# Dog policy, bylaw and regional park access rules 2025

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**#66**

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Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Supporting dog walking businesses by offering higher limits, promoting skilled dog handlers, and helping them stay in business. CISA NZ code of conduct is 12 and a good all rounder number.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**Tell us why**

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Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

**Tell us why**

In my experience more than 4 dogs can not be controlled by one person effectively. I think you are trying to address people doing dog walking as a business, in which case they should not be using public areas, they should have a purpose built facility, as other business are required to have. Public places have too many distractions to ensure the dogs have their concentration on any possible commands the walkers are giving, a walker who often isn't even their usual master/owner.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Support

**Tell us why**

The number of pets in our community is becoming a problem, their owners are unaware of their obligations to the pets and the community they are living in.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

All pets should be neutered and only registered breeders, who are licensed, should be allowed breed our pets. I see so many unwanted animals. Anyone can breed with their cat or dog, no experience needed. By the way I have not vested interest in the industry.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

No expert required, if the animal can not live in the community it is a menace.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Should be prohibited any where in Auckland . Multiple dogs should not be allowed in any area unless rural and the animals are working dogs Or the property is a registered business with the necessary facilities that can handle the demands of multiple animals.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

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There is not enough consideration, by the owners of pets, being given to people in our community. I know there are some great pet owners in our community but unfortunately they are now being outnumbered by the owners who get a pet and then don't train it or

give it the care and attention it requires, then it becomes everyone else's problem, sadly the only way to resolve that problem is a law the restricts the poor pet owners from ruining the quality of life for the rest of the community trying to enjoy shared public spaces.

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Point Wells

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Bird life in the estuary and surrounding areas

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

We have a lot of bird life in the area which we are working hard to restore. Off leash dogs are a problem. Also sick of dog faeces not being picked up on the grass reserves around Point Wells. There is a lot of dog barding in our neighbourhood. Cats should be kept in at night to help save the nesting sea birds.

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Omaha

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Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control on a leash

**Tell us why**

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Entire location

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**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:Estuary birds and wild life.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

Owners are not keeping their dogs under control and they chase all the bird life on the estuary and reserve.  The dogs should be on lead at all time in all places.  Also it means they know then their dogs a going to the toilet, they can't walk ahead and ignore it.**Regional parks are for all people but it seems when people come with a dog or dogs to the area they "take it over" .  Owners seem to think the rules do not apply to their dogs or them.**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I believe that the current laws, if consistently enforced, will serve the correct purpose. If anything, we should focus on more clearly defining what 'under control' looks like and prioritize education over restriction. Therefore, I do not support the proposed limits.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Support

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**Tell us why**

Many have up to 20 dogs on & off leash. I find this intimidating and I know that if one dog is reactive or out of control the walker is not in a position to help. There has also been instances of dogs lost in the forest when off leash with them.

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I support the proposed change

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**Tell us why**

I think this is a happy medium by still offering on leash options.

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I believe the current rules in place are enough

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Waiake Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Upper Harbour

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

By limiting the time available on this beach during summer, it makes it extremely busy with too many off leash dogs.  I prefer to have access but on leash so all can enjoy but without dogs bothering those enjoying the beach

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#137**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I think needs to be distinguished further between public and professionals. I think something along the lines of what happened in Wellington. Maximum amount of dogs on or off leash 12 dogs and they have to apply for a permit or license. Could start with people who have been in business for 2+ years and have had no council complaints can apply for a license.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

I think the dog control issues that are important relate to unregistered, roaming dogs and more funding needs to be put towards that. Walkers provide a very valuable service to people. I think it needs to be regulated and a limit imposed like they have done in wellington but the proposed numbers are far too low. I know a large amount of people who have more control of their 4 off leash dogs than a lot of people i encounter in public with just 1 dog. More thought and effort needs to go into this particular part of the bylaw. Consult with Wellington and what has worked for them.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Locals have been using this space forever. Most are very respectful. I think the prohibited areas should be on leash only.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#199**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Safer than current rules. I regularly see 1 person with 10 or more dogs in public areas which even for me as a dog owner can be a bit scary

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Some current signage can be hard to interpret where the off lead/dogs can go areas actually are.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Don't know current rules....

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Cats should not be allowed to wonder.  Same rules for dogs and cats

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Fair.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**1st and for most public should feel safe to use regional parks. So areas where dogs can not go or be on leash is good.**

**But areas where dog owners go more often than general public should be left for dog response able  dogs and owners. In a nut shell possible each park will need to be looked an for specific dog areas. Even if they are made alot smaller than current**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#213**

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Local Board: Rodney

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

If something goes wrong with one dog it's not possible to have the other dogs under control.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
It's too hot for dogs on sand in the middle of the day in summer

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed on leash on the grass parks

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed on leash in picnic / grass areas

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#225**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I believe it should be maximum ten dogs. I know a lot of people who own multiple dogs and this limits their ability to walk them in public.  Ten would also mean this has a smaller impact on dog walking businesses.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#288**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#439**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Too many large groups of dogs giving bad names to dog owners

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Greatly reducing the places people can walk dogs during day hours reduces human and animals well-being.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Forest walks

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waitākere Ranges

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

It would be a benefit to have forest walks in which dog on leashes can go on. Everywhere they are either banned or does not provide an area for dog to walk more than a short walk

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#484**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

The number of dogs has no bearing on the level of training and owner care which has been given. I've had instances of being bothered by single dogs and their owners. Most people love and care deeply for their dogs to be respectful of the rules. More attention should be aimed at unruly and poorly trained dogs. Owners who flout the rules not only for the public but also the dogs wellbeing.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

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**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dog access is already limited in auckland for a nation of dog lovers is terrible. I would love to see more places dogs can enjoy if anything. Dogs help with wellbeing and also dogs who enjoy such ventures with their owners are happier, well adjusted pets who in turn would be safer pets. Please don't limit the few treasures we currently have with our four legged friends**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#487**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

After

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Off leash dogs running after young kids and scaring them.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#536**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

**Tell us why**

Unless you are an experienced (trained professional) dog handler it is near to impossible to have full control of multiple dogs when out walking or exercising. Professional dog handlers ensure safety if the dogs in their control and ensure that those dogs behave (before they are allowed to join the pack in public places) otherwise they don't join the pack for outing's. I've entrusted my dog to professional walkers and each has been diligent in ensuring my dog and the others in their control can walk together in leash (behind the walker) and stay together as a pack when off leash in designated off leash areas (public and private). The only time I see dogs not under control is with dog owners whether they have one or more dogs with them who simply let their dogs off leash (including designated on leash areas they are well aware of) and don't control of watch them, with the dogs wondering off into roads and private properties,, or pooing (and not knowing/ignoring the fact). Many without collars/registration. Some may be non-trained dog walkers simply taking friends and neighbours dogs for walks and have no idea of control. Are there any stats showing dog problems caused while with professional dog walkers? I doubt it, and this is the reason we should not tarnish them with the same brush as Joe Public. I feel that each dog walker should be limited to low number of multiple dogs while outside their property in public spaces (perhaps the same number as they are legally allowed to own/have a their home) unless they are displaying a legitimate licence proving they are trained professional dog walkers (and even each dog under their control a clip to their collars with the walkers details/licence #. Instant fine (no warnings) to those who aren't licensed.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#564**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Max 10 dogs with no more than 5 allowed off leash at the same time. I believe the council would be better to register professional dog walkers as those who are committed to the profession are able to control 10 dogs and will have ensured that all of their clients have excellent recall when off leash. (I am not a dog walker).

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I am supportive of professional behavioural assessments being carried out BUT would wish for a right to reply : ask for a second opinion. One of my dogs is ‘menacing’ and the other is ‘dangerous’. We had an exceptional dog behavioural expert who assessed our dogs over a number of visits rather than one hour long appointment and this allowed them to accurately detail areas of concern and what we could do to mitigate.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**
Support
**Tell us why**

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Support
**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
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**Ambury Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I would prefer that a beach area is made available for off leash dogs as this is where a number of my friends take their dogs to play in the sea. This is difficult to do when on leash!

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#577**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed on the beach. There are already limited beaches for dogs. I have patrolled this beach through surf life saving for years and there are limited people let alone protected birds.

Dogs and dog owners should have the right to use this

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Horses are a massive part of this beach as well as dogs. Dogs should be allowed on this beach! There are already limited dog beaches and too many dog laws around times they are prohibited to be walked along beaches during summer etc.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Changing forestry/te arai dog rules will upset a lot of people as it's one the best and nicest dog walking beaches. Dogs do not walk on the sand dunes because they are down by the waters edge and sand playing rather than walking through beaches during trees.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#638**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

3 dogs being walked off leash while the owner walks another 3 on leash means that there is a strong likelihood the off leash animals are not under adequate control. Two dogs being walked on lead should be the maximum allowed. Dogs should not be off leash at all unless at a designated off leash dog park.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Beaches are places of endangered wildlife and also places for families with young children to go. Dogs should not be allowed off leash at all. Dog owners are able to take their animals to dog parks so should do so. A child's safety is more important than

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs shouldn't be allowed on the tracks at all - either on or off lead. Wenderholm is one of the parks I go to with my daughter as it is dog free for the most part (although we have encountered dogs on the tracks and been met with abuse by the owners when

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#650**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Murawai loop track is under control off lead**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#661**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Safer for families and people using the beach during the day and safer for dogs too

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**I think they are well managed and balance needs of dog owners and non dog owners**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#707**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There are very few beaches people can walk and socialise their dogs or enjoy a family day at the seaside with their beloved pets. Forestry beach - at the very northern end of Pakiri - is a very special and valued place for dog owners and is rural enough t

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#725**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

**Tell us why**

Even four dogs would be hard to hold if they all took off

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#742**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Very limited area, forestry beach has always been dog friendly and the quarry is far too small! No other areas on southern end of te arai either

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Forestry is the barrier

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Already very limited areas we can take dogs and the quarry is too small

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dogs are part of our lives, with good controlled access we can work together instead of total bans everywhere**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#749**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Unless it’s an area of ecological significance dogs should be allowed everywhere. It’s already hard as it is to go to places with pet.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

As long as it is not reducing the access itself.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times

**Tell us why**

People visiting with pets during holidays should be able to take their dogs to regional parks under leash

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Should be allowed leashed

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Should allow under leashed all times

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

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**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Orewa, and near by beaches, takapuna and areas

**What local board area is this location in?**

Hibiscus and Bays

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Comment will be on how council and fine people who doesn't dispose/pick dog poo ?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#813**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I don’t think you can just give an arbitrary number. Walking 8 little dogs is much easier than walking 8 big dogs. There needs to be something that allows more flexibility with this rule but four it to still be easy to understand. Maybe based on the height of the dog.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe that dogs should be allowed to be on ALL regional parks if they are on a leash. The rules are so limiting it hardly feels worth having a dog at times!

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs should be allowed everywhere if they are on a leash EXCEPT where there are lambs.

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I disagree with dogs not being allowed on the grassy area...why not if they are on a leash? Ok with no dogs during the day when most people are there sunbathing etc.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**
Agree that dogs should not be allowed near lambs but not with the prohibition of everywhere lease if they are on a leash.

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed on the beach the same oas other parks.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Disagree with the prohibitions. Allow dogs if they are on a leash.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed within the area if they are on a leash.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Do not support point 3 prohibitions. Allow dogs on a leash.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs should be allowed on the tracks etc here if they are on a leash. Agree they should not be near lambs.

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Disagree with point 2. Allow dogs on a leash

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**The council needs to do something to enforce the rules. Many dog owners spoil it for those of us who are responsible. I have seen many dogs off leash when the rules state they should be on leash. I feel that as a dog owner there are hardly any nice bush walks we can take them because they are not allowed even on a leash. The rules are way too restrictive. I agree that people don;t want dogs in their face when they go to the beach for a day during the summer, that's fine. Dogs should not be allowed near lambs at all.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#816**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The forestry road is an excellent area for dogs and their owners and mostly locals use this area year round, visitors are not frequent users. Locals dog owners have always been reliable and responsibly use this area because we live our area. If anyone is

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Why do I NEVER see any council or rangers enforcing those small minority of people who break the rules? If you change the bylaws, they are the ones that continue to break them anyway**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#821**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

1. My dogs have joined "pack walks" for many years, all of them led by experienced and responsible dog walkers who have far more control over the pack than most dog-owners do over their single dogs. When walking my own dogs, I have never encountered a problem with dogs being walked by a professional dog walker. Any issue has arisen because a dog owner is not able to control their own dog.

3.The limits proposed would result in the cost of dog walks becoming prohibitively expensive, and would likely put many professional dog walkers out of business.

4. This is an essential service for those of us that work and wish to provide our dogs with a good quality of life. If people are unable to find affordable dog walking solutions, then it is possible that many dogs will need to be re-homed, placing dog rescue organisations under increasing pressure and resulting in dogs being needlessly destroyed.

5. My understanding is that a very small percentage of dog control issues/complaints arise as a result of "pack walks", so this proposal feels disproportionate to the issue it is supposed to address.

6.Would it not be more appropriate to require professional dog walkers to be registered, so that if an issue arose, then action could be taken against a specific dog walker who did not have their "pack" under appropriate levels of control? In that case, I would support the proposed restriction applying to UNREGISTERED dog walkers.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Wenderholm Regional Park

We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Whakanewha Regional Park

We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.

What do you think of this proposed change?

Tell us why

Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#822**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Easier for most to manage

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#845**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Safer for other people and other dogs.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**
**Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**
**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**
**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs under control should be allowed.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs under control should be allowed.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

More areas for dogs should be allowed.

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**More access is required - responsible dog owners should be allowed to walk dogs in these parks and beaches.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#849**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

As the dog walking industry is unregulated and anyone walk dogs without any certification or restriction of numbers, I believe it is fair to limited the number of dogs that ANYONE (dog walker or person with their own dogs), can be walking at one time.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#871**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I think 6 is a reasonable maximum number but they should all be allowed to be walked off leash providing they are well trained and under good control.

As a full time dog trainer and sport participant I often run my own three dogs plus one client dog, I have previously owned four dogs who I ran off lead together where appropriate, and I know many walkers who are able to run 6 dogs without impact to the public.

In fact, often members of the public walking only ond dog off lead frequently are out of control charging up to me and unable to recall when requested so it's not all about numbers.

I would love to see a greater animal management presence in busy off leash areas requesting dog walkers demonstrate adequate recall as has happened at the botanic gardens. Those unable to do so should be advised to put them back on leash.

Another option is to consider adopting the existing Canine Good Citizen testing system to regulate which dogs are permitted greater off leash access to certain areas. This would promote training and reward responsible ownership.

Small fully fenced dog parks are definitely not the answer to exercise needs. They promote poor training practices and are a very unnatural socialisation experience, often leading dog fights and frustration. I would prefer to see larger unfenced areas available for off leash walking in areas shared with other activities such as occurs in forest and beach areas.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#905**

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Local Board: Rodney

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I feel it will be safer for all

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#946**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#970**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
(1) only the northern end of Forestry (near car park) is used by dog walkers as it's a long beach (11km south to Pakiri) therefore could still be shared and enjoyed by both dogs and birds. Generally dogs walk only 1-2km in each direction from northern car

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Te Arai Forestry Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:All of Forestry Beach

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

(1) unleashed dog walking should continue to be allowed because only northern end of Forestry (near car park) is used by dog walkers anyway as it's a long beach (11km south to Pakiri) therefore could still be shared and enjoyed by both dogs and birds. Generally dogs walk only 1-2km in each direction from northern car park. The other 10km south is dog free because of remoteness no other access road. (2) there is another 11km stretch of dog-free beach to the north from Te Arai to Pacific Beach to Mangawhai Sand dunes which is

all dog-free for birds and dotterels to enjoy/mate/nest/forage without dogs. (3) Forestry beach is remote and uncrowded so dogs are not competing with beach goers unlike beaches situated closer to towns. It is the only beach locally and in wider area that is ideal for dogs to not be a nuisance (4) no other close beach to run high energy dogs because dogs are prohibited north at Te Arai and south to Pakiri to Leigh

I would also like to add that we have recently bought our property near Forestry Beach mainly because of the wonderful dog walking opportunity at the beach. We have a 'water' dog who loves to run along the wave line and it would be a tragedy for her and us not to be able to do this with her. Nobody is harmed in this wonderful activity for both ourselves and the dog. It enhances our lives.

