
Local dog access rules 2025

Upper Harbour local parks

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304	I support the proposed change		Common Sense
575	I support the proposed change		there are no proper off leash area in the close proximity, and the new proposed change will give some space for dogs to play and enjoy the nature freely.
664	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Under control on a leash at all times. Off leash should be a specific park not adjoined to that which other people frequent, considering there is the disc hockey and many other activities at Rosedale park, I would prefer off leash to either be somewhere else, or a fenced area.
1245	I support the proposed change		Need Moore area to exercise dogs
1892	I support the proposed change		It is a great area for controlled off leash dogs. Does not impact other activities
2633	I support the proposed change		I support the change. However, the owner should use common sense and be ready to control the dog ie. place a leash when there are multiple dogs in near vicinity.
2701	I support the proposed change		as long as owners pick up after their dogs which alot do not. I have 2 dogs myself and walk them every day at Rosedale Park and always pick up after my pets. But unfortunately alot of people do not.
2802	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	There are no full on leash parks in the Rosedale area at all. As a non-dog family - there is nowhere in the area we can walk to to safely spend time without the threat of uncontrolled dogs. You have to walk through either the southwest OR the northeast areas to get to the Rosedale playground in the middle - you can't avoid off leash dogs (which despite the best efforts of the owners - they often do not listen). I strongly do not support any more off leash areas in Rosedale, and strongly oppose off leash areas in Rosedale Park. Quite the opposite - we need more on leash. Kanuka and its walking track, George Pannill, Northwood, etc, etc are all off leash, in the surrounding area, which is ridiculous.
4608	I support the proposed change		Dog owners need areas to exercise their dogs off leash, also easier to play with dogs off leash
5261	I support the proposed change		Makes sense a large open park
5685	I support the proposed change		As long as dogs have good recall and breaches are followed up.
6261	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs need space to be off leash and as our population grows there is a risk there are less options for this
OUTSIDE UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD			
214	I support the proposed change		Great to see increased access for responsible dog owners.

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272	I support the proposed change		I like the increased off leash area
487	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should never be off leash. Should always be under leash control as the dogs behavior can change even without owner knowing it
523	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
557	I support the proposed change		Thank you for correcting this previous error
985	I support the proposed change		I love this, even though I am more inclined to on-leash always, but I also think that this is a nice change for those dog owners who like to release their dogs in public areas.
1239	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Good dog owners are mindful of others. There is already enough restrictions in place as is and certain times and areas are abided by already. This would remove any extra outdoor spaces for dogs to have enough stimulation and run. Removing these can cause under exercising and long term problems for dogs.
1325	I support the proposed change		Dog owners need more designated off leash areas so that they do not need to use public spaces. These should be clearly signposted and fenced.
1358	I support the proposed change		Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all parks.
1462	I support the proposed change		The proposed off leash areas are spacious enough for everyone to enjoy in a safe manner allowing dog owners to exercise their dogs and also other people to enjoy disc golf without being disrupted. This area is also away from the larger populated sports field
1465	I support the proposed change		Dog owners need more places we can walk our dogs especially when the beaches are closed to us in summer during the day
1587	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Turning off-leash areas into prohibited zones requires an exceptionally valid reason; otherwise, it feels unjustifiable. Most areas are already on-leash or entirely off-limits to dogs. What exactly are dog owners supposed to do? Keep their dogs confined at home all the time? Dogs need to run and play freely, not just walk on a leash every single time. To those making such strict rules: would you feel comfortable being on a leash, held by someone every time you walked in a park? It's about fairness and understanding the needs of all living beings, including our furry family members.
1705	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	I'm pro dogs on leash for dog safety, particularly for dog guardians who are not paying attention / irresponsible. Licenses needed to be able to allow dog to go off leash. I know this is strict, but for the safety of dogs getting a license will deter irresponsible owners from putting their dog/s at risk.

