Urge bd members to be more socially active-- introduce yourselves (many are new and uninformed), encourage them to pay attention, to contact you etc (signs don't do much , alas).

no real concerns

young children and occasionally aggressive dogs

contention among patrons

I have been using (and financially supported) the park since October 2016. I have found that some of the regular users are judgmental, critical and unfriendly to other park users. I am not the only one to notice this - when I first started using the park, several people approached me and told me not to get upset or take it personally if some of the regular, longtime users were unfriendly or critical of me and my dog. I don't like this "us versus them" attitude on the part of some of the older members. If you expect to come to a dog park and sit on benches and have uninterrupted conversations, that is an unreasonable expectation. We go there to let our dogs be dogs: to play, to rough and tumble, to bark and have fun - so long as they are not hurting anyone, let them be dogs. As many people have said to me "it's a dog park not a people park." If you want peace and quiet and focused conversation, then go to Starbucks not a dog park. Relax, chill out and let people enjoy the outdoors with their dogs. Don't be so controlling and judgmental. Relax. Have fun. Negative attitudes are too prevalent in today's world - we have pets to bring joy and fun into our lives so let them be dogs and quit being so uptight.

Inattentive Owners; Clean, Non-Muddy Water Areas for Drinking and Swimming in Warm Months; No Trees Inside Fences; No Trees that Drop Prickly Ball Seeds or Things that Hurt Paw Pads; Lack of Poop Pick-Up.

No water when the lower section is closed.

People leaving gates open

Find a way to fill the puddle spaces and let the water drain out. Gravity may help.

Water access. Turf is nice and much preferred to rocks that could twist a pups ankle.

You addressed our biggest concern. Shade! Thanks for the new young trees and the canopy!

My dog will get muddy

childrinf

Closing south field when it's dry out. You will never be able to keep grass growing with all the traffic so why spend the money? Dry dirt is fine.

What single improvement to the park is most important to you?

Drainage

Shade

Grass

water to the south end

Having grass

Hardscaping the gate areas

I think it's awesome just as it is. Just maintain it!

do you have water now?

Ban the festering swimming pools

Dealing with muddy conditions

trees and shade - I've seen dog parks with circular benches around tree trunks that are really nice (e.g., in DC)

open both sections

The question about turf confused me. I like the turf on the south end, but I understand and support closing off the grassy area when necessary and keep the north end with stone dust open.

Keep the whole park both sides all grass. Don't let it be like Mount Vernon Griss Mill.

Just to clarify--that "turf" means real grass, not the fake stuff on athletic fields...

continued turf maintenance to keep the mud at bay. thank you!

Fix the drainage problems

water and maybe a couple more trees on the periphery

all good (this is a worthless answer)

More seating, shade areas

Water

Shaded areas for the summer sun/heat

Grass upkeep.

Grass covering the entire park

The surfaces: to grow turf would require that the south end be closed from September to May or June after extensive tilling and application of compost or top soil. I think the north end should be graded, drained and covered in about 4-6 inches of pea gravel which would make it usable year round.

better communication as to what area is open to use. Recently the south was open with no notice then closed with no notice emails sent out would be nice

Solving the saturation problem and ensuring the grass is healthy

Removal of fence North/ South separation

"small dog only" area would be terrific

More shade/cover.

See above. I have heard claims that the problem is standing water and that is probably true but if the small end was gravel/stone dust it would still be usable even if wet. Mud is not usable.

Water in the south end

Drainage to keep the areas free of water !!!!

Better turf management

drainage, tired of the muddy, wet fields

Would like to see the dirt areas around under the picnic tables and entrances covered with bordered gravel.

Maintaining the grass is vital. The installation of water was very helpful. Shade on the lower end would also be nice as the upper end is not always open. The pools last summer were also a great thing for the pups on hot days.

get rid of the mud

Besides permanently fixing the drainage problem especially on the north side, lighting would be phenomenal!

I don't have anything offhand!

Water feature

remaining drainage issues

I think the north (smaller) should be fine gravel and the big side be grass (closed for weather/turf rebuilding)

Ice-cream. (Just kidding, I cant think of anything.)

elimination of standing water

Keeping it grass

Better drainage by water supply

The park needs a substantial bioswale to limit waste runoff into the Marsh and Chesapeake.

More trees.

Another water spigot would be great.

More trash cans in North end.

It's all great!

get rid of mud pits.

Improve turf and drainage problem in north end

Install water at south end

Turf maintenance and making sure there aren't any "potholes". A digging area, e.g., a sandbox, would be awesome

Changing leadership. Obviously from seeing the turf, leaders are not doing what is necessary to preserve turf and it will be stone-dusted if not addressed this year. Missing the fall 2016 planting season will prove disastrous.

Turf continued maintenance

shade, seating

fixing the drainage, making most of the park available most of the time (more space, less wear)

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keeping mud at bay

I love the park! I just don't live nearby so don't visit often!!

addition of stone dust to small portion

Some of the "regulars" need to be more respectful and nicer to the new folks. It is OUR park not YOUR park. Just be happy and friendly and welcoming. It's a great park and the dogs are all well

behaved so stop being so rigid and controlling. I know people who won't go to the park anymore because of the negative attitudes of some of the old timers. Let's follow our dog's example and be happy, joyful and in the moment.

See above comments; Potable Water Area with Top-Notch Drainage Area, No Standing Water or Mud, Plastic Baby Pools for Summer Swimming; Excellent Grass; Shade Created by Removable Cantilevered Awnings that Bend from Outside the Fenceline Over the Fences; No Filthy Water Bowls Left All Around the Park.

Less mud

Dog pools

More shade for hot summer months

A couple lights would be nice for the winter months

Shaded areas

Find a way to absorb the puddles or drain the north end.

The ability to replace dirty water with clean.

A water source for the south end of the park (Ex. long hose/multiple hoses from the north end water source.) We refill our water containers using the north end source and bring it to the south end. It would be great in summer with all the thirsty dogs.

turf only

Suggest crushed gravel for all weather North field and leave south field as turf.