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Botanical Gardens

**What local board area is this location in?**

Manurewa

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

A section of it. Please specify:Please do not shrink the size of the off leash area as dogs need a large area to exercise. Also do not restrict access on leash to cafe as dog walkers enjoy cafe too

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

A section of it. Please specify:It is not about increasing dog exercise area,, it is about retaining what is already there and not shrinking it. People need to understand it is the unregistered dogs that cause the problems. It is not fair to prejudice good dogs and owners.**A section of it. Please specify:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to changes at location (e.g. a new playground, sports field, more people). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#972**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I don't think a single person can safely supervise more than 3 dogs off leash at a time.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

People who have menacing dogs are often irresponsible in other matters of their dogs. Having their pets neutered will reduce the risk of unwanted puppies.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

We need to have limited professionals who are clearly qualified to make such determinations

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

There are plenty of areas in Auckland where properties are large enough and separated enough to allow families to have more dogs, but in more population dense areas, the number should be limited due to noise, aggression, roaming, etc

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Wildlife should have priority over dogs

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

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I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**no**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#974**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I believe anything over this puts dogs and public at risk. And 6 dogs is also a lot of poop to pick up.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Better clarity for all

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**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Good to protect vulnerable wildlife, like nesting grounds.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#980**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The rules are already to restrictive. Dogs need time off the leash,  Instead of banning Dogs off the leash why not Police the activity and prosecute Dog owners that allow their dogs to be a nuisance

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The rules are already to restrictive. Dogs need time off the leash,  Instead of banning Dogs off the leash why not Police the activity and prosecute Dog owners that allow their dogs to be a nuisance

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
This park is mostly a no go for dogs anyway,  Dog owners tend not to go there to exercise their dog. This rule just makes clearer the entire area is off limits

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Makes sense

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Ideally dog restrictions should be eased up and allow dogs to go where their owners go. But it is obvious that Council lacks the resources to Police and prosecute Bad dog owners that allow their dogs to be a nuisance to other users and a danger to wildlife. It seems the easier choice is to Ban Dogs in areas, so the Council doesn't have to face the responsibility of monitoring the actions of users in these areas. Personally I would support more funding to Patrol these areas and get rid of the irresponsible owners, than ban every dog owner from the enjoyment of a walk along the beach with their pet.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#991**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#992**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

As someone who works with animals, i think it's irresponsible of handlers to think they can maintain control adequately of so many dogs on and off lead, like a lot currently do. In a public place, there are too many unknown factors and all it takes is one dog to not listen and innocent people and /or dogs/pets can get hurt or worse.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1005**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Dogs are being put at risk by people walking too many for a person to control, also putting other dog walkers at risk.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

As long as it is the owners punished, and not the dogs.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

No

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1010**

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Local Board: Rodney

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs on a leash should be allowed at any time if under control by an adult.  Therefore they cannot cause any problems with stock or birds etc.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Really disagree with the proposed change.  At least allow dogs on leash at all times, as it is a large beach with plenty of room for everyone to enjoy.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs should be ok in a vehicle and on leash in most areas.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There is only one other beach that dog owners can let their dogs exercise off-leash in this area.  Taking away this option is just not acceptable.  Where are we meant to let our dogs let off steam if we can't enjoy running on the beach with them?  We stro

**Waitawa Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**There are becoming too many rules for responsible dog owners and it is getting ridiculous due to a few irresponsible people. It is taking away our freedom and enjoyment of our country with our well-loved family dogs. We hope for some common sense from our Council.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1013**

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Local Board: Rodney

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry Beach has become part of Te Arai Regional Park. This is Te Arai South. This is one of the few beaches where dogs can be off leash and the beach is very sparsely populated even in the summer months. I do not support prohibiting dogs from Te Arai S

**Waitawa Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1036**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Support 1

Support 2

Isn't the above already the case?

The council should enforce both options above which they currently don't appear to.

Support 3a and 3b

3c should be removed from all communications, it is one area that locals can use during summer and

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1063**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

There are many fantastic, capable pack walkers whose businesses rely on being able to walk multiple dogs at a time. These businesses should be able to continue, on a licence only basis. Sure, limit the number of dogs walked by the general public to 4, but allow businesses to apply for a licence to have more. If they have an incident, revoke their licence. Those who are sensible and capable won't have issues!

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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**Tell us why**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**Tell us why**

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**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There are so few dog walking areas in our region, and being able to bring my dog to Forestry beach is an important part of my daily routine. All the dog walkers at forestry are sensible, stay off the tracks and keep dogs under control. I would be supporti

**Waitawa Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**If more areas become restricted to dogs, there are fewer quiet dog friendly places for people to take their dogs who don't want to interact with hundreds of other dogs. Stop putting restrictions in place and spend more money on educating dog owners on proper dog care and management so we can all co-exist happily.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1066**

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**Tell us why**

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**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I am a resident in the area of forestry beach and this is the only beach we can currently take our dog and enjoy a day at the beach. Black swamp, terai and Pakiri are all non dog beaches and the quarry is not suitable for swimming due to being very rocky

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I think this number is much safer (it's still too high) for dog walkers or the public to walk this amount of dogs at once in public spaces off leash under control.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

**Tell us why**

Is there any consideration being given to those that make their living as professional dog walkers, supporting the greater dog owning community and typically assisting in training better behaved dogs?

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I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
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**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

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**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Only change the off-leash area to north of the rose gardens before 10am and after 5pm (on-leash between 10am and 5pm)

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**I think that good dogs and good dog owners should be allowed freedom to exercise in a lot of areas currently prohibited. For a very outdoorsy country New Zealand as a whole has to be one of the worst for access.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1104**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

You cannot control more than 6 pack animals at one time. Particularly off lead. I struggle with just 3 and I'm not small, petite or weak.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1112**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry beach is one of the few off leash areas where we are able to exercise (run on the beach) with our dogs. We have been using forestry beach for several years and have generally seen the dog owners to be responsible and keep their dogs under control

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**The sweeping changes to the bylaw are far greater than the cosmetic updates it's being advertised as l. This consultation process feels very disingenuous and written for the benefit of niche stakeholders as no alternatives being offered for responsible dog owners who have enjoyed the benefits of long runs on the beach wth our four-legged companions for years. Please seek to find some balance to protect wildlife and our responsible use of our greatest asset.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1130**

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Local Board: Rodney

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry is the only beach south of mangawhai village with dog access. By restricting access the only beach walk is the Heads. It's already crowded and parking is limited. Forestry is lightly populated and providing the dogs are not allowed in the dunes,

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Just forestry!**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1146**

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Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Signage at rautawhiri park Helensville is non existent and council rules are mostly ignored by dog owners there

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

The rules are in place but there is often no signs or any presence of dog control officers

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1159**

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Organisation (if applicable):

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
This is the only beach in my area that I can walk my dog.  When I go to forestry beach dogs are always under control and it seems to me that the recent developments and future planned housing in this location is of much more risk to the environment than a

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1180**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I have experienced a larger pack walk and o e person was not able to recall and control the pack - this is dangerous to both dogs and people

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**
**Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**
**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**
**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I own a dog and live in muriwai
The beach is  overrun and with dogs ,
The loop track needs to be on leash as too
many dogs are roaming off into dunes and protected areas

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

recently visited tawharanui and saw dogs in cars and walking outside the gates areas. It’s too close to the sanctuary and also dogs are u comfortable

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

After

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Reduce dogs in summer time and protect the birds and skinks

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

as above

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1184**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
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**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
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**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There is limited areas for Mangawhai residents to take their dogs. Removing the beach access will result in more dogs in one place. It is a big enough beach to accommodate dogs and is often quiet and safe. At the very least allow it during restricted time

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1185**

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I think this by-law will negatively impact the careers and livelihoods of professional dog walkers - people who are well responsible and equipped to look after numerous dogs. The issue is irresponsible dog owners who do not obey the on-leash rules nor respect other dog owners' wishes when they are asked to put their dog back on lead (general unwritten rule: if you see a dog walking towards you on lead, you should call your dog back and put it on lead). I think there should be stricter rules and enforcement around ensuring dogs are on lead, rather than the number of dogs under a person's control. If this by law is to go ahead, I think a better work-around solution is that professional dog walkers can obtain a special licence that makes them exempt.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Support should be in place for people unable to financially afford these procedures. With that said, it is important that owners take full responsibility for the well-being of their animals. If they do not have the means to ensure their animals can live their best life and ongoing access to food, flea treatments, vaccinations, etc., then perhaps having animals is not best suited to them. Animals are not toys, and pets shouldn't be considered as such.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

This would be useful. It is also incredibly challenging at times to work out where dogs are allowed, both on-leash and off-leash, as there can be discrepancies between information on the council website vs. signage vs. DoC vs. Google.... and often people don't follow them anyhow. Understanding the reasoning will help clarify the rules themselves.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

It's not clear the reasoning behind this. If it is due to upholding tikanga, then I am in support. Clear signage would be important.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season)**

**and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

While this makes the information clearer, the issue is it is still challenging to understand the boundaries if you are not famaliar with the area. Maps attached to the signage would go a long way.

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1208**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1227**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1247**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe with a dog on a leash under control you should have the rights to enjoy the environment as much as any other person.human beings create more damage than dogs

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right sto enjoy the out doors Hunans  create mire damage I believe

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe that with dogs on a leash /off and controlled that dog owners should have same rights to enjoy the out doors Humans  create more damage I believe.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right sto enjoy the out doors Humans  create more damage

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right sto enjoy the out doors Humans  create more damage

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right sto enjoy the out doors Humans  create more damage

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right sto enjoy the out doors Humans  create more damage

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right sto enjoy the out doors Humans  create more damage

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right sto enjoy the out doors Humans  create more damage

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right sto enjoy the out doors Humans  create more damage

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I believe that with dogs on a leash and controlled that dog owners should have same right sto enjoy the out doors Humans  create more damage

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1252**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

If you push through with all these changes, you need to make sure you have enough staff for all areas. With dog attacks on increase and nothing to monitor the beaches and parks it makes the Bylaw inadequate.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I think all dogs need to be desexed unless you are a registered breeder.

Old male dogs that have not been desexed roam and fight against younger ones. Again this can't be managed unless you have more staff in the regions.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

It depends on the rating the properties are under. Also owner need to make sure their properties are fenced.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Too many political interests on this subject. Should be done by qualified people.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

We are getting bogged down by rules and regulations, we need good structure to ensure the bylaw is maintained properly.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Just make sure the changes are effective, and staff can manage this.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-**

**leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1280**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I don't know

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

dogs should be allowed off leash below the high tide line.  And access at Sullivans Bay

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

support so long as dogs can be off leash in the 'forest' and north of the surf tower

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

No reason for dogs to not be allowed (and people) access to the beach.  On lead / restricted around bird breeding areas

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**
Dogs should be allowed on Forestry Beach. We need one dog-friendly beach access. keep Te Arai as dog restricted. VITAL to have Forestry Beach left as dog friendly, otherwise people will take dogs to restricted areas anyway

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Pakiri Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

All areas except bird nesting areas

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Kid owners and kids are allowed every beach, dog owners and dogs need some access to beaches.

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Forestry Beac

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Entire location

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Entire location**Entire location**0

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Kid owners and kids are allowed every beach, dog owners and dogs need some access to beaches.  Would not let me enter 'other' in top section

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Atiu Creek Regional Park

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Other - please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leashnon-lambing areas

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Great horse riding area and hiking, be great to take dogs too

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

Great horse riding area and hiking, be great to take dogs too.  Happy to restrict it to non-lambing seasons**please please do not change Forestry Beach dog access**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1283**

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Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I would go even fewer. People with too many dogs to handle effectively - can be intimidating to other pet owners.

This is also not a safe practice - as an owner of 4 dogs I would only walk 2 maximum at a time in a public space.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Neutering does not always solve the problem. ‘Menacing’ dogs should seek support from a qualified individual -

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

As I am qualified at degree level there is an understanding from a scientific and proven perspective.

Other trainers ‘behaviourists’ can cause further damage if they do not have an understanding of the canine brain along with other things.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

It would depend on what the licence involved. It seems like a good idea - but would need to be structural and allow people a chance to put things in place to meet the requirements of a licence if they already have multiple animals

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-**

**leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1286**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I disagree with the maximum of 6 dogs on leash. Professional dog walkers are able to control more dogs than this, and it is unfair to financially penalize them.

I agree with the three dog off-leash limit.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1300**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Currently ‘professional’ dog walkers have extremely large packs that are often out of control and at best are intimidating to other dog walkers. While 6 is still a large number, it offers a compromise for ‘professionals’ to continue their business but hopefully have greater control of dogs in their care.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Important for those multiple dog owners who may be considering moving properties to have a clear idea of the rules as pertaining to their dogs in potential new location.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Justification so that it is clear reasoning is fair and well thought out rather than just a potentially personal bugbear for an elected council member.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

The essence is ‘under control’. I’m my 20 years living at this location and walking my dogs or riding our horses on the beach I’ve only seen a ranger twice. We’ve had numerous occasions of off leash dogs attacking/chasing horses and also attacking on leas

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1307**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe dogs should continued to be allowed access to Forestry Beach.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1318**

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Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Groups of dogs (purely the number of them) can be intimidating to dogs and people alike. Even if they are well behaved. They almost never are under complete control so it's a good thing.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

All areas in Auckland should have limits on dog numbers unless they are a dog facility such as a groomers, daycare, kennels, vet, breeder registered.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1320**

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Local Board: Rodney

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Too many ‘dog walkers’ walking too many dogs they  can’t possibly have control over them.  Dog numbers should be limited and ‘walkers’ should have to be registered, hold a licence and hold insurance

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I support this BUT it should NOT be solely council employees.  Quite often they are not qualified to undertake this assessment.  Assessments dhould be by TWO independent professionals.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

This should be monitored also

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

These areas aldo need to be policed by council/wardens so the rules are upheld.  In saying that, the dog should not be punished for their owner/handlers breaking of rules, stupidity or ignorance

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Should not be allowed in cars on grounds at all

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1326**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I have been chased by 3 dogs off leash with a pack walker who had at least 10 dogs at Muriwai. She had no control over all of the dogs, I do not see how anyone could control 10 dogs at once on their own.

I think 4 should be the maximum per person. It is out of hand when you pull up to the car park opposite the horse park at Muriwai and there are 4 or 5 pack walking dog vans. I fully support having to have a pass or registration to use the tracks at Muriwai. Dog pack walkers should need some sort of council registration so you can track who is there walking and making money off the local parks.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1370**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Both options below should be available:

Ten dogs max on leash at all times.

If you want off leash then 8 dogs max with no more than 4 dogs off-leash

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

All businesses that are walking dogs in public should have to register and pay a yearly fee to the council.

There registration should be displayed on a lanyard or such at all times when in public.

Any issue arising with dog behaviour that is reported while under the control of a dog walker will warrant an investigation and possible suspension of the dog walkers registration.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1402**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1511**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Where there are small children and dogs off the leash and frequently not under full control of the owner. The dogs are more interested in chasing birds. Seagulls and other.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

Owners frequently do not pick up after the dog poo. Also many go to the beach to gather shellfish seafood. I am a grand dad and have a grand hild 3 year old. Many dogs are left to run around on the beach and park. Very frightening when dogs get into a scr

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Overall I see regional parks as a people family place. Picnic and family activities. Should be safe and poo free. Dogeza should be left at home or kennel for the day.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1516**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

The person who has such dogs has no control over them.

All dogs should be on leash  in public areas

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

The rules need to be clear  abd ENFORCED

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Dog owners don't  care about the rules. I am sick of dogs on beaches, running around off leash  and fouling beaches and playgrounds. All dogs should be on leash in public places like Australia.

They all think their dogs can do what they like anywhere.

More policing at beaches and parks zbx fine the owners who don't  beg the rules.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Tired of dogs  running all over the place and owners taking no responsibility.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Too many dogs not under control

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Ban dogs. Leave your dog at home**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1528**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I can’t see a reason for this. If there are studies backing up that more dogs walking at the same time cause danger but if a dog walker takes 10 dogs to the beach and all are friendly and behaving well then this shouldn’t change.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1550**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

As long as dogs are under control I don't see why this is an issue... I know lots of places do pack walks like Doggy Bush Break and have heard nothing but great things!!

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

It should be easier to find dog-friendly places in your area. Rather than needing to search for specific places you should be able to type in an area then have only dog-friendly parks beaches walks etc come up.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I don't know why you're taking away dog access on Cudlip point track. Plus, in general, this is so confusing!!! The proposed changes are very unclear... For example the weird rule about only being able to park in certain places if your dog is in your car

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**
How is this different than the current rule?

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Again this is incredibly confusing. I do not know this park very well but it seems that dogs' access is shrinking under this proposed change? I'd love to visit this park sometime soon without needing to do algebra to figure out if my dog is allowed.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**
Again I can't tell what is different here.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don't know
**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don't know
**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**
**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**
**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**
**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Dome Valley

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Other - please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

One place in the area for dogs to get a good bush walk in. Keeping dogs on a lead should not impact wildlife.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

One place in the area for dogs to get a good bush walk in. Keeping dogs on a lead should not impact wildlife. (Ti Point track has in my opinion fallen into quite bad disrepair and is very narrow and steep at parts so hard to walk a big dog who sometimes pulls on the lead).

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Area code

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control on a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

A section of it. Please specify:Just the grassy field where they play cricket.

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

A section of it. Please specify:**A section of it. Please specify:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

People bring their dogs to cricket so would be nice to know if this is actually allowed or not.

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Extremely confusing and difficult to find information regarding where I can take my dog in Auckland region. You think you've done your research then you drive out to an area only to find out that the source you consulted online was wrong/out of date!! That's my main comment is there has to be a better system to find information about dog rules in a way that makes more sense. You have to be quite the detective to figure it out sometimes. I definitely understand keeping dogs away from certain areas but there has to be some areas left for dogs. Especially in the Rodney region if your dog for some reason doesn't or can't go to a beach you aren't left with many options. Also would be great to have a dedicated dog park in Rodney, although the WW showgrounds has become a de facto dog park it is still sometimes used by horses.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1555**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

**Tell us why**

As a former professional worker in the pack walking industry, I have met plenty of individuals who are capable of handling large groups of dogs, and keeping them under control within public spaces. However, I believe that obtaining a license should be a requirement for anyone, professional or not, to walk more than 4 dogs at a time. Licensing should include the individual to demonstrate their capability in handling a group of dogs in stimulating environments, an understanding of dog body language and are capable of enforcing basic training (sit-stays, recall, distraction work). This industry has been unregulated for too long. We need to make a change!

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1568**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

**Tell us why**

8 dogs that have good recall would be plenty for one person to handle,some people cant even walk one dog but generally someone walking a pack would be a dog handler or a doggie business and they would generally be professionals

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Menacing dogs are usually the way they are because of the way they are brought up or treated to make it a law to neuter all menacing dogs would be putting them all in one basket so no I don't agree

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

i JUST WISH WE WERE MORE DOG FRIENDLY IN NZ EG DOGS CAN GO ON ALL NATURE WALKING TRACKS AND THE TRACKS THAT ARE AT RISK THEN YOUR DOG HAS TO BE PUT ON A LEAD BUT AT LEAST THEY CAN GO!

