

Beaver Ranch Park

Dog Park - Frequently Asked Questions

What is the existing dog park at Beaver Ranch?

The existing dog park at Beaver Ranch Park was built in 2005. It is approximately 1 acre in size and the perimeter of the park is fenced. There is a double-gate vestibule and a separate fenced area for shy or small dogs. The dog park is wooded and sloped. There are seating options throughout the park and dog waste bags are available on site.

Why are Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) and Beaver Ranch Community, Inc. (BRCI) exploring a relocation of the dog park?

Through an extensive community engagement process and collaboration between JCOS and BRCI, the Beaver Ranch Park Master Plan was completed in June 2017. The main guiding principal of this Master Plan was to construct a new trailhead at the main entrance of the park and to reduce vehicular traffic past this trailhead for most visitors, including vehicular access for the dog park. A secondary goal of the Master Plan was to consolidate park amenities at this newly constructed trailhead.

The results of the visitor survey will help to inform design of the improved trailhead and park amenities.

What is the expected management strategy for the dog park?

At this time, the management strategies for the dog park are undetermined. Continued conversations between JCOS and BRCI, as well as the results of the survey, will help determine which strategies make sense for the Beaver Ranch dog park. The dog park will be subject to rules and regulations outlined by JCOS, as well as those outlined by the Jefferson County Animal Control Ordinance.

A fee-based system is also being explored by JCOS and BRCI to help cover the costs associated with maintenance. The visitor survey issued is attempting to get insight into whether visitors would be willing to pay for the dog park at Beaver Ranch.

How will the new dog park compare to the existing park?

All of the dog park locations will be roughly one-acre in size, which is the size of the existing dog park.

The new dog park could contain the following elements:

- double-gate vestibule
- seating
- waste bags
- a possible fenced trail corridor to the site if the dog park is not located immediately adjacent to parking

Is there a plan to address potential water quality issues?

Proximity of the nearby drainageway will be considered during the design of the trailhead with consultation from an environmental specialist. Water quality is a key design consideration of the new dog park and protecting the drainage in the area is a priority for both JCOS and BRCI.

In addition to the design of the space, there will be the provision of waste bags, as well as refuse cans for on-site disposal. Signs will be posted stating the rules at the entrance to the park, as well as within the park, including the rule that owners must pick up the feces of their dog(s). Additionally, there will be a plan and budget for an appropriate maintenance and cleaning schedule to reduce the amount of waste on site.

Will there be an opportunity for volunteers to help maintain the dog park?

Potentially! In addition to the basic dog park elements and site attributes, we are exploring the feasibility of incorporating regular volunteer events to help maintain the dog park.