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1854	I don't know		Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
2031	I support the proposed change		It gives well trained and behaved dogs the opportunity to be off-leach
2084	I support the proposed change		Dogs getting more off leash time!
2086	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the northeast section of Rosedale Park only (dogs under control on a leash on southwest section)	Never had issues before, punishing everyone for a small handful of irresponsible owners isn't fair. The less our dogs are out in society the more harmful to their behavior moving forward
2129	I support the proposed change		Good to have a place where dogs can run. If the public knows that dogs may be running free they can make a decision whether or not to use the facility
2139	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2377	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on the northeast section of Rosedale Park only (dogs under control on a leash on southwest section)	I like that there is an area that I know dogs won't be off leash.... Too many owners do not have 'full' control of their off leash dog. My dogs are on leash all the time. When I request owners not let their off leash dog near my dogs on leash, only 50% of owners can actually call their dogs back.
2395	I support the proposed change		As long as the dogs are under control. Too many instances where dogs have been off leash but not well controlled.
2419	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	no i do not support the proposed change. dogs need local places to relax and enjoy the outdoors without restrictions.
2422	I support the proposed change		Was the top proposal an accident?
2465	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	there is a lot of sport that goes on at Rosedale and for the safety of the sports players and animals it shouldn't be changed

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2476	I support the proposed change		The proposed change seems common sense.
2511	I support the proposed change		Much clearer/ fairer
2608	I support the proposed change		I support in general but also have concerns about off leash dogs not fully under control in this area as my dog has been threatened previously and some owners do not appear responsible or concerned .
2692	I support the proposed change		Allows more freedom and opportunity for dogs
2713	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2871	I support the proposed change		Fair
2994	I support the proposed change		Great!
3263	I do not support the proposed change	Other (please explain below)	No off-leash areas please.
3800	I support the proposed change		It would be really nice to have more spaces where we can have our dogs off leash in this park. It's a good park for it.
4281	I support the proposed change		Absolutely support more accessibility to dogs under control
4489	I support the proposed change		I want less restrictions not more
4577	I support the proposed change		Area spacious enough to let dogs run
4592	I support the proposed change		they are good changes for dogs
4755	I support the proposed change		Let's give dog owners options for dog walking to reduce reliance on beaches.
4786	I support the proposed change		Enables dogs to run around in a safe space
4879	I support the proposed change		Personal safety
4888	I support the proposed change		Needs better control
4950	I support the proposed change		Dogs should be allowed to be walked on all beaches, at all times provided they are on leash and controlled.
5260	I support the proposed change		Yay! Common sense.
5479	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Safer
5661	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.

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5829	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	This is used as a sports ground year-round and often with kids. It needs to be a safe environment and although the changes specify "under control" this will not always be the case by less responsible dog owners.
5867	I do not support the proposed change	No change to current Policy (dog access) rules	Responsible dog owners should have the right to exercise their dog/s as per they current bylaws.
6014	I support the proposed change		I'd like to comment on the lack of off leash dog exercise areas on the shore. The recent changes proposed by the council seem to be focusing mostly on reducing access to public parks for dogs but there are no new fenced dog exercising areas proposed for the North Shore. The shore covers a huge area with tens of thousands of dogs (and owners who pay rates and dog rego fees) and yet there are no fenced dog walking areas (the only one sort of close by is hobsonville). An area the size of the North Shore with such a large population should have at least five or six fenced, dedicated dog exercise areas located. If these areas were available the number of dog owners using other public parks for exercise and training would fall dramatically and solve many of your concerns around dogs in public parks. Please move your focus from making small changes which will not help dog owners at all and instead make proper, meaningful, positive changes for dog owning rate payers.
6441	I support the proposed change		More off leash areas are to be applauded
6447	I support the proposed change		More off leash areas are vital to socialising dogs
6478	I support the proposed change		There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them. Council is missing on the economic opportunity dogs can be.
6544	I support the proposed change		Fantastic option to have more freedom for dog owners on what used to be a beautiful pony club
6551	I support the proposed change		Dogs, especially large breeds need to have space to run and enjoy freedom, it would be so good if they are given larger areas to exercise and be free to expend their energy. Thank you.
6940	I support the proposed change		This is a low risk area.