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I think dogs in camping grounds is a good thing and would generate more business if you are saying they may be allowed in the golf course then camp ground is a grassed area and i myself would stay there if this was permitted.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1573**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

snells beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

allow access to brick bay at low tide as the current dog rule prevent us from walking along the beach

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

snells beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

A section of it. Please specify:south of the dalton ave boat ramp

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

A section of it. Please specify:**A section of it. Please specify:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**There is already a lot of restrictions on dog access and the proposed rules make it even harder to exercise dogs**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1583**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

The current rules as it keeps the dog walkers on business and they seem to foing a good job. We dont need changes.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

There are large parts of the park north of the tower including the Loop Trackd where there are hardly any people go and plenty of space. Thats the only area close to Auckland cbd that has suffient space for dogs to do decent running and exercise. The curr

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1589**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Dog walkers who are doing a service for people who have to work all day, will experience issues if some dogs are off the lead while others are on the lead. I find it pretty hard to believe that anyone other than a paid dog walker would walk more than 3-4 dogs at a time. Dogs will get excited and stressed if some of their companions are off lead while others have to be on lead. I seriously doubt that dogs who are getting walked by a paid dog walker are dogs causing issues...

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

There are many places in Auckland where dogs are rightly not allowed, for example, Muriwai close to the gannets/top car park. However, it is not well monitored. There should be better signage stating what will happen if dogs are there, why not a fine? There does not seem to be a consequence to non compliance

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Need very clear explanation of what menacing means and how a dog becomes classified this way. In addition, a muzzle would likely do more good than neutered or spade (I dont think 'neutered' would apply to female dogs so wording should be checked to ensure both sexes are included).

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

There needs to be an easy way for people to report aggressive or inappropriate dog behaviour. Online/anonymously etc. It can be challenging to reach council via phone.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

If dogs on leads was checked more often, it would enable more places they could be taken. Enforcement is needed to change the culture here. overseas, people are able to take their dogs so many more places and everyone complies with leash requirements. i have experienced this first hand in both the USA and Europe

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Again, if on leash requirements were enforced, there would be little reason to so severley limit dog access options

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

These are often great places to walk one's dog. If leash enforcement was undertaken and all dogs were on a a leash, changes would not be required.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Further limiting options for responsible dog owners to walk / take their dogs to just means that other places will see more and more dogs. Much better to have IMPROVED AND INCREASED access but enforce leash requirements etc. It is really sad to see more restrictions imposed, once this happens, access never comes back. I support more enforcement of requirements such as picking up after your dog (albeit harder when rubbish bins are removed in so many places) and requiring dogs on leashes. Signage could be really improved in relation to this "If your dog is not on a leash, it can't be here - $500 fine applies" "No leash? No entry. No exceptions." there are better ways to make sure dogs are on a leash if that area is not experiencing compliance. But please don't take away places to walk our dogs, this is not a dog friendly city as it is and suggestions in this policy make it worse. there are bad dogs and bad owners, could the focus not be more strongly on people who break the rules???

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Hard to determine if there are any actual restriction changes or if the wording has just been changed. Support if wording makes things clearer, do not support if restrictions are increased.

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**
Seems to be just clarifying where dogs are allowed / not allowed. Makes sense to include times when events may warrant restrictions

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Hard to determine if there are any actual restriction changes or if the wording has just been changed. Support if wording makes things clearer, do not support if restrictions are increased. Are mountain bike tracks currently prohibited to people walking with or without dogs?

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Not allowing a dog in a vehicle is just stupid. What if someone just wants to look at the beach from their car? Do not support this at all.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Any further restriction in dog access is not supported.

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
Other (please explain below)
**Tell us why**
I live at Muriwai and know that visitors do not know which way north or south is. A clearer explanation is required, for example, dogs are not allowed on the beach between the rock pools and the surf tower- Looking at the ocean, dogs are not allowed to th

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Just change to on leash at all times and enforce it! Imagine people who live there no longer being able to walk their dog. awful. It would stop me visiting / staying at Pakriri which I do relatively often. I would not go there again if I could not walk my

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**
I do not believe access is further restricted so would support if so. A bit hard to understand from the text

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Not being able to have a dog in the car with you is stupid. Support all other statements

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

We have driven through the park multiple times with our dog in the car knowing he cannot get out. Silly to not be allowed to do this

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Again, the suggestion that you are not allowed to go for a drive in this area with your dog in the car just seems ridiculous. Do not support Council telling me where I can and cannot drive with my dog in a car.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Do mountain bike tracks already prohibit people walking on them? if so, fine, if not do not support people walking on the tracks not being allowed to take their dogs if on a lead

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Council should not be allowed to dictate whether or not my dog is allowed in my vehicle. Support not allowing him out, but do not support a policy that means I cannot go for a drive with my dog in the car.

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Hard to determine if there are any actual restriction changes or if the wording has just been changed. Support if wording makes things clearer, do not support if restrictions are increased.

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**I think the issue of people behaving badly at Regional Parks is more of an issue than good dog owners who would follow on leash instructions if allowed to walk their dog. More focus on on leash areas that are enforced would help to change the culture of dog ownership in NZ**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1604**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I think dogs on lead should be allowed in more places - I agree that dogs off lead can be a nuisance as lots of dog owners are ignorant and their dogs are not well behaved. However, if dogs are on leash only, this should be no issue.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I think dogs should at least be allowed under control on leash

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Wenderholm Regional Park

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

I think dogs should be allowed in more places, providing they are under control on a leash - I know most dog owners are ignorant and their dogs are not well-behaved, but I think they should be allowed on leash.

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1625**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs under control are less damaging than people on beaches.
Many dogs love to swim and it is good for their health.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

There are very few beaches that allows dogs. Dogs under control are not a problem. Dogs enjoy the beach as much, if not more, than people. It is essential for their wellbeing and health.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**no**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1627**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I feel 6 dogs is a sensible limit. Any more than that number then I feel it becomes unsafe for 1 person to control and too many for them to possibly be able to collect the dogs waste..

Walking Six or more dogs is clearly a commercial enterprise and is not safe or suitable for public spaces

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I am a dog owner but feel rules around where dogs can be taken and when they must be on leash etc needs to be made more clear.

Every time mu young child and I walk dog on leash on beach,  off leash dogs come bounding up, scaring my child. We have the right to peaceful enjoyment of these areas.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1640**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1643**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Te Aria beach is often quiet and mostly deserted on the weekday mornings when I walk my dog off lead. He stays off the sand dunes and loves galloping around in the open space. It would be incredibly disappointing to limit his playtime here. The only other

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**I agree dogs should not be allowed off lead in regional parks. However I do feel that allowing them to walk on lead through parks and all lead on beaches where there are no endangered bird species is best for our canine companions.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1646**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

we know several dog walking groups where there are >10 dogs walked at a time. The walkers are extremely strict and professional and I can't see why they should have their living taken away at a whim ... because a few council members propose so. How can you decide on other options of dog numbers . It is a totally arbitary number without any validity or science. Why do we have to go through this topic every few years!!

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

There is no Rhyme or reason to change what is currently working well. The policies continue to be so anti dog all the time that eventually there will be no space to walk them

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

However you need to be very clear how you define ' menancing" It cant be determined by a single interpretation.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

There are a whole number of perfectly capable people who are connected to a dog who can give their opinion... such as those who know the dog well.... kennels,fellow walkers etc

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Why on earth should multiple dogs not be allowed. Why are dogs the only ones to be restricted here? This is a real imposition on liberties.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

What is wrong with current system that has already been chged half a dozen times over the last 20 years and is becoming more restrictive

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

How do you clarify 'DOGS IN VEHICLES'?.. It is ridiculous and obviously this proposal has been made by anti dog person.. We already have existing rules which do not need clarification

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

What difference does having dogs walking on this area make?

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Please do not make the rules even more restrictive than they already are because of a few anti dog people. Dogs need to run and have fun just like us .

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

What reasons can Council give for the need of change. There is NO reason why a dog can't sit comfortably next to its owner at a cafe. If it barks then the cafe can ask the owner to go. Common sense is needed here. We already have dogs not allowed near childrens area or playgrounds. Why need more?

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Why ban dogs from 10-5 and have all dogs then concentrated in a small window, What about those people who have shift work? or work different hours? How many complaints have you already had to make you want to change the rules?

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I don't know
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
You cant ban dogs altogether??? What are we as a society now?

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Tell me how seriously how dogs on a leash can propose a threat?

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
It is my understanding that all dogs are currently banned ... because of iwi? Is this why the new proposal wants a ban.
We have known may owners who have been restricted from access??
It is such a vast and desolated beach .. perfect for dogs so why???

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

sky

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Public area

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Dog access needs increasing not reducing as owner numbers increase

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Currently there is NO dog access at Regional parks?  Dogs should at least be able to be on leash and enjoy a walk with the owner? There should be greater access where there are no wildlife....( excl rabbits ,rats and stoats)**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1647**

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Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Number of dogs on leash taken out for exercise by a competent adult who is able to control a number of dogs is not a problem. When it comes to off leash is where the problem starts. Some owners are not even able to control one dog if that dog is aggressive or super active so there is no way that they can control 3 dogs. It is off leash dogs that cause problems not multi dog walkers.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
You are not addressing the problem of people taking a number of dogs of the leash that cause distress to other users.
I use to use Muriwai to walk my 2 dogs on leash as it is close but the number of unleashed dogs that are not under any control has caused

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**This "Change of the rules" does nothing but hit organised dog walkers. (I am not one)**

**The problem is dogs not controlled and just allowed by their owners to roam freely causing other dog walkers problems.  Try fixing that and not penalising dogs on leash.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1652**

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Local Board: Rodney

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Cannot possibly manage more than 3 in my opinion

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Need to manage dogs everywhere

On long leads if necessary

Dog owners ( have to be responsible at all times)

I am a responsible dog owner and expect other owners to have there dog on a lead

Except for a dog park and only if dog can mix

Be off a lead then

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

You have to run this so you should k ow what is

Needed to make sure everybody including

Dogs are safe

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1661**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1678**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

A blanket limit will not change anything. Professionals should be able to get a licence or qualification which allows them to walk the amount of dogs they're qualified to

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

'Menacing' dogs should have to wear muzzles in public. More importantly the owner should legally have to see a trainer for a set amount of time

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

One puncture that requires stitches makes the dog qualified as menacing

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Professional dog walkers are not the problem and should not be punished for others mistakes. The industry needs a regulation but these are way too harsh of rules and will destroy many folks livelihoods

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1697**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Dog walkers are an important part of modern life. Dogs need exercising and. Socialising and dog walkers fill these needs for many people working full time or with dogs that need additional socialising. We have used one for many years , he has trained our dog and allowed him to interact with other dogs in a safe environment. 6 is too small a number - it's not economically viable. As long as the walker has control it's not an issue. After Covid there are many dogs that need socialising. You are penalising the dogs that are most probably under control. Down your efforts on dangerous and uncontrolled dogs ! .

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1713**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

**Tell us why**

Controlling six dogs is not sensible - if you think of this in basic terms it is three dogs in each hand. If they are all pulling you at once, there is no chance you can control them. People who walk dogs for a business may argue that they have their dogs under control "at all times' however I have seen so many instances of this not being the case when a dog has spotted something they are desperate to chase. The walker has no chance of properly controlling them. I walk locally where I know "pack walkers" also go and I purposely go there early in the morning to avoid them with their groups of up to ten dogs. My dog is well socialised but I think she would really struggle meeting a group that large, especially if all off lead, as a lot of these pack walking people tend to do.

I also almost think setting a quantified number is not the best way of changing this bylaw. Trying to control four, 10kg dogs is quite different to four giant breed dogs who weigh 30+ kg. Further, I think there should be some kind of requirement for people walking dogs as a business to be registered with council, and have to maintain an annual registration, just as owners have to do with their dogs. I have been involved with a few dog walking businesses in my role in the veterinary sector and some are amazing, some are total cowboys who will hire anyone. Unfortunately, it's the dog owners and dogs who usually come out worse off.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1722**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Never seen any problems with dog walkers

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

This is not an issue, why waste $ doing this exercise when the money could be better spent elsewhere.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Wasting money.

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

This is not a big issue with dogs, the money spent on this could be better spent elsewhere.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs should be allowed under control and off leash at these parks, there are not alot of open spaces for dogs to run around in, letting the dogs run around at the park is better than dogs roaming the streets. There should be no limitations on dog access.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed at the park if under control and off a leash. Dog do not cause damage to parks. Auckland has very limited areas for dogs to run around.  Our rates pay for these parks and we should be able to use them as we need to.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Snells Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Snells beach is large enough to have your dogs off leash and not impacting other users. Limiting access will cause more chaos with dogs only allowed in one area.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

This is a great beach for dogs to swim at and run around, I have seen no evidence of dogs annoying beach goers, dog owners are considerate and usually run the dogs out further on the sand away from picnic areas.  There are limited places for dogs to run around in Auckland, do not reduce this even further.

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Martins Bay

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Entire location

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Entire locationNot reducing dog areas, so dogs can have room to exercise and swim. Beach is large enough to accomodate all.**Entire location**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Limited areas for dogs to run around and swim in, this is a council beach maintained with our rates money and we should not be restricted where we can take dogs that are well behaved off a leash.  There are limited areas in Rodney.

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Omaha

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Greater dog access is required

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

Rate payers should not be restricted from walking their dogs on beaches, if they are well behaved. Every dog owner is in charge of there own dog and it is up to the owner to monitor the dog and keep it behaving. This should not be done by regulations.**Councils should not have the authority to make these changes, it is not a major issue in the Rodney area, money should be spent elsewhere where there is an actual problem.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1754**

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Makes sense: people can't control lots of dogs on and off leash.

There are some trainers that's could handle this (on lead) but they could apply for a special licence.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1761**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

**Tell us why**

Only 6 dogs would have too great an impact on responsible dog walkers, who need a minimum number of dogs to break even

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There are many seriously endangered birds living, feeding and breeding at Pākiri, and it is more important to protect them than to give dog owners the right to bring them onto the beach

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Too much risk of dogs getting through vehicle gates into the park.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
These beaches are some of the most important breeding grounds for our critically endangered fairy tern and dotterel. They don't need to compete with dogs for survival

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1779**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
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**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I am strongly against the proposed change to prohibit dogs from Forestry Beach at Te Arai Regional Park. There are already a lot of beaches in the area that do not allow dogs, for example, Black Swamp / Pacific Ocean Beach. Horses are allowed there, but d

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**I do not support blanket prohibition of dogs on beaches. Surely there must be a compromise, such as introduce restricted hours, to allow everyone including dogs and their owners to access beaches in Auckland.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1784**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

- STOP the implementation of these new rules.

- Consult with the Professional Dog Walkers Association and other stakeholders to develop practical, data-driven solutions.

- Work with P.D.W.A to create a licensing agreement for professionals. Our aim is to set standards and enforce best practices.

- Focus on education for all dog owners

- Address the real issues, such as roaming dogs and excessive barking, which make up the majority of complaints.

Why Support Professional Dog Walkers?

- We ensure dogs are healthy, happy, and well-behaved members of the community.

- We reduce stress on families who cannot always meet their dogs' daily needs due to work, family, health, or other commitments.

- A well-exercised dog is less likely to exhibit problem behaviours that could impact neighbours or public spaces.

Let's work together for fair regulations that truly address the needs of our community

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1795**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Safer for other dog walkers as too many people have a large number of dogs not under control

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1798**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I think if there is only ONE person walking more than 6 dogs at a time, it would be hard to keep them under control, unless they were very experienced in dog behavior.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**More reinforcement to make sure people follow the rules, as so many don't.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1799**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I work in an emergency veterinary clinic and have seen countless cases of dogs that have come in after being attacked by dogs who are on off-leash 'pack' walks

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1829**

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Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

It would be near impossible for one person to control 'pack' of unleashed dogs. Also it would stop those who lack experience with dogs from setting up a business, thinking that it's an easy way of making a 'quick buck'.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Clear guidelines on what is a 'working dog', and fines should these guidelines not be met.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1838**

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Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Regulated system for dog walkers - where they are certified to walk large numbers of dogs - no limit

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1839**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There are amazing professional dog walkers who run legitimate businesses helping out families who have dogs that need walks during the day while there owners are at work. We use this service and it is a god send. I have complete trust in them that they keep all the dogs and public safe when they are out with them. It has been stated that only 0.7% of concerns were reported regarding dog walkers however they are the ones going to be the most affected by a change. Why not look at an alternative option of having pack walkers with legitimate businesses have some form of licence to continue.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1840**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**
**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dogs are a huge health benefit to people. Dogs are also family members and need to be exercised and socialised.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1842**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs already have limited access to enough. Not once in my 10 years living in the area have I heard of any issues regarding dogs. I have however heard of issues with irresponsible owners not watching their dogs if and when off leash but 98% of dog owners

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Locals of pakiri have taken their dogs on the beach forever. Most dogs love to be able to run and be free and a responsible owner is very much capable of recalling their dogs if needed. The issue isn't dogs it's people and it isn't the dog owner but other

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Including dogs in a vehicle??? Seriously??? That's ridiculous. There's a whole lot of restrictions being put on dogs for no valid reason. Why would anyone want a dog when they can't even take them for a walk in so many areas. Lock them up at home is what

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I really DONT understand why the restrictions are being proposed in so many areas. Is it because dogs kill endangered birds? I don't think so because I have never heard of dogs being the cause of killing birds or eggs or chicks not once. I've heard of str

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dogs should have access to areas us as owners have access to. As a responsible dog owner I will leash my dog because her recall isn't that good but most dog owners (definitely not all) who do walk their dogs off leash in parks, beaches or anywhere are responsible enough that they know their dog/s are safe and not doing as they shouldn't. We as dog owners train and teach our dogs what to do and i feel we would not be very nurturing responsible dog owners if we can't even take our dogs to the beach or park to let them run a while and enjoy the parks/beaches as we also do as well as these endangered birds that seem to be getting a lot more than what is necessary**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1849**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Lessening of amenity

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Lessening of amenity

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Lessening of amenity

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1851**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1868**

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## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

The vast majority of owners who take the time to exercise their dogs and provide them with the enrichment of a visit to a park are responsible in their behaviours. Do not let the failure of a few negatively impact the many.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

It clarifies any ambiguity

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1869**

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Local Board: Rodney

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Too many dog walkers are seen with a large amount of dogs to one person. No rules to protect us from knowing how many dogs a walker can walk at once

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

A menacing breed may be a loved and well behaved dog. It’s the owners who choose not to train. A small poodle can still bite and be agressive but here you are singling out a breed which will never have a chance. Some dogs can’t be fixed until they reach a certain age ie 2 years for their general health and wellbeing. It’s an owners choice

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I’m all for assessments rather than a blanket rule. Again it’s the owners who are a result of this behaviour and quite often with blanket rules you will punish the good owners.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Better signage

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Don’t limit where dogs can’t go but provide better clarification. Ie on websites where you can walk your dog

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Again would rather not remove access as I love talking my dog and going for walks with friends but I will respect the rules. Be clear around the rules

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Don’t limit the spaces where owners can walk dogs if possible. Just be very clear and provide better clarification information on signs and your websites around leach areas and provide dog poo bins. Dogs are a very important part of our lives. Ours was I was so surprised how well dogs are accepted compared to Auckland where at times it feels restricted to only dog parks. I don’t believe in a big group of dogs being together at once.

Provide reporting hotlines, people will do this if they see that the rules are being broken by others. Massively increase penalties

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I support all changes except for section C. This is far too limiting. Too many tracks are limited

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season)**

**and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I agree with some changes but not section 3b and 3c regarding the loop track and lookout track. This is a very liked and well used off leash area. If you don't want dogs off leach in other areas provide a variety of options for off leash at Muriwai other

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Mission bay

**What local board area is this location in?**

Ōrākei

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Allow a small of leash section after a certain time

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

We need more opportunities to walk dogs within reason

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Please try not to remove lots of access.**

**Provide better information on your websites about rules around dogs at the different locations so that owners can be informed. Maybe focus on daycares as my dog was killed at one a year and a bit ago and there are no rules and support (as confirmed by SPCA, Vets and shelters) dog walkers are not the only issue here also. Broaden your rules to cover daycares to protect owners**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1872**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1878**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1882**

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Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I an quite confident that our existing dog walkers are able to manage the dogs they are handling at present. They have the necessary skills to determine what dogs require on lead exercise or off lead. They would NOT take dogs out on pack walks that they are unable to manage.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1883**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Dog walkers provide an amazing service. I agree some are incompetent but don't punish the good ones

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1891**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed under control and off leash north of the creek

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1906**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I mostly support the changes but think dogs should be allowed off leash on the muriwai loop track.

Dogs should also be allowed on a leash at the cafe.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1912**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Why is this change being proposed? Professional dog walkers should be allowed to self regulate. Our dogs have been giing on pack walks for over 4 years, and have never had any incidents. This is another example of council over reach and the proposal should not proceed.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1921**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There are plenty of dog walkers that have 6 or more dogs on leach, and from what I have seen they are very responsible

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

You have not provided enough information for me to make an informed decision

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1936**

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## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I have witnessed multiple examples of people walking large groups of dogs on beaches and in reserves who cannot control them when they start chasing other dogs or people. I really don't believe anyone can control more than 3 dogs at one time.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

My family have stopped going to Mathesons Bay (despite being from the Mathesons family) as there is a family that allow their pit bull dogs to roam freely on the beach during the summer holidays. When I pointed out the dogs should be on a lease they said 'they are harmless and friendly' I then witnessed one aggressively jumping on two children. There must be some clarification about high risk dog breeds.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

There is scientific evidence that some dog breeds are high risk for aggressive behavior as they are breed to hunt and attack other animals. Only people who are trained should be allowed to make professional assessments on dog behaviors.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

In my community no one wants to live next to a property that has multiple dogs (more than 3) unless it is rural. Obviously farm dogs or hunting dogs are different - but in urban environments there is no reason to keep multiple dogs on a small property.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Current rules are abstract and hard to understand.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

The currents rules don't work. Go to Mathesons, Pakiri, Omaha beach during 'summer hours' and you will see many dogs off leash running around. Owners are generally nasty and aggressive towards people that point out they are not following the rules. I've had my photo taken and put on a local facebook page (where I was abused) for asking a woman to put her dog on a leash at Omaha beach. Why should ratepayers who uphold the Council rules have to be abused for asking others to follow them.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Rules should be clear and accurate.

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Rules should be clear and reflect cultural considerations.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

The new rules are a bit confusing - are dogs still prohibited from from all other areas of Ambury Farm loop?

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dog owners do not obey rules to keep their dogs on leash - during the day. They must be prohibited during the day

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Muriwai is the most dangerous beach to walk on - due to many uncontrolled dogs that owners allow to run free. The beach should be safe for children and vulnerable people to walk on, not a 'dog park' where dogs and owners have priority.

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Pakiri is an isolated beach, where it is difficult to get medical support in the event of a dog attack. There is also extreme tensions between local Iwi and community members regarding access to the beach, and to ease tensions prohibition of dogs on the b

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

The park is a local treasure/ taonga due to the protected wildlife sanctuary. Dogs must be as restricted and prohibited in the park and surrounds as possible.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**
**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**
**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**
**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Mathesons Bay

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Owners ignoring rules, small beach where out of control dogs terrify children, no monitoring by council animal management

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

My family used to visit Mathesons daily, no we don't due to the hygiene issues- huge amounts of dog poo left on beach and grass areas, uncontrolled dangerous dogs allowed to roam, dog fights are frequent. I witnessed a dog urinate next to a family having a picnic. When the father of the family complained he was abused with racist comments and told to 'f off back to Auckland''. I complained to the Police on behalf of the family. The dog owner is a local!

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Omaha Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to prohibit dogs

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Entire location

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Entire location**Entire location**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Dogs are frequently allowed into the protected bird breeding area at north end of the beach. Dog owners allow dogs off leash during summer hours.

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1937**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

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**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1945**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There are too many irresponsible dog owners visiting the beach, not necessarily locals, as they generally respect the eco system and wildlife there. Visitors often allow dogs off leash and there have been several dog attacks on other dogs in recent years

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No I think I covered my feelings, in full support of the proposed changes to Muriwai!**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1955**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

**Tell us why**

we need more control over the dogs off leash. two can cause a lot of damage and as a dog owner you cannot say the dog is under control if you have 4 others on lead - that is impossible.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

it is obvious that some areas people live in tend to house a group of people who do not follow the rules nor have respect for others.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Surely this should be done regardless of what the public think - just do it

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

why?

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

no

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

To preserve the regional parks and the business of running them

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

this is a good beach to walk your dog but it should follow the normal rules and timeframes

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1965**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Professional dog walkers having an exception wth holiday a license for working with a pack of dogs.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#1995**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I agree with maximum of four dogs with no more than two off-leash unless license is obtained. OR Six dogs on lead with a license. Which sounds reasonable for professional dog walker. I don't feel that most of the general public would safely be able to walk six dogs on a lead so a license may go a way to help regulate and protect professionals working in that space. With the option of others to apply if they have the credentials or experience.

But would also support 3 off leash dogs when there are not other dogs on leash. 3 dogs is not an unusual amount of dogs for someone to own or manage.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

One persons menacing is another's friendly. I think the only person that can truly assess a dogs behavior taking into account the circumstances should be qualified to do so,

Blanket Bans on breeds may make this job more manageable to administer but I don't believe it really identifies specific dangerous dogs.

Neither does being registered.  Not being registered is a problem for many reasons but it does not identify whether the dog is menacing or dangerous.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I can't really see how a specific area can be used to control dog numbers. Or how that is in any way fair and transparent.

There are likely areas that have more issues with stray unregistered dogs than others.

Things I do agree with are the amount of dogs you can own for the square meterage of your property. Possibly proximity of Neighbours etc.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I have no idea how dog access rules are set presently. It feels like access is often denied on whether there are resources to manage the access rather than whether they are suitable or not and that there is not a huge amount of continuity between councils, DOC etc.

I completely support areas were at risk wildlife is at risk for instance however it also feels like there are blanket bans in areas where dogs especially on lead offer no real threat.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Again this needs to be assessed on actual risk.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

I believe the more access dogs have to areas the fewer issues you will actually have with dog behavior.  Dogs that are exercised appropriately or provided with and mental stimulation and are given the opportunity to learn how behave appropriately around people are the dogs that very few people have issues with.

The rise of pack walkers is probably testament to owners trying to provide this to their dogs. An issue in our area seems to be an influx of walkers coming from the city. The pressure for suitable space to walk dogs especially off lead is limited.

In Helensville with a population of 3400 the only off lead area for dogs I can find is situated on SH16 with no fencing. Our access to the beach via Rimmer Road has been closed. Leaving people to travel to places like Muriwai which is also having issues with the increasing numbers. Or more often exercising dogs off lead in the cemetery or sports park.

Auckland Transport as an example seems to have had relatively few issues since introducing dogs onto it system despite many people's fears.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I support the change but would also be great to somehow have more accessibility further up Muriwai beach. There is 60km of beach that is presently unable to be utilized. With many types of users and increasing numbers all being forced into a small area.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**no**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2018**

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Local Board: Rodney

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
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**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed amendment to the dog policy and bylaws for the Te Arai Regional Park. More specifically, prohibiting dog access to Forestry beach. Dogs are already prohibited from Te Arai beach, as well as Pakir

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2021**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Living in an area where multiple dog walkers frequent daily- I strongly agree the limit of dogs they have in their control is significantly reduced- I have witnessed numerous alarming incidents with large groups of dogs- namely many dogs getting lost in the forest - some never found, walkers meeting and walking with other persons counting 40 plus dogs on many occasions, dogs chasing horses and bikes with no recall , dogs found quivering at walkers vehicles after breaking free from walkers, 10 plus dogs unrestrained in walkers ute( totally unsuitable vehicles for transporting animals) dogs found in middle of road tied together with short lead having broke free from walker, dogs with shock collars being unintentionally shocked whilst walker unaware, walkers being pulled in all directions.. I feel that the dog walking business has become a big money making exercise and the needs of the dogs are not met. I have had numerous dogs that freely have off leash exercise and pity the majority of dogs that I see . Huge accidents waiting to happen if this continues.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2070**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There are responsible dog owners and walkers that can control multiple dogs

As most properties can only have 2 dogs, this proposed change really affects dog walkers unfairly

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Majority of dogs should be neutered to prevent unwanted dogs

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed on leash at the playground and tennis court, they are part of our families and as a family we use these facilities

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2073**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

There should likely be different rules for private owners versus professional dog walkers.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

All dogs should be neutered - and there should be registration for breeders

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I think the number of dogs that can be kept on a property should be up to the individual - so long as the other requirements are adhered to e.g., not cause a nuisance, not a danger to others, are safe/well cared for etc.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Dogs should have access - on lead - unless their presence would impact the natural environment (e.g., kauri dieback). However if that is the case humans should not be there either.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Keep the rules as is, dogs should be allowed to be on the beach in summer on leash. many people rely on Long Bay beach to exercise their dogs.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs should be allowed - but must be on leash and well controlled

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2087**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I think most people don't have the ability to control more than 3 dogs off leash

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I don't think there is enough evidence that it reduces the dogs prey drive

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Forestry Beach is the only nearby surf beach where we can take our dogs off-leash. It has become a cherished destination for dog owners, attracting visitors from across the region who are willing to drive long distances to enjoy its unique combination of

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2101**

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Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ban on dogs at Forestry Beach. As a dog owner, I want to highlight the importance of this beach to our community and the potential unintended consequences of such a ban.
Forestry Beach is the only near

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2116**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Regulate professional trainers who are totally equiped to walk multiple Dogs safely and expertly

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2119**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I walk my dog at Muriwai Regional Park, & often come across groups of professional dog walkers, with at least 10-15 dogs per person.

I find these large groups very intimidating. I don't believe that one person can properly control that many dogs, especially in the event of an incident.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2129**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Definitely for safety and noise nuisance reasons

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I am unclear on dog access rules & where they are found

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Dog walkers should be allowed access. Maunga are for all NZers

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

No

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2132**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
We live on Lake Road, Te Arai, and walk our dogs at Forestry Beach on a daily basis. We have used Forestry Beach, with different pets, for over 35 years, long before the regional park or Tara Iti & the Te Arai Golf Courses were established.
Should access

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Forestry Beach, Te Arai

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

For the whole of Forestry Beach

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Forestry Beach is the only remaining location in the Te Arai region for walking a dog off the leash. The only other option is Mangawhai Surf Beach, a 25 minute drive away and further still for residents to the south.

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2136**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I strongly feel that walking your dog off leash on a beach should be protected in New Zealand. It is one of the few remaining 'wild' areas where this is possible. Who are you to remove these freedoms from the citizens, taxpayers and rare payers of this co

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I strongly feel that walking your dog off leash on a beach should be protected in New Zealand. It is one of the few remaining 'wild' areas where this is possible. Who are you to remove these freedoms from the citizens, taxpayers and rare payers of this co

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2143**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

There are some cases where dogs walked in packs off leash are controlled and there are others where they are not. What you are going to do is punish the good and the bad won't care and will do it anyway because you do not have the staff to enforce this

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Because you will be creating another layer of only qualified people can assess a dog at what cost

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Please don’t ban dogs from beaches. I have one dog I would never take to a beach because he is not social. However I have taken my friends dog who is social, well behaved and enjoys the beach. Again you will punish all and you do not have the staff to enforce rules

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2147**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Currently signage and the way it has been managed at Scott Point is the above wording except it is off leash under control. I think there still needs to be an off leash exercise area for dogs in the area.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
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**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Forestry has historically been a dog exercise area and a place for people to enjoy one of the only large white sand beaches in the rodney area with their dog. By taking away access there will be nowhere left for people to have a day at the beach with thei

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**I think it is beneficial to have areas close to regional parks where dogs are allowed as an easy opportunity to redirect people or still enjoy being in the rough vicinity of public spaces with dogs**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2178**

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Local Board: Rodney

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Many people have multiple dogs - the dogs simply need to be under control at all times. If they are, there is no need for a limit. If you deny people the ability to walk their dogs or a group of dogs (like our community weekly dog walks where some people drop off dogs so they can take part in the group walk) they will simply ignore the rules and it will be unenforcible anyway. Dogs under control is what is important, not the number of dogs per se.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

They should be neutered unless owners have a breeding permit.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

It is a very subjective matter and some dogs don't react well when confronted by a stranger - so it would need to be very carefully thought out - perhaps a multi person

assessment and plenty of time allowed.  You should not be assessing a dog as "menacing" because it is frightened or confused by the assessor.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Council should provide more room for quite large dog exercise areas.  We have so many children's playgrounds that are never used yet ever increasing restrictions on where people may take their dogs for a walk.  I favour areas like Muriwai where there are clearly defined areas for dogs on and off leash.  For many young dogs, a walk on a leash is not really adequate exercise.  Like children, they need to run and play.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Unclear whether you mean "update" or "create" so not able to comment further.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Family dogs are a healthy lifestyle choice. I dislike seeing the seemingly ever increasing limitations being put on responsible dog owners. Please don't punish the vast majority of good dog owners for the sake of the minority bad owners.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Jeez, seriously - all that space and we can't we do better than 800 m for a dog walk? Not sure my border collie is gonna feel fab after an 800 m walk. These places should be for ALL New Zealanders and their dogs. They should not be so restricted. Personally I don't like children and rubbish - but we have a lot of that.

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

Because I like to sit and have a coffee with my dog quietly under the table or by my side.

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Because more people have dogs than they do mountain bikes. There should also be a dog friendly camping area - why can't people who have dogs go camping? We always took our

dogs camping with us when we were kids - it just wouldn't have been a holiday if we couldn't take the dogs.  Maybe you need to make a dog friendly camping area.

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Because its too restrictive.  Exercise is good for people.  Dog walking is good for people and dogs.  What's with the big downer on dogs?  NZ would be a better place if a few more families walked with their kids and their dogs - instead of being glued to an iPhone or iPad.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
STOP RESTRICTING - ITS not like the place is teeming with people.

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Muriwai is my favourite place to walk my dogs.  There is plenty of room for everyone.  The locals all have dogs.  EVERYONE gets on well at Muriwai.  I agree that the gannet colony needs to be protected.  Dogs need to be UNDER CONTROL but that's about it.

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Because soon we'll have nowhere to walk our dogs.  For God's sake - there's plenty of room for everyone.  This survey is getting seriously stupid.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Its too complicated.  My vote should be applied to the most liberal dog policy.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Again, it's too complicated.  My vote would be for whatever version allows THE MOST access to dogs for walking, both on and off leash.  Whoever wrote this survey needs to be fired.  It's not a complicated issue.

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

can't be bothered - its all too restrictive.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I'd be surprised if anyone can make sense of the results of this survey.  Why on earth would you want to ban dogs and dog walking from grassed areas, dunes, paths, beaches, car parks - dear GOD - y'all are mad and I hate that my taxes are being wasted on

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**
Ill support this change IF DOGS Get the same amount of track as the mountain bikers do. More people have dogs than have mountain bikes.

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**
Don't know this area well - my vote goes to whichever version allows the MOST freedom for dogs to be walked, particularly off leash, under control.

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**
Whichever version allows THE MOST access for dogs both on and off leash under control.

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2187**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Why change for the sake of change? If there is no issue, which I don't believe there is, why change and make restrictions?

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Again, where is there any evidence dogs are the issue? We are fast becoming an anti dog country. Dogs are part of the anew Zealand culture and then you look to other European countries our dog restrictions are out of control. In most countries you can ta

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Again why are dogs seen as an issue?  Where is the evidence?

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

All regional parks and beaches

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Because we can’t take our dogs anywhere!  This country is out of touch with what other western countries allow for dogs - Off Leah beach zones, on public transport etc.  let’s please not become more of a nanny state.

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Relax the rules and allow**

**Dogs access to areas as long as they are under control. Harsh penalties for those who break the rules only**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2193**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash

**Tell us why**

Dogs are unpredictable I've had a dog viciously attacked and bitten while on a lead by an off lead dog at Monte Cecelia Park in the on lead area.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don't know
**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**That on and off leash dog areas at Parks are randomly patrolled by council or animal control to make sure rules are being followed.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2226**

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Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There are not enough Council staff to enforce the existing bylaws meaning that a limit or ban will have no impact on those who already don't follow the law. Also even if the number of dogs are reduced, regardless of the number restriction, unregulated people walking a group of even six dogs still pose a risk to not being able to handle them, so instead of focusing on numbers, we need to regulate in other ways and make sure that the people who are walking groups of dogs are qualified and registered in order to address issues currently. If this change happens then it will have a substantial impact on all dog owners in Auckland.

The proposed limits will mean that a large number of residents will not be able to access dog walkers, leading to more dogs being left at home all day and barking or roaming which is a reported issue by Auckland Council. Other dog minding services are simply not suitable for all dogs such as daycares, and it is important that dog owners can have access to other services that are appropriate for their dogs to fulfil their needs.

Alternative recommendations:

• All professional dog walkers must pay a yearly licence to be allowed to operate.

•All professional dog walkers must have a minimum level of qualification and experience with handling dogs.

•If professional dog walkers have reports against them that are proven with evidence, of not having control of their dogs, their licence could be revoked, and they are no longer able to walk up to a certain number of dogs in public.

•Professional dog walkers must ensure that they have enough leads for every dog that they walk.

• All dog walkers must be assessed in order to obtain a licence.

• Professional dog walkers must have public liability insurance, Terms and Conditions signed by their clients, as well as up to date health and safety protocols.

As a result, I do not support this proposed legislative review by Auckland Council.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2228**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry Beach is one of the only off lead dog beaches in the area for rule abiding locals and making this illegal for dogs would just encourage people to either just ignore it or take their dogs to other beaches in the area and break rules there instead.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2236**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ban on off-leash dogs at Forestry Beach. As a dog owner, I want to highlight the importance of this beach to our community and the potential unintended consequences of such a ban.
Forestry Beach is th

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**As responsible dog owners who have invested many hours training responsibly, we need space to allow exercise of our animals to burn off energy and keep them well balanced. This is animal cruelty to blanket ban. You need to work with the community to provide safe spaces for our pets.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2240**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Remove prohibiting dogs from the streams and waterbodies - dogs need unlimited water to cool off and they are wonderfully entertaining for all!

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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Forestry Beach is th

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dogs in vehicles should not be restricted in any roads - you do not have the right to tell me what I can carry in my car - they are not illegal possessions**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2244**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

This will allow owners better control over the animals and reduce pack mentality.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I sometimes think you produce so many different rules that members of the public get very confused!!

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I do think this is a good idea, however the appointed entity should be separate and not related in anyway to local or region government. This should be a diverse appointment made up from different animal welfare groups.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

The licenses should be equal throughout the region and more emphasis given to enforcement of existing license breaches.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

We are becoming more and more of a police state with all these rules, to the point it is more trouble having a pet than keeping one? STOP making it harder to keep pets, they are often a lifeline to people and the more rules you make are detrimental to some.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Start by reducing all this bureaucracy around keeping dogs and concentrate on how you can reduce rates so people can live better?

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Let's stick to the rules and regulations we currently have and spend more time and money on enforcing the laws against the recidivist offenders who have no regard for law and order, and stop annoying law abiding dog owners who want to enjoy the landscape with their favorite friend and companion!!**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2253**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There are not enough Council staff to enforce the existing bylaws meaning that a limit or ban will have no impact on those who already don't follow the law. Also even if the number of dogs are reduced, regardless of the number restriction, unregulated people walking a group of even six dogs still pose a risk to not being able to handle them, so instead of focusing on numbers, we need to regulate in other ways and make sure that the people who are walking groups of dogs are qualified and registered in order to address issues currently. If this change happens then it will have a substantial impact on all dog owners in Auckland.

The proposed limits will mean that a large number of residents will not be able to access dog walkers, leading to more dogs being left at home all day and barking or roaming which is a reported issue by Auckland Council. Other dog minding services are simply not suitable for all dogs such as daycares, and it is important that dog owners can have access to other services that are appropriate for their dogs to fulfil their needs.

Alternative recommendations:

• All professional dog walkers must pay a yearly licence to be allowed to operate.

•All professional dog walkers must have a minimum level of qualification and experience with handling dogs.

•If professional dog walkers have reports against them that are proven with evidence, of not having control of their dogs, their licence could be revoked, and they are no longer able to walk up to a certain number of dogs in public.

•Professional dog walkers must ensure that they have enough leads for every dog that they walk.

• All dog walkers must be assessed in order to obtain a licence.

• Professional dog walkers must have public liability insurance, Terms and Conditions signed by their clients, as well as up to date health and safety protocols.

As a result, I do not support this proposed legislative review by Auckland Council.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2256**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Sometimes these are the only times people can walk their dogs and the pavement is too hot.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2283**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ban on off-leash dogs at Forestry Beach. As a dog owner, I want to highlight the importance of this beach to our community and the potential unintended consequences of such a ban.
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**Waitawa Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2294**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

A person can not be responsible for that many dogs. The manabiable number should be less than three,

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs are member of the family. You don't discriminate a member of a dog. If a dog is on leash, and under control they should  allowed access.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Snells beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Dog access has been reduced already without agreeable reasons. There are certain bird people who hate dogs forcing dog owners to submit to them.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Some areas on Snells beach, dogs are not allowed even when there are no wild life around. Cats are killing the birds but they are roaming freely. Dogs and owners are punished for something that they are not responsible for.

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2311**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Even if dogs are under control by capable dog walkers - the number of dogs approaching in a pack of more than 6 can be very intimidating to other dogs and cause them to flee inadvertently

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

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**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2356**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

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**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**Mahurangi East**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry Beach is a wonderful place to walk dogs. Most times I've been there there have been fewer than 10 dogs on the beach, all well behaved. Owners respect the environment and keep their dogs under control, and pick up after them. I have never seen any

**Waitawa Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2396**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
This restricts the amount of off leash beach area in the region so will put pressure on more popular areas like Mangawhai Heads Beach, Langs Beach, and Waipu Cove.  Forestry Beach is huge and the dogs are only on a small portion of it. Removing access for

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dogs need access to wide spaces and shutting off all beach access would be a real shame.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2417**

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

dog walkers are usually the only people who walk large packs of dogs - not just a member of the public. These businesses are essential to our way of life now. Most people with dogs are working and need this option to keep their dogs healthy, socialised and happy. The people who offer pack walks are usually in my experience trained and experienced and know what they're doing and put the community and dog safety first. It would be a terrible action to restrict only 6 dogs.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
It would be wonderful to enjoy parts of mahurangi east regional park with dogs especially if they're controlled.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

If i understand this correctly, It would be so awful to not be able to continue to take dogs to the forestry at Te Arai. It was a beautiful open beach where the dogs can be easily kept contained. Taking that away would further limit the special spaces we

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Please don't penalize all dog owners for the small group of people who disregard the rules. Let the penalties be higher for those who do so there is true accountability. I believe having a dog is a lifestyle and they are part of our family. Many families like ours,build their lifestyle around to accommodate the joy of having a dog who brings us so much Love and joy. It would be devastating to see their and our quality of life deteriorate. There are responsible dog owners who equally respect the environment and still want the best for their dogs by being able to take them to a wide range of parks and beaches in new zealand.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2428**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I'm in favour of the proposed limit of 6 dogs for inexperienced dog walkers. I would like to see experienced dog walkers, who earn a living from their service to be able to apply for a license to walk more than 6 dogs at a time.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2429**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

This affects people who have their own dog walking businesses. They serve our communities. It is their livelihood and this new bylaw will cause their businesses to be taken from under them.

Has this even been taken into consideration?!

In addition to this, the new proposal will not have any affect on roaming dogs. That will still happen.

I would hope, that if this bylaw is passed, it will still allow for 'Registered Dog Walkers' to continue to operate their business. If not, this decision can only be seen as one that that will destroy a number of small businesses working hard to serve their communities.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2437**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I have lived 5 minutes away from forestry my whole life. All local dog owners have been carful with on and off leash knowing it can be taken away from us because of new developments in the area. Horses walk along this beach and leave there poo behind, the

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2445**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

We live in Rodney, a largely rural place with lots of space. A local dog walker has more than 6 dogs at a time but is so amazing. She has all dogs under control at all times. I don't think a law like this is going to stop the irresponsible people but will absolutely destroy people's businesses that are doing a Stirling job

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

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**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2450**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The Forestry Beach is generally very quiet during the week when we walk our dog
There is a lot of respect shown by all dog owners with responsibility taken by all owners we meet
Dogs behave
Poop is not left on the beach
WIth the golf course development it

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2454**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
We love this beach and travel 40 minutes so we can enjoy it with our dog. There are so few places that are off leash and this big. Please don't make this change to their access.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Everyone knows this is an off leash dog beach.  Please let's keep it for dog owners and their pets.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2479**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry beach is a beautiful beach that must be accessible by all, including dogs so families can spend the day together in nature. Most of Auckland beaches do not cater for family days out, these rules mean you can not take your dog there anytime, so un

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No I just want access to my local beach**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2485**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I have been walking our dog(s)on Foresty beach for over  for over 20 years. It is one of the only beaches you can walk your dog off leash. I agree dogs should not be allowed in the dunes but the beach is a wonderful and cherished resource for dog walkers.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

You are limiting the places people can genuinely walk their dogs. This is a well cherished walking spot. Don't take that away from us. We respect the beach/bird/and our enjoyment

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2534**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Some dog walkers are far better than others. Rather than impacting on people who have had no issues, operate a license and revoke the license after too many complaints. The policy you propose is likely to make the lives of dogs owned by people with less income considerably more miserable for the following reason. You will force dog walkers to put their prices up and people of less means won't be able to afford it. The end result is that rich people's dogs will have a more fulfilled life than poor people. Poorer people will get their dogs walked off the books by cowboys. The end result is a worse outcome than the one you propose. Just police the dodgy dog walkers more.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

I want to read it and determine whether it makes sense

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
**Tell us why**
I have good control over my dog and consider the existing rules sufficient for my use.

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There's an opportunity to carve out an area around the river mouth and where most people swim and surf where there are no birds nesting. Prohibit dogs over the rest of the beach to support the endangered birds but at least allow room for the dogs where it

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2537**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

This assumes that dogs are not trained and don't have good recall which is not true. Also applying this across all places and beaches is unfair you can't compare takapuna beach to Te arai.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I feel that simplifying will result in reduced access as a result to quote simplify and make signs logical. They already make sense, common sense. This is a waste of Auckland council and tax payers money. Rather focus on education of the existing signs.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

How can menacing be defined? Would you neuter a child at the age of 5 people they don't listen. Dogs also have stages and phases where they are growing up. This is a very narrow view to approaching this problem. People without dogs will define menacing as annoying, and will most likely be low level and non-violence or posing a risk. Therefore how will this be controlled and dogs not suffer the consequences of an overly vocal, non-dog loving person? Sounds like Karen's will be out in forces with no real evidence but your law to be abused.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

A trained professional who is certified.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

This is unjustified and an overstepping of auckland council. We will register all dogs on a property but you don't have the right to limit it. How does a farm differentiate from a residence? We will semi rural and it won't make sense.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

The dog rules established work fine. No reason for change.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Dog owners already have a limited amount of beaches and nice parks to go to already. Reductions will make it significantly harder to get out and about with dogs. Auckland council is failing dog owners. You haven't got enough parks to go to already equally across auckland.

Stop reducing what is already on offer. Dog owners struggle to go away due to Dog restrictions at Xmas.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Back dating rules will never end if this rule is applied.
I disagree with this ruling.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Please do not strict further access to beaches and parks. Please do not limit someone's job who is a dog walker or cause them more cost. Most people don't walk dogs in large packs owned by one house hold. It's a job and how someone makes a living. Please do not overstep your boundary and put limitations on dog ownership at someone's house. Focus on making sure the environment is a safe place for multiple dogs and fenced.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Don't prohibit access

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Due yo volume of people in these spaces I can agree with this approach

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**
Far too rural for these rules to be applied

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Unfair and not required. Current limits are safe for all beach goers

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Full prohibition is restrictive, unfair and unjustified.
No justifiable reason to restrict dog access.

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Rural and one of the only beaches in that region to access.

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Rural and low volume of beach goers

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Overly specific and unnecessary.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Current rule is sufficient

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dog access is limited already and poses no threat

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
100% disagree. This is my rural beach. Limited people and access. Sounds like Te arai links has got you in their pockets. Unreasonable and unjustified.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Current policy is fine as is

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Current policy is fine

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Go meet the locals on these beaches. Talk to the people and actually do diary studies rather than using surveys to justify numbers. Quantitative doesn't always reflect a better outcome than Qualitative studies. A lot of these restrictions need backing. How has this arisen? Complaints written. How were they followed up and actively checked as valid? Please auckland council stop limiting and increasing ruling on property dog limits, walking groups and beach / park access.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2558**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I would suggest changing the order, as people who see "dogs are prohibited at all times on..." might think they are prohibited everywhere in Ambury Regional Park and not continue to read the point explaining where they are allowed under control on a leash

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Makes rules clearer

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
Other (please explain below)
**Tell us why**
It is not clear why dogs are being prohibited on tracks. If anything, it is safer to have dogs on tracks compared to off-track

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I understand restricting dogs during lambing season, but as long as dogs are controlled and on a leash they should not be prohibited

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don't know
**Tell us why**

Current policy rules seem pretty straightforward, don't understand the need to change them.

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There are very few dog-friendly areas in the region, and Pakiri beach is a safe place for dogs. I would understand changing the rules to force dogs to be on leash, but definitely not prohibit them.

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dog access rules in Shakespear park are already very limiting

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
Other (please explain below)
**Tell us why**
The proposed amendment is difficult to follow. It should be clearer.
Also, it is not clear why dogs are prohibited if they are contained inside a vehicle

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
Other (please explain below)
**Tell us why**
I don't think the change is necessary, as the current rules are very clear.
I think there should be changes to dog access in Tawharanui Regional Park, but I understand the current proposal is about rewording the rules, not changing them.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Makes rules clearer

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Tawharanui Regional Park

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Lagoon, Fishermans Track

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Provide more access to dog owners without impacting other users by ensuring dogs are kept under control on a leash at all times.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

There are very few forested areas in this region that allow dog access, forcing dog owners to walk their dogs on the sidewalk (which is dangerous on sunny days as it increases the risk of dogs damaging their paws) or on open areas (such as small grassy areas or beaches, which provide no shade and is therefore dangerous to both the dogs and dog owners by increasing exposure to the sun). Tawharanui Regional Park has plenty of forested (shaded) areas which would be perfect for dog access provided that dogs are always on a leash.

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Goat Island Walkway

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control on a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

A section of it. Please specify:Walking track (no access to beach)

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

A section of it. Please specify:To provide more opportunities for dog access without impacting other users**A section of it. Please specify:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

There are no tracks or trails that allow dogs in the whole area between Auckland North Shore and Leigh (see attached screenshot). As the number of dog owners increases, the council should provide access to them. According to the Auckland council, there ar

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**There should be more areas that allow on-leash dog access**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2559**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
This is absolutely devastating to hear that dogs would no longer be able to be at Forestry beach. Please not do proceed with this change to Forestry Beach - you would be impacting the mental health of those (humans and dogs) who respectfully use this beac

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Some of the other rules you're applying are good.**

**But I only care about my local beach.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2565**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

The council has not shown any evidence that this policy change is needed, and this will be devastating to dog walking businesses that provide a vital service to many dog owners. There is a strong desire from the dog walking community to have an open dialogue with the council to come up with a better solution, that doesn't destroy local businesses.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2582**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Professional dog walkers aren't the problem. Out of control dogs are.

There are irresponsible or inexperienced owners and paid pack walkers alike. The main difference is that one is getting paid. Arguably more dogs means more risk, but not necessarily.

It is tempting to focus on regulating the number of dogs a paid walker may have as a one-size-fits-all solution to this safety issue, but any number of dogs can be out of control - with a loving owner or pack walker.

The best professional dog walkers have more control of a pack than some inexperienced owners with only one dog under their control. The true professionals pick places to walk a pack where there are no choke points or sensitive areas which could bring them in close contact with the public.

Rather than punish responsible professionals, and deprive busy, dog loving families of an affordable and convenient way to exercise their pet, by imposing what is a basically an arbitrary 6 dog limit on pack walks, it might be better to try something from the e-scooter playbook first.

Councils could establish a licensing system for dog walking professionals to enhance safety, monitoring, training and enforcement. Ideally, the pack walkers would be trained, assessed, regularly monitored and observed to assess the pack walker's suitability and be required to be tested and re-licensed annually. User pays of course.

The focus would not be on dog numbers but instead on the skills, experience and safety orientation of the paid pack walker. And there might be rules about where pack walks may be done. Paid walkers might need to register before walking more than, say, 3 dogs.

This idea isn't novel. E-scooters created some new problems after they became a thing. Swift and smart regulation, including close monitoring and enforcement by Council, quickly improved what was becoming a Wild West situation. Let's find a better way to keep everyone safe.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Mahurangi Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2592**

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## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Rich listers shouldn't be able to dictate what and how a public area is used
A huge amount of everyday people use this beach all year round, while the rich listers visit for part of summer
It's already hard enough to get beach access with the whole foresh

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2609**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There are already very limited options for dog walking in summer. I see no reason at all to ban dogs between 10am and 5pm- this window is too big and forces people to walk dogs on the burning hot streets. Many, many people in the region have a pet dog, yet Auckland Council seems to be extremely anti-dog compared to most other places. As long as dogs are on leads and under control, I see absolutely no reason why they should be banned over summer. Most dogs I see are better behaved than most children on beaches!

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There are already very limited options for dog walking in summer yet the council seem to be out to make life even more difficult for dog owners. I see no reason at all to ban dogs between 10am and 5pm- this window is too big and forces people to walk dogs

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Why does Auckland Council hate dogs so much? Every change I have seen so far is going from restriction, to an outright ban. There are already extremely limited options for dog walking in summer yet the council seem to be out to make life even more difficu

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

We NEED more shaded tree walks for dogs. I am so incredibly sick of having to walk out in the open with my dog, getting burnt and baking when it's already hot at 7am and still hot at 7pm. I just returned from Taupo where the council leaves green, shaded w

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I appreciate there is some access however, the restrictions are still severe given the extreme lack of other possible walks. We desperately need some forest/shaded walks for dogs in this area. Auckland council quite literally takes all the joy out of owni

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Matheson Bay

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Other - please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Dogs currently can not access the beach between 10am and 5pm in summer. This window is too big. Owning a dog should be fun, we should be able to go in the sea and cool off from the heat, yet we can't. Sure, I wouldn't take her when the beach is packed out

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Auckland council make dog walks extremely limited. Sometimes people may need to walk before 5pm, e.g. if they are going out for the evening. Currently, this means they are forced onto the baking hot streets. We should still be able to access the beach with dogs on a lead. Goat island is already a no dog beach for humans who don't wish to see dogs.

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2637**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I manage 2 medical centres and we have dog walkers claiming ACC because they have accidents walking up to 14 dogs at a time. The experiences we see indicate that 12-14 dogs cannot be managed safely by dog walkers.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
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**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2638**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

The biggest problem myself and my family have experienced is dogs off leash, which includes being bitten, rushed (typical) nipped often, and generally harassed when multiple dogs are not under control due to the extendable leashes being too long . It is critically important that all dogs are on a maximum allowable leash length in all public areas (typically 5 metres) except those that all for off leash dog activities w. These areas need to be well defined and preferably fenced. All dogs to be on leash on roads and this be enforced with significant fines- no debate.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

The current signage is confusing, too small and a joke and it seems most dog owners ignore it. The signage needs to be much clearer and reasons explained. Also allowing dogs on beach before 10 am in summer is too late and needs to be pulled back to 8 am to 8 pm

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Why must we wait till they are deemed to be "menacing" and how well defined in law is "menacing". If some dog breads and cross breads are known to be aggressive they must be neutered near birth not wait till deemed to be menancing.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Dog access rule must be set to provide maximum protection to people as a priority and secondly critically endangered native NZ species. If necessary, with separate dog areas and everywhere else banned during busy periods like the height of summer or periods when shorebirds maybe nesting.  The main problem being is people readily let their dogs off leash unless a ban is in place.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Keep it simple and whilst this may not be a tailored solution a simple message to all is desperately needed as most Christmases, we run the gauntlet of heaps of dogs off leash on the during  most of the day. The rules must apply to ALL beaches not just those most frequented by the public. we have been menaced twice on coastal walks as the owners felt the beach was less busy !

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Signage must be clear and well attached as I strongly suspect dog owners have removed signage they didn't like, as the new signs disappeared!

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

The need for service dogs or police dogs must be made clear including the definition of service dogs.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The revised wording is confusing and appalling. For example when is lambing season ?
The original wording was much clearer although allowing dogs on the beach up to 10 am in summer is too late and needs to be pulled back to 8 am and extent out to 8 pm

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
Other (please explain below)
**Tell us why**
I rarely go to Army Bay beach but again the new messaging is going to lead to widespread confusion. Kepp it simple please like the original messaging . It is imp[erative that dogs and kept out of the regional park where peoplke nad birds could come into c

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

The risk of dogs getting loose in the dog is too high for the massive cost it has taken in personnel time and Council money to develop the park to this point. The level of fines here needs to go up and also be instant.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

The risks are too high of a dog breaking out and dogs should at least be on leash in the quarry. A separate more remote dog area should be found.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2640**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

dogs bring much joy to the community I enjoy my walks and seeing people's dogs enjoying the space too... and there are way too many rules and regulations on us all already!

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

what is a menacing dog???

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

what, exactly, do you mean by "clarify" does it mean more rules and regulations on every day people who pay their rates and taxes?

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

just leave us alone to live our lives... too many rules and regulations and top heavy councils already

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

there are already too many policies and bylaws... we pay rates ad taxes back off and leave us alone to live ordinary peaceful lives without all the signage and red tape you enforce upon us!

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**
There is nothing that makes my morning walk on my local beach more fulfilling than seeing dogs socialising and frolicking and chasing balls and swimming in the sea... they exude  joy and love and I enjoy every one of them I am almost 70 and have no dogs o

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
there's nothing more lovely than seeing a dog running free on the beach leave them alone

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2666**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2668**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I used to be a dog walker and know how beneficial it is for dogs to go on pack adventures where they go to all be off leash and run freely together, they get their zoomies out, get to play safely with other dogs and do mental stimulation sniffing. If there is a limit this will make it harder for pack walks to happen, especially if the dogs have to be on leash or if some can be and some can't be due to taking turns that seems really unfair and could cause even more distress for dogs and humans. There is nothing wrong with the current circumstances of no limits, there are so many amazing pack walkers and dog walkers that ensue a positive experience for dogs and humans, why punish them?

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Simplifying is helpful and makes it clearer ro understand as well as helps ensure there is no confusion about it but changing it is not as the current laws work well and nothing needs adjustment

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**
Support
**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**
Do not support
**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**
Do not support
**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**
Do not support
**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**
Do not support
**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**
Nothing needs changing just clarifying and making clearer. Don’t take away dogs freedom and make it harder for owners, it’s hard enough as it is to find dog friendly places to walk dogs, don’t make it even harder causing more issues of not stimulated enough dogs or having to go further away to walk them. Dogs have a right to have access to our parks beaches and reserves the same way they do now with no changes or restrictions

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Please don’t change anything and make it harder, clarifying is helpful but harder access and restrictions will not benefit anyone**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2682**

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Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Most dog walkers I see through the Riverhead forest and West Auckland Beaches use shock collars. The NZ Vet Assoc. does not support these devices, and the SPCA is calling for a ban on using, selling and importing these devices. There is no need to use any form of shock collar. If they need to use these services, they should not be in public as it poses a risk to the public and is a form of animal cruelty, as well as proving they have a lack of control of the packs they are walking.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

I know that the owner of Fetch uses his Grey Lynn property as an overnight kennel, sometimes for over 20+ dogs. Is this legal?

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Consider a ban on e-collars on any public land with a clear definition of public land. Some walkers are hiring land blocks to walk on, which is excellent. However, some are sub-leasing and using Snifspot to allow the public to book access. In this case, there is an argument that these blocks are deemed public.

Some supporting info on e-collars:

https://www.spca.nz/advocacy/position-statements/article/electric-shock-collars-for-dog

https://www.spca.nz/news-and-events/news-article/shock-collar-petition

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2716**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

generally that is a reasonable number to control. However I think that the possibly of a business

being licenced to have a higher number of dogs should be considered.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Well I think clarity is a good thing I find some of the council speak regarding making it easier for dogs and dog owners is then contradicted by Prohibiting dogs from not only many council owned places but also all other public spaces not under control of council, unless there is signage dogs welcome. There are a few cafes in our area that are happy to have dogs with their owners at their outside tables , I have checked before taking my dog ,but they do not display a sign and that is their business .

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Menacing dogs causing problems and left roaming by irresponsible owners is a major reason dogs get bad publicity. I think council should put more effort into controlling these dogs. Neutering is useful for curbing aggression in younger dogs but neutering may not make a major difference if the dog is older and set in its ways. Although it would help with reducing unwanted litters.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Rather than asking to licence people for having a number of dogs by area ,the time and money should be spent on identifying and restricting irresponsible dog owners across the Auckland area.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

when setting rules for dogs consideration should be give to allowing dogs to have areas to socialise and exercise and be good canines , the opinion of vets would be helpful and animal

behaviourists in this regard.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Just to compliment the council on making the rules across Auckland 10am to 5pm over the summer period 1st December to 1st March.

While dog owners know these rules a friend was told she should not have her dog on Omaha beach when walking at the end of November I suspect this was the same woman who wrote to the paper saying that dog owners do not obey the rules when in fact she did not know the rules. So perhaps educating the wider public also.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

I would at this point like to comment on the dog restrictions at Snells Beach. Past Sunburst ave I have always walked my dog on the path on leash and kept well clear of shore birds.

Having been involved in bird protection in the past the issue here should be trapping cats ,rats, mustelids and hedgehogs. These are the major predators of shore birds.

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I don't know
**Mahurangi East**
Other (please explain below)
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I thought dogs were already prohibited in Mahurangi east Scandretts .
It would be nice to have the extra dog walking time at Scotts point.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2735**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I 100% do not support a limit on walking multiple dogs.

it's not necessary and make no sense to target professionals.

I've used a pack dog walker for some time and without them I doubt know what I could do without them, my dogs behaviour has drastically improved and I believe the group gives me dog the much needed socialisation under the watchful eye of a professional.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2736**

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Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I believe there SHOULD be a limit to number of on and off leash dogs walked at one time generally for safety of people and animals. However, there NEEDS to be a permit available for those that are able to manage more - e.g. professional dog walkers that have larger groups at a time. They may require certification or random checks etc but allowances should be made for examples like this.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2750**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Well I have never used a professional dog walker, I have come across professionals when out on my walks and see no reason to attack their industry when the real issue is free roaming dogs and the public not picking up there dogs poo.

I think this proposal attacks professionals for what seems to be no reason.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2789**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum four dogs, with no more than two off-leash unless licence obtained

**Tell us why**

Controlling 2 dogs off leash and holding onto 2 dogs on  leash is very difficult a dog trainer might be able to do it but doubtful!  Most people have no control of their dogs, It should be mandatory for all dog owners to do a dog training course.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
because of the impact dogs have on the local environment

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-**

**leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Snells Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:All of the beach at Snells Beach.

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

It is pointless to just say no dogs at the north end. Dogs don't understand and their owners cannot keep them from running to the north end.  The birds use all the beach and would use it more if not harassed by dogs.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

This is a short movie of a lady with 3 dogs one was off leash chasing birds at 10.56am on Sunday 26 January.  There was another man whose dogs was chasing the Godwits up and down the beach at the same time.  Please note: There is a missing dog rule sign at the bottom of Ariki Drive, Snells Beach.  No point in having rules if no one every get fined. Just prohibit dogs from the beach altogether, we sometimes get Spoonbills on the beach which is lovely.

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Please police the rules otherwise what is the point in having them!**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2815**

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## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2821**

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
This is a fantastic place where people and dogs can come together. Off dog areas are very limited in northland and this is one place I can go, within my local area where I can take my well behaved dog to get a decent amount of exercise and swim. I would s

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2828**

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## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

To fully inform all users of council areas about the rules concerning dog walking

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Presumably this rule will only apply to residential suburbs, not rural properties.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Ensure that all dog walkers & general users of parks etc are consulted with any proposed changes before they are made.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Ensure that each facility is considered individually & do not apply a "one size fits all" approach. Ensure that the safety of the dogs is paramount whilst in vehicles.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Ensure that all users of council facilities are aware of the rules concerning dog walking but again ensure that a "one size fits all" approach is not used for dog walking. Ensure that each area is looked at individually

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Please ensure that there is open consultation around any proposed changes before they are implemented, with dog walkers & other users.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

St Heliers Beach reserve

**What local board area is this location in?**

I don't know

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:The beach foreshore

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Allow off leash dog walking between 10 am - 4pm during the winter on the beach

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Allow off leash dog walking between 10 am - 4pm during the winter on the beach as there will be minimum other beach users during the winter months.

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2842**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

It is not the number of dogs that is the problem it is the dog walker. We currently have our dog walked by a very professional dog walker who has every dog under her control, picks up all dog poo and has them straight back on the leash if there are any other people in the vicinity. If you want to walk more than 2 dogs you should need to get a permit (or similar). Don't limit the number of dogs as this will impact the business and many will go under.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

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**#2858**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I have lived near to Te Arai Beach for 35 years.
I frequent the Forestry Beach with my dogs.
There are seldom any beachgoers there who are not surfers or families with their dog on a happy family outing.
Most people prefer Mangawhai Heads Beach or Te

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Soo many families have dogs as valued family members and enjoy taking the whole family out. New Zealand has stricter dog rules than most countries in the world. It is so restricting and sad.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2914**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I would recommend that "professional" or certified dog walker have freedom to walk as many as they like. Some kind of certification process to ensure they are the right people

I see many of them out here with more control than most of the other people

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2937**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs are gradually being excluded from public places. They should have a right to free running and exercise in parkland and on beaches. Restrictions are due to a vocal and misinformed minority.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Tāwharanui should have the same access rules as other beaches in the area. There is nothing different about it.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Forestry Beach is rarely congested and is a very good place for dogs and their owners to exercise.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Push

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:North of the estuary.

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

The southern end of the beach is blocked by the local iwi.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#2962**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The quarry beach is far too small to accommodate dogs. Forestry beach is a popular dog walking beach and one the the few left in our area. There are no suitable alternative dog walks in our area. This beach and the fact that it is dog friendly is one of t

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3087**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I live in Wellsford and regularly exercise my dog at forestry beach. This is the only place that I can take my dog off leash to run. Wellsford does have a designated off lead area and is not fully fenced so it is not suitable. My dog regularly interacts w

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Any changes should be in full consultation with the dog owning community and not just from non dog owners.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3103**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry beach should remain as an area people can walk their dog(s). There are less and less areas available for walking of dogs.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3104**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3161**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I don't know

**Mahurangi East**

I don't know

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I live in the Lee region and with the closure of the V foreshore walk there are incredibly limited places where you can walk your dog currently, making all of Pakiri beach non-Dog accepting is once unfair to dog owners in the area

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don't know
**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There are very few options to walk your dog off leash and The area, if you are not entered the park over the cattle gates at Jones Road you should be able to walk your dog in that area

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don't know
**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Pakiri beach really drives me bonkers, there is enough space on that beach for bird protection and dog walking to coexist**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3171**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**
**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**
**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**
**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**Ambury Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**
No change to current Policy (dog access) rules
**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3227**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

No dogs should be on Muriwai Beach. There's too much wild life. Every year i see dogs attacking birds, seals, and the occasional turtles.

Although there was no chances to the rules on walking dogs on Muriwai Beach, This should be re-visited.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

No dogs should be on Muriwai Beach. There's too much wild life. Every year i see dogs attacking birds, seals, and the occasional turtles.

Although there was no chances to the rules on walking dogs on Muriwai Beach, This should be re-visited.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

No dogs should be on Muriwai Beach. There's too much wild life. Every year i see dogs attacking birds, seals, and the occasional turtles.

Although there was no chances to the rules on walking dogs on Muriwai Beach, This should be re-visited.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

No dogs should be on Muriwai Beach. There's too much wild life. Every year i see dogs attacking birds, seals, and the occasional turtles.

Although there was no chances to the rules on walking dogs on Muriwai Beach, This should be re-visited.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

No dogs should be on Muriwai Beach. There's too much wild life. Every year i see dogs attacking birds, seals, and the occasional turtles.

Although there was no chances to the rules on walking dogs on Muriwai Beach, This should be re-visited.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No dogs should be on Muriwai Beach. There's too much wild life. Every year i see dogs attacking birds, seals, and the occasional turtles.**

**Although there was no chances to the rules on walking dogs on Muriwai Beach, This should be re-visited.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3236**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I have worked as a dog walker myself and felt that 4 off-leash dogs were my maximum to be able to control.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

It gives our bird life more of a chance to survive without interference

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3252**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I personally own several dogs and would not attempt to walk more than 4 at a time. For me any more leads to a less personalized experience for each dog. 6 would be manageable on lead but again not ideal. I do not walk my dogs off leash.

For dog walkers I would expect some maturity and understanding of dogs body language to be able to manage 6 comfortably. I would prefer 4 on lead but 6 is ok IF experienced.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

For a dog to be classed as menancing that would imply its more than a one off and therefore neuter is justified... HOWEVER... I do support the trial of Suprelin (chemical castration implant) prior to full neuter. Not every neuter surgery produces the desired result and can make menacing behavior worse so to trial with an implant that wears off gives a good indication of if full neuter is the best course of action.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Absolutely.  It should be very clear who can provide assessments and how those assessments are obtained.  Define the rules please

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Rural zones change frequently with the increase of housing developments.  This should be updated regularly and where changes are made fair notice given.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3254**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

A max of 3 off leash is good, I wouldn't mind a few more on leash, say 5 on leash, 3 off giving a max of 8. As a person who is afraid of unknown dogs, off leash are always a worry.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Making the rules consistent and uniform across Auckland has to be a good thing.  People travel around with their dogs and so it makes it easier for them to know what they can do.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

no

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs have no place in Tawharanui.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Matheson Bay

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to increased presence of wildlife (e.g. ground nesting birds). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

We get a few dotteral on the beach, but dogs exercising hinder any potential nesting. Dogs can exercise on the field behind the beach

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

as above

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3285**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable): Friends of Okura Bush

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

**Tell us why**

This is not really an issue and people walking multiple dogs are usually having them under control.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3302**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
Other (please explain below)
**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**
**Tell us why**
I live at Opahi Bay adjacent to Mita Bay. We are now becoming overrun with loose dogs on our beach most weekends and sometimes through the week. The rules may be fine in theory but once the dogs are off leash many owners think their job is done. I also do

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3333**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3343**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I don't see reason to limit the amount of dogs walked if they are under control, especially if they are on-leash. Some people walk dogs for a living, others own multiple dogs - to enforce limits would infringe upon their livelihood.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Policies regarding dogs need to be transparent and clear as many provide a crucial relationship with owners - taking away the freedoms of them will negatively impact both dogs and owners.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

There must be adequate evidence of the risk which a dog proposes to take such action as it is very significant and impactful.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Requiring a license for multiple dogs should only be required in extreme circumstances.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Clarification is vital, as well as being able to chance excessive dog access rules.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Clarification is vital, as well as being able to chance excessive dog access rules.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Errors must be corrected and correct changes put in place in the best interest of dogs and owners.

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

All information must be up to date and best serve dogs and owners.

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

The freedom of dogs should not be taken away.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Any outdated or duplicate bylaw content should be resolved in the best interest of dogs and owners.

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I don't think dogs should be further prohibited, particularly in campgrounds where they would need to stay with their owners.

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season)**

**and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I believe the additional allowances for dogs should go ahead with no further prohibitions put in place.
**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I do not believe any further prohibitions should be put in place

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I do not believe any further prohibitions should be put in place - this is completely unfair to dogs and owners and will have significant consequences and negative impacts.

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I do not believe any further prohibitions should be put in place - this is completely unfair to dogs and owners and will have significant consequences and negative impacts. Adding rules like not being allowed in cars etc is cruel.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I do not believe any further prohibitions should be put in place, if anything they should be eased - this is completely unfair to dogs and owners and will have significant consequences and negative impacts. These rules will damage the wellbeing of both do

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I believe prohibitions should be eased, then the rules clarified.

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**
**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**
**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**
**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Te Arai Regional Park

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Other - please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

To stop taking freedoms away from dogs and owners

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Under control dogs and owners are losing their freedoms from these rules which have deep negative impacts on both parties, and are unfair and unjust. This needs to change.

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Pakiri Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control on a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Entire location

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Entire location**Entire location**0

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

It is unfair to take away freedoms from under control dogs and their owners - limiting the outdoor space they can use.

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Pakiri Regional Park

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Other - please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control on a leash

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Other - please specify:

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

To avoid taking away freedoms from under control dogs and owners unnecessarily

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

It is unfair to take away freedoms from under control dogs and their owners - limiting the outdoor space they can use.**A vast amount of the dog prohibitions are unfair and unnecessary for under control dogs, many should be lifted or eased as these infringe on the freedoms of dogs and owners, limiting their use of outdoor spaces and overall resulting in significant negative consequences for both parties.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3361**

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
It is a massive beach with very few people and is perfect for under control dog walking, it is just not fair to ban them, they are parts of so many families.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

This is a huge beach and dogs should be allowed to have access under control at some part of the beach. Dogs are a part of so many families it is just not fair to not allow them here and so many other beaches.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**They should be allowed on a leach at regional parks all across Auckland!**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3367**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Don't make it more restrictive

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Doesn't appear the rules have changed, do no support it th rules are more restrictive

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Need to retain an off- leash at all times area

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Reducing the areas that dogs are allowed without providing alternatives, making it harder for locals to have different places to exercise dogs.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

A map showing differences would be useful

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I do not agree with reducing the areas that dogs are allowed

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I do not support reducing the areas that dogs can access

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Map would be useful to show differences

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Don't make them more restrictive**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3385**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

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|---|---|
| Time, date: | 29 January 2025, 2pm |
| Respondent name: | [redacted] |

Feedback:

- In the last two years, more and more young, inexperienced people have become dog walkers – they walk multiple and are unable to keep dogs under control.
- There should be some controls by council on this and it is all about the welfare of the dogs – for example, how many dogs are allowed to be walked at the same time, and only by professional dog walkers. Dogs can get in fights and have sustained injuries.
- For example, there is 9000 acres of wild bush at Riverhead Forest and 3 dogs were lost by commercial walkers and never got found again. Something needs to be done (e.g enforcement and infringement).

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3414**

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Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

If all dogs are under control and theres not a material impact on anyone else then theres no need to make another rule.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Keep the policy simple. Only make rules if there is a clear intention to enforce them.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3437**

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Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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**Tell us why**

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**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
We are respectful dog owners who look after our dogs at this beach area, and clean up should they make a mess, this is the only area in the local Mangawhai region where dogs can be dogs!!!!

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3441**

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**Tell us why**
Page 1 in the Council statement of proposal will be immediately negated by the prohibition of dogs on the beach at Forestry. Walking our dogs on the beach gives both people and dogs exercise. It also allows both dogs and people to "foster social connect

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3477**

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**Tell us why**
With reference specifically to Forestry Beach, this beach is one of the few areas that we are able to exercise our dog off leash. As an older Auckland resident, exercise for both myself and my dog is a priority for both our wellbeing. We are encouraged

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**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

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**#3485**

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**Tell us why**
To ban dogs from Forestry Beach would be a total disaster for many responsible people who live in the area. There is no reason to do so as there is very little bird life at the end visited by dog walkers. The sea has been depleted of sea life from mini

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**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Forestry Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Northern End of Forestry Beach to 2 k

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

The Northern End Only up to the 2 k mark

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3488**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

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**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I live in Te Arai and walk my dog on Forestry beach every morning. There is nowhere else to excrcise our dogs where they can have freedom off leash and are able to socialise with other dogs. All the local dog walkers are responsible dog owners, we clean u

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3501**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

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**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The Eyres Point quarry beach at Te Ārai Point is a tiny little space so could be filled with 20 dogs playing on a weekend if all the dogs that are currently walking the 11km of Forestry Beach had to meet at the small quarry instead.
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**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3505**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry beach is used by many locals as a dog walking beach which contributes to the wellbeing of the community. I recognise the need to protect and restore the dunes and wildlife but feel these two things can be done by stricter rules relating to the us

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3507**

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Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
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I do not support the proposed change
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3510**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I take my dog to Forestry Beach during the week and we are often the only ones there and it is so good to be able to walk along the beach and allow my dog off lead. You can walk a short distance from the car park and be on a long white sandy beach for as

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3519**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry Beach is the only beach were I can take my dogs and enjoy quality time. We don't have a lot of beaches up here where we allowed to take dogs of lead and are not full of people. I never experienced a bad encounter at the forestry Beach. All the lo

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**In general I would always prefer more on leash rules then complete prohibite dogs.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3521**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

We use a very experienced dog walker who has a pack of 12 dogs under control at all times, be off leash or on leash. I would continue to support this model and have the dog walkers licensed (and prove to the council that they are experts in dog management) The beaches that are used are vacant outside of the main summer period and therefore arent an issue for Auckland council.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3526**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

All the professional dog walkers are fully trained . Please don't let the 1 bad dog walker affect the entire Auckland population.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Already quite limited beach hours for dogs.

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Support of dangerous dogs and consequences. Feel our beaches, campgrounds already have strict rules. Please keep as is. If anything please look at all the issues in nz around welfare of dogs. That would be a better use of resources. Dogs are allowed to live in a chain without consequences.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

99% dog owners do the right thing. Suggest keeping current rules but more aggressive fines for those few who don't follow rules.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Put higher fines on those who don't comply with current rules rather than limiting all.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

There are hardly any dogs that go to forestry and it's such a huge beach, that this change seems excessive. All dog walkers go past swimmers and down main beach. Keep as is. Or fine those doing wrong but banning ok this Beach is unusual as we go every wee

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3528**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There are dog walking businesses that would collapse if the rules were changed. They always have the dogs under control, they wouldn't have a business if they didn't have them under control. Perhaps there could be exceptions for experienced dog walkers that had all their dogs under control.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3532**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Pack walkers are a major hazard they often have little to no control over the dogs in their care. Often the dogs they have are aggressive and not friendly towards other people or dogs.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3538**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

One person can not safely watch more than 3 off leash or walk more on leash should something unexpected happen. I would like to see a maximum of 4 dogs per handler. 2 on and 2 off. 2 dogs is plenty to supervise when it is toilet time. The amount of pooh not picked up is not good.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

I would like to see more access for dogs, even if on leash, around the area. It would also be beneficial for dogs going out and about to have passed a Canine Good Citizen (CGC)Assessment at least at the foundation level. What about different levels of access to places for the different levels of qualification. A CGC Gold qualified dog would be able to visit more places than a dog that only had the Bronze level. Also some one that has bothered to train their dog to any level of CGC standard should have a bigger reduction in their registration fees.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Only change the off-leash area to on-leash at all times

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I don't know

**Mahurangi East**

I don't know

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I don't know
**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3539**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Banning dogs from Te Arai South, Forestry Beach to Pakiri is ridiculous as dogs have always been allowed there with no problem. All locals from Pakiri to Wellsford and Mangawhai exercise their dogs here and there is no good reason to stop this.
I also str

**Waitawa Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

The Barrier

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Te Arai Point all area North and South

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Because there is plenty of room for dogs on grass areas up the hill above Te Arai North with no impact non other park users or birdlife

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**The rules are becoming more restrictive which is not a good thing for responsible people exercising their dogs.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3541**

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Most of us a good dog owners and respect the rules. Don’t penalise us!

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3545**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I have been walking this beach for 17 years and never seen a dotteral or fairy tern. The removal of acres of trees/vegetation, and the construction of infrastructure and the golf coursed, houses, helicopters and sand mining has, by comparison, had a massi

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3557**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3560**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

Who other than professional dog walkers bring that many dogs to a beach.

This just seems like unnecessary bureaucracy that will cost money to implement.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
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**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry Beach. I've been walking my multiple dogs there for 10 years. There is nowhere else near by to do this except cential park in wellsford which takes about 7 minutes to walk around, not exactly stimulating.
I've never had a bad experience there wi

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
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**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dogs need exercise and socializing otherwise they become antisocial. Please give us a place to do this**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3563**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dear Auckland Council,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the increasingly restrictive dog policies in Auckland. While I understand the need for reasonable regulations to ensure public safety and cleanliness, the current level of prohibitions and limitations on dogs in public spaces is becoming excessive.

Globally, there is a movement toward recognizing dogs as part of the family and allowing them in more public areas, including cafes, beaches, and parks, with responsible ownership. Unfortunately, Auckland's restrictive approach seems to be going in the opposite direction, making it increasingly difficult for dog owners to enjoy the city with their pets.

These restrictions are not only inconvenient but also contribute to the broader feeling that Auckland is becoming less welcoming for responsible pet owners. In fact, for some—including myself—such regulations are becoming a factor in decisions to leave New Zealand in search of a more dog-friendly environment.

I urge the council to reconsider its stance and look toward more balanced policies that reflect the global trend of inclusivity while still maintaining necessary guidelines for safety and hygiene. Auckland has the potential to be a truly dog-friendly city, and I hope to see more progressive changes in this area.

Kind regards,

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
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**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
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**Tell us why**
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**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Instead of placing more restrictions on dog, ask people to do the bird avoidance training or at least allowed those who have those training to access the parks and it's very inefficient those rules when you have so many outdoor cats around without ANY regulation!**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3567**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There region has a growing population of dog walkers with a decreasing number of off-leash dog walking areas. Te Arai south is one of the only remaining off leash dog walking areas in the region. If dogs are to be prohibited an equivalent area for offleas

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3568**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3570**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3572**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Dogs are apart of our families and are important parts of our lives. We need places to exercise them in enriching environments. Removing the ability for us to take our pups out with us will stop our family enjoying the great outdoors.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

As above.

You're making it impossible for dogs to live their lives with owners and their families.

Setting rules where dogs must stay at home and only exercise in dog parks is cruel and unfair.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

We should be making it easier for dog owners to live their lives with their dogs not make them seperate.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott’s Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I don't know

**Mahurangi East**

I don't know

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

This is one of the only areas to exercise dogs in the area.
Many families use this area due to this.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

As mentioned previously,
Forrestry road is used by many families and their dogs as a safe place to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. This should not be taken away

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3578**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I have witnessed dogs off leash chase young children and wildlife on the beach. It is also concerning how many dog owners don’t pick up the dog poo

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dog should not be allowed off leash as they will chase wildlife and often young children**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3585**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I do not support forestry beach being included. In my view it is not part of the regional park and it feels like unnecessary creep. But even if it is, it is the only beach in the area where people can walk their dog on the beach. The Te Arai side gives pe

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3586**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
We are from a rural community and allowing our dogs the ability to run free off leash at our local beaches Te Arai Forestry and Pakiri Beach with us, allows them and us the freedom to enjoy the beach and surrounding area together.
We keep our dogs away f

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Unfairly limiting time and enjoyment off leash with our dogs.

Te Arai forestry beach has limited public access and very rarely when we've visited, are there any other dogs.

Our dogs are trained to not investigate any other wildlife or areas.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**I strongly oppose this bylaw as it limits owners to enjoy time spent on the beaches with their dogs**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3587**

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I walk my dog on the forestry beach all the time - it is an environment that even a Jack Russel can cope with due to the sand hills confining her movement. There are no protected birds in the area, always very few people and to restrict dogs in madness.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3588**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry Beach has been accessible for a number of years to both dog and horse owners. The vast majority of these owners show respect for their fellow animal owners and members of the general public. Knowlegeable owners do not allow their animals or them

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Common sense needs to prevail here. This dogmatic approach does nothing to encourage law abiding animal owners to respect sensible, well informed regulations.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3596**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Please do not increase restrictions on dogs being allowed in national parks and on beaches. There are already so many areas where dogs are not permitted. Many people love dogs and are responsible and considerate dog owners. It is crucial that dog owners have places to exercise and socialise our dogs. It is good for the dogs and good for us! If further restrictions are put in place it will be very difficult for me to give my dog the exercise he needs, which increases the chance of bad behaviour for dogs. Please reconsider this proposal!

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Please reconsider. Dogs require exercise for health and socialisation. There are already few areas where dogs are free to explore, please don’t increase these restrictions. Many people are considerate and responsible dog owners and deserve to be able to e

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**
Please reconsider. Dogs require exercise for health and socialisation. There are already few areas where dogs are free to explore, please don’t increase these restrictions. Many people are considerate and responsible dog owners and deserve to be able to e

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Please reconsider. Dogs require exercise for health and socialisation. There are already few areas where dogs are free to explore, please don't increase these restrictions. Many people are considerate and responsible dog owners and deserve to be able to e

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Walking my dog on Te Arai beach has been something I have enjoyed for many years. This is the most special place to me and to potentially lose the right to do this is devastating. Please reconsider. Dogs require exercise for health and socialisation. Ther

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Please reconsider. Dogs require exercise for health and socialisation. There are already few areas where dogs are free to explore, please don’t increase these restrictions. Many people are considerate and responsible dog owners and deserve to be able to e

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3602**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Because I have been exercising my dog on Forestry Beach for many years, it is the only beach around that allows dogs in it all throughout the year. All the dogs I've seen there have under control by their owners and everyone who takes their dogs there are

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3605**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry is one of the very few beaches in the area where dogs are allowed off leash and it would be great to keep this available for people and dogs to enjoy.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3610**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park, Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regiona**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

People are the issue as not picking up after their dogs. It is the responsibility for all dog owners and so all dog owners shouldn't be punished by this.

Owners and dogs need space to run about off lead but removing this will not help. Auckland isn't dog friendly as it is and putting these in place will make it even leas so

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

What is the harm to dogs on leash?

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Should be allowed in the bush area furthermore, dogs sometime run up there from the beach so cannot be stopped

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
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**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
It is a great national park so dogs should be allowed on leash- dog owners should be responsible to handle the dogs

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
My dog currently run on Te Arai amongst other dogs and they do not cause any harm to those on the beach- Whether that be humans or other animals
Your proposal does not state why- just that they are not allowed. It is unfair and unjust.

There is no other

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Make Auckland more dog friendly not even more dog unfriendly! Auckland needs to be dog friendly. Allowing all dogs to run around. Auckland needs to be dog friendly. Allowing all dogs to run around**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3619**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

A large pack of dogs on leads can be intimidating to others and can be difficult to control for 1 person. Off lead if the owner has no control this can lead to issues with others using the area or problems with other dogs.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

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**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3623**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs must be allowed in forestry beach as they currently are. We go on dog walks most days there and there is no trouble at all. It appears that this is becoming a blanket rule/ suggestion rather than an individualise rule. Not many people live in Te Arai

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3624**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
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**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs should be allowed to walk on Forestry beach. They currently do no harm and there aren't any nesting. If there were nesting then I would appreciate that dogs could be on a long line to ensure they do not disturb any nests. However, taking away a dogs

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
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**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3630**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

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**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

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**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
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**Tell us why**

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I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3635**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

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**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Mahurangi East**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
Other (please explain below)
**Tell us why**
Forrestry Beach is wonderful place we all enjoy with our dogs. It is one of the most unpopulated beaches around. In winter there is no one there . School holidays and over Xmas weekends have people enjoying  the beach close to the carpark . It is a huge b

**Waitawa Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
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**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Maybe you could have restricted hours over the school holidays and weekends and people and their dogs enjoy during the week. I have been recently and I’m the only person there.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3642**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I live in Snells beach and often there are a large number of dogs (usually large) off leash and the walker does not seem to be aware of what they are all doing and ???? they donot appear to be able to always control the dogs if a situation arises.

I feel a maximum of 2 dogs off leash as I have personally on 2 occasions had 3 off leash dogs run up from the beach out of control and menace my much smaller dog. On both occasions the walker was unable to call dogs back for quite sometime as they were about 30 metres away with other dogs.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Signage must be all along the walkways at Snells Beach and a more obvious presence of rangers as at the moment it is rare to see them here more than once a month for a brief time.

So people ignore rules.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

*I think an age limit for having neutering should be stated

*Any dog that is unneutered should be only allowed on leash as hormones can impact behaviours.

Even if the unneutered dog is not classified as menacing they pee on every seat, on areas of the beach and will actively seek out other dogs urine to overspray. People going to the beach often do not realise that dogs have urinated often of the log they choose to sit.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

If someone has multiple dogs on their property the dogs tend to call out in chorus which affects a peaceful neighborhood and also from my experience the dogs are not always taken out for exercise as perhaps taking out 3-4 dogs requires more energy and planning.

Also is anyone needs to go on the property the dogs form a pack.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Think a 3 yearly review by the local boards would make this fair and reasonable.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Many people do not seem to know what they are required to do as a responsible dog owner so the main points should be on the dog registration papers each year.

Eg dogs are walked off leash on council footpaths and they run onto my property and defecate at pee against my recycling and rubbish bin quite often.

People in Snells ride they bike and dog run free in front or behind them. The rider has no idea mostly where there dog is and really believe their behaviour is ok. Dog owner when they come to Snells Beach think the rules do not apply up here.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

In the Rodney area folk seem to think it is fine to let their dog run free. At Omaha I had my fox terrier on leash and a dog ran out of the sand dunes and attacked the dog. The owner eventually come up called their dog and disappeared not leaving any contact information.

My dog needed several vet visits as one injury was close to his eye.

I think that the general view that your dog can run off leash if it is under your control needs to be clarified as to distance and that the dog must be within your sight as many times the dog is way behind the walker and therefore not even in view.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
Other (please explain below)
**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**
**Tell us why**
My comments refer to residential communities that use Omaha, Snells, Martins, Algies Bay.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**This feedback form dis not allow more specific comments such as at Mission Bay or other Beach areas mainly large regional parks where most of the senior people I mix with are not regularly walking their pet dogs.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3647**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
My dog has walked on forestry beach for 14years. What has changed, so that it is no longer ok? It is ser aside as a park but growth and development seem to be dictating what happens on these beautiful reserves?

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**I hope that these submissions are actually taken on board. I fear that this is just part of a councils process and by sending in our thoughts, we have ticked a nox that consultation was done.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3664**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There are enough beaches in Auckland for people who don't like dogs to go to. Te arai and forestry have been dog friendly beaches forever and does not cause any issues. It would be the end of a beautiful way of life for so many animals and families in the area with them

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Who is doing the menacing clarification? Have they ever owned that breed themselves. They have no idea if they have not. Not acceptable

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There are enough beaches in Auckland for people who don’t like dogs to go to. Te arai and forestry have been dog friendly beaches forever and does not cause any issues. It would be the end of a beautiful way of life for so many animals and families in the

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

As many places in Auckland should be reviewed to lift the dog ban. Ask how many people are really against having dogs on the beach?

**What local board area is this location in?**

Hibiscus and Bays

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3672**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
Other (please explain below)
**Tell us why**
Dogs should be allowed on Forestry Beach under control off a leash.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3729**

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I do not support this change. I believe it will negatively impact dog walking businesses, as well as create some serious dog aggression issues throughout.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Some clear clarification would be great

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Please do not action the rule of 6 dogs with only 3 off lead. As an idea you could make dog walking businesses apply for a licence to be able to walk multiple. However this also affects the general public. Myself and my friend walk 5 dogs together multiple times per week, all off lead and all under control. The new change would mean that even we can no longer walk together or the dogs all need to be on a lead

This is impacting more people than you think, it is not fair that you are punishing everybody

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other**

**areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3739**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The document provided by the Auckland Council on “Proposed updates to the dog policy and
bylaw” quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management
Bylaw 2019.
The first paragraph of the document states this is about “Keeping

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3742**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

I cannot support this proposal, as I believe it is fundamentally unfair. Pack walking has been invaluable in helping my dog develop social skills, and restricting it fails to address the real issues at hand. Instead of adding more bureaucracy for the sake of it, we should focus on enforcing the existing bylaws properly rather than creating new ones.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3758**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
This is the only beach in the area that supports the tight community of dog walkers. Coming from Australia where dogs are banned on nearly all beaches we embraced New Zealand's view. Dogs in Australia are unsocialised as. Result of the strict rules which

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3781**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
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**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
This is the only off lead beach exercise area for dogs in the far north of Auckland council, and the only high tide dog exercise area around Mangawhai Heads.
It is the responsibility of the council to provide the dogs of the area with access to off lead s

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
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**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

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**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dogs are animals too, and deserve to be treated with respect, they are not to be locked up at home 247. A dog that's not allowed to exercise freely will end up be a problem dog!**

**Council has a obligation to provide areas where dogs can exercise freely off lead.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3792**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I find this flabbergasting to be honest that you would propose this on Forestry Beach. Forestry is  generally a locals and family beach which always has responsible dog owners and i have never seen any problems with dogs with humans, dogs with dogs or any

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dogs are just like every other member of a family and should be allowed to share the fun and enjoyment of the beach and the ocean with their owners. Some beaches need to be available.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3793**

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Local Board: Rodney

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

More control

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

No

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Makes sense

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3805**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Mahurangi Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

It is reasonable to expect fogs to be on leash.

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The Cudlip Point Track is a favourite walk for all locals to take their dogs. It is extremely restricted now to just a six month period. It is totally unreasonable to take away in leash access to this area. We are extremely limited in this area for access

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Limiting access to all regional parks for a 6 month period as a one suze fits all policy makes no sense at all. It should be managed at the discretion of park Rangers.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3808**

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

On occasion there are simply too many dogs and not all owners are removing the faeces.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I don't know
**Tell us why**
There are several dotterels nesting in the area and they need protecting at all times. Native species in the area need to be kept free of threat as much as possible.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dog activity in those parks needs to be restricted for the safety of native species and also because there are some intimidating dogs in that area. No dogs should be allowed off-leash in Shakespeare Park.

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs are a serious threat to the excellent work to restore native species populations there. Last year I had the pleasure of seeing a kiwi there, as well as kaka, dotterels and others. Dogs should be kept as far away from Tawharanui park as possible.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Wenderholm is one of the busiest and most pleasant parks in the area. Again, dogs are a threat to native species and can be a nuisance to visitors. Dog access and movements should be restricted as much as possible here.

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**I feel there should be a complete ban on dogs in any area where native species are threatened or endangered or where native populations are recovering.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3809**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

As dogs need space to run and owners benefit from exercise

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
We have a dog friendly community and as it is not safe to walk dogs and kids on the side of busy roads, this is our best option

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don't know
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

The timings assume reduced dog walking flexibility for owners

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

If a dog is on a leash they should be able to access a track in full

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3810**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3814**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
Other (please explain below)
**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**
**Tell us why**
This is the only long walk that I can do with my dog up to Cudlip Point in the Mahurangi West area that is not on a road. I have lived here for over fourty years and find the constant restriction on dog walking totally unreasonable

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Being a very responsible dog owner who goes to dog training classes every year and obeys all the rules, I find the constant tightening restrictions unbearable. I have seen piles of human faeces that have been left for days even though I had notified Jarred Anderson at Mahurangi West. I have picked up used syringes and other hazardous waste. Humans are the problem, not dogs**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3834**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Who's demanding these changes?

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

There's no waterways for human consumption. Dogs should be allowed.

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I'd love to have more trails to explore with my dog.

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

It's hard to read all of these. I'd like more dog space. These all reduce dog space when covid brought us so many more new dogs. Why are you reducing allowed space?

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Why?!

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Why?!

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**
**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**
**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**
**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Port albert Wharf

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to changes at location (e.g. a new playground, sports field, more people).
Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3838**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
We walk our dog regularly on forestry beach as do others and I have never come across any dog that was out of control. All owners respect each other and the landscape they walk in.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3841**

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Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
We frequent Forestry beach with our dog usually on lead as he is a puppy in training. He is always under control. We have only experienced positive encounters with other dogs and people there. We only know of one other beach in mangawhai dogs can be off l

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3843**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
We need to be able to walk our dogs in open spaces

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**More parks need to be open to people with dogs - most people who walk their dogs are responsible**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3844**

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Local Board: Rodney

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Quarry and forestry beach are the two last standing beaches we can properly exercise our dogs, I have lived in mangawhai the past 16years and visit both these beaches weekly, rain or shine to run my dogs. I was born and raised in Matakana hill and spent m

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Quarry and forestry will always be home to the local dogs**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3850**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Our dogs and the owners deserve a decent long walk of an hour or two. Currently there are very limited options for on-leash walks of several hours for owners with their dogs in the Auckland area. Regional parks are for long walks, as they have plenty of space for people, birds and animals. They also often have walks, trees, farmland, and beaches. I would support on-leash dog access to paths, walkways, and beaches within regional parks.

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Our dogs and the owners deserve a decent long walk of an hour or two. Currently there are very limited options for on-leash walks of several hours for owners with their dogs in the Auckland area. Regional parks are for long walks, as they have plenty of space for people, birds and animals. They also often have walks, trees, farmland, and beaches. I would support on-leash dog access to paths, walkways, and beaches within regional parks.

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

Our dogs and the owners deserve a decent long walk of an hour or two. Currently there are very limited options for on-leash walks of several hours for owners with their dogs in the Auckland area. Regional parks are for long walks, as they have plenty of space for people, birds and animals. They also often have walks, trees, farmland, and beaches. I would support on-leash dog access to paths, walkways, and beaches within regional parks.

Agree with the off leash area and timeframes.

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I don't know

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Our dogs and the owners deserve a decent long walk of an hour or two. Currently there are very limited options for on-leash walks of several hours for owners with their dogs in the Auckland area. Regional parks are for long walks, as they have plenty of s

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Our dogs and the owners deserve a decent long walk of an hour or two. Currently there are very limited options for on-leash walks of several hours for owners with their dogs in the Auckland area. Regional parks are for long walks, as they have plenty of s

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Our dogs and the owners deserve a decent long walk of an hour or two. Currently there are very limited options for on-leash walks of several hours for owners with their dogs in the Auckland area. Regional parks are for long walks, as they have plenty of s

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

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**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Snells Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Other - please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

To enable walkers to walk dogs from Snells Beach to Brick Bay on-leash the beach and foreshore needs to be accessible to dog walkers.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3881**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

The limit is not the issue, but the person walking the dogs should be licenced/trained to understand and correctly control the number of dogs they walk. We hire a dog walker who is responsible, this limit shouldn't affect them, but should restrict a general member of the public having multiple dogs that could be out of control or dangerous. If the person is a professional the number of dogs shouldn't be an issue.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3883**

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Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Waitawa Regional Park,Wenderholm Regiona**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I am heartily SICK of the anti Dog (and Horse) for that matter unfriendly rules.
Dogs are family and should be permitted to go where their family go. Sick of the NIMBYs.
Humans cause more harm!!

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**
**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**
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**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Snells beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Need more dog friendly places whenever, whatever the season

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Omaha beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Entire location

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Entire locationSee previous!**Entire location**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

The Barrier

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:See previous

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3886**

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**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

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**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

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**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
This is nuts.  Dogs too benefit from a coastal connection.  We've been traveling to Foresty and Te Arai Point for years for this purpose.  Everyone and every species can co-exist. There is plenty of space and the beach is not under any pressure.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3887**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

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**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I am writing to formally oppose the proposed ban on dogs at Te Arai Regional park and in particular Forestry Beach. As a daughter of local residents and dog owner, I believe this decision is both unnecessary and unfairly targets responsible pet owners whi

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3892**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

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**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There are limited places that dogs can go in general. The Forestry Beach as part of Te Arai is a space that is great for dogs and due its size poses no threat to people enjoying the beach. It is good for dog socialisation too. Most owners are responsible

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3916**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Too many dogs with one person are a nuisance.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

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**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3927**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

There are very limited parks available for off leash dogs and owners in the region.
Dogs and dog owners need open spaces where dogs can be off leash to exercise and run.
and these large stretches of beach allow for more than one type of user to enjoy.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

There are very limited parks available for off leash dogs and owners in the region.
Dogs and dog owners need open spaces where dogs can be off leash to exercise and run.
and these large stretches of beach allow for more than one type of user to enjoy.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3928**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Not possible to control large numbers of dogs

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3929**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Trying to walk a large number of dogs with them all under control is not possible.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3933**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Understand that there needs to be limits in an urban area. There should be greater limits for non working dogs in the rural enviroments

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I don't know
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I believe that dogs should be allowed off leach but under control of the owner on the beaches and foreshore areas

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe that dogs should be allowed off leash but under control on the beach and foreshore areas

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I believe that dogs should be allowed in the park adjoining  the regional park

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Currently dogs are allowed on Forestry Beach and there has been little to no issues.  This is one of the only areas where there is usually very few people outside of the holidays that dogs can be taken without being a problem.  This area is widely used by

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3948**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry Beach is an extremely large beach. There is between 50-75m from the sand dunes to the water depending on the tide. If the council is concerned about the native birds, as we are, then it should create greater awareness of the birds (who nest in th

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Yes, it is completely unjust to punish the majority due to minor problems of the few.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3955**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I think dogs should be allowed on Forestry beach. There are many other beaches around this area there are no dogs allowed and there needs to be somewhere for them and their owners to enjoy the beach. A solution would be to put signs up if there are dott

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3975**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Many locals walk their dogs responsibly and respectfully in this regional park. By limiting access to the disused quarry which is a relatively small confined space it may increase the potential for disturbances between dogs, owners and the public
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**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**well managed dogs and their responsible owners are a joy to watch. I have often been approached by families asking if they can pat my girls- golden retrievers. The smiles are enriching**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3983**

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Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Dog walkers should pay for a license and have a proven track record of compliance.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

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I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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I support the proposed change
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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

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I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#3989**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

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**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

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**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The document provided by the Auckland Council on “Proposed updates to the dog policy and
bylaw” quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management
Bylaw 2019.
The first paragraph of the document states this is about “Keeping

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4004**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

There is a tremendous difference between a professional dog walker and someone who wants to make a 'quick dollar'.

My dog is walked by a professional dog walker who has been in business for 7 years. She has just invested probably close to $40K upgrading to a newer vehicle. Safety, for both the dogs and the general public, is her number one priority when walking the dogs. It's incredible to watch the control she has over the dog pack and she has never had any issues.

It's easy to say that she should just get someone to help her but then the business is not viable financially. What you are proposing will absolutely decimate her business and take away a vital service that she provides for our community and pets.

Could responsible dog walkers not be licensed and inspected?

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I don't know

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4017**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
There is no other option for beach access with dogs, the quarry is a tiny area that if a lot of dogs are put into will likely create more issues
Forestry beach has always been a known off leash spot that people are happy to travel to for dog access, if p

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4053**

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Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I think no dogs should be off leash if walking a group.. If one off leash runs off, attacks you do not have the ability to control as holding others.. very unsafe

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Unsafe on beaches during busy period and young children there

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
So important.. no dogs with preservation of native species..

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4074**

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Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I know a number of professional dog walkers. You have completely misunderstood the problem. It is not the number of dogs which is causing the safety issue. It is the lack of capability of walkers to control any dogs - for a small number of dog walkers, and a lot of dog owners. Reducing the number of dogs walked or dogs off-leash will not solve or even improve the problem. In fact it is likely to make it impossible for dog walkers to operate, or drive it underground.

The problem needs to be addressed by qualifying dog walkers in the control of dogs. This is possible and is the way most dog walkers learn. This service has been offered by the Dog Walkers Association, who have a strong motive to do this well, and a sense of care for the dogs they walk. This could be formalised as a licence for larger dog walking companies, so that there is recourse if they have demonstrated instances of lack of control of dogs in their care.

I am not a dog walker but i have seen the benefit of dog walkers who do know how to control and socialise their dogs. Their work has a lasting impact on the wellfare of the dogs and the families who own them. I urge you not to destroy an industry which is doing good, simply for expediency or because you do not understand the need for capable dog control skills to be learned.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4084**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I do not believe changes to the existing by-laws are necessary or needed. The Council needs to focus on menacing and roaming dogs and unregistered dogs, not make life more difficult for responsible dog owners who also are rare payers and pay dog registration

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Unless the dogs are menacing or creating unrest by barking or roaming, I do not think it is Council business about how many dogs a person may have on their property

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Not sure what this means. The statement is unclear.

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Everything as it exists now and the current bylaws are clear and fit for purpose. I do not support more bylaws restricting dog access to places or requiring dogs to be on leashes. The Council needs to focus on menacing dogs, not penalise or restrict responsible dog owners.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Statement unclear. I don’t understand what this is asking.

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

No changes needed. It makes no sense to restrict dog access to mountains. Dogs on leash if there are livestock, otherwise leave things as they are.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

We are ratepayers and have properties in Auckland City and Leigh. In Leigh we strongly oppose having to have our dog on leash the whole way along the Coastal Trail. We support what is going on with the Penguins and support dogs being on leash in the vicinity they nest. We remind all dog walkers about this if we see dogs off leash. However, there is no need to make the whole Coastal Trail between Lax Crescent and Leigh leash only. We walk this trail a couple times a week with our dog - typically we might see a few people and maybe a couple dogs. There is no need to require dogs to be on leash for the whole

Coastal Trail and as a ratepayer on both Leigh and Auckland City I strongly oppose this. Auckland must be a city that is dog friendly. The Auckland Council should focus on menacing and roaming dogs, and not penalise responsible dog owners whose dogs are registered and which do not create any problems for other members of the public or wildlife.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season)**

**and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
This is a terrible idea. Pakiri is a beautiful beach to walk on and access to dogs should not be restricted.

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Leigh / Pakiri

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Apart from where there are already penguin nesting signs on the Leigh Coastal Walk, dogs should continue to be allowed off leash.

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

We have talked to many dog owners over the past few months. Everyone already agrees that the penguins are important and we all support dogs being on leash where they are. This is already signposted and all dog walkers we have spoken to comply with this. A

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

I want to current rule of dogs off leash everywhere except in the penguin breeding ground to stay the sand

**Location 2:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Pakiri Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

Change the current rule to allow dogs under control off a leash

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Entire location

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Entire locationI believe dog and human access for the whole of Pakiri beach should be allowed. It is currently restricted and this is unreasonable.**Entire location**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Pakiri Beach should have access the whole beach for humans, dogs and horses

**Location 3:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

**What local board area is this location in?**

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**As a ratepayer and person with a registered dog I oppose all restrictions of dogs in Regional Parks (apart from where there are wildlife reserves like Goat Island, Tawharanui etc). The Auckland Council should focus energy of unregistered or menacing or roaming dogs. Making life more difficult for responsible dog owners who pay registration and/or rates and have non menacing non roaming dogs, is unreasonable and unfair.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4092**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Forestry beach which is included in this is a great place to exercise dogs. Pakiri just south is closed to dogs and Forestry is the only available dig exercise place in this area. Perhaps it could be closed at the southern end, ie the Pakiri area extended

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4093**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I don't object to the proposed maximum numbers, on and off leash.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I do not support the proposed changes particularly of the beaches I selected. but for most of those listed. I dont agree that laws for these beaches match those of say the Botanical gardens, they should not be treated the same. Te Arai and Pakiri are vast

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other**

**areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I get that not everyone likes dogs. Not everyone likes horses, cats or balloons etc etc.
As a dog owner I don't like dog owners who let their dogs become a menace in public spaces.
New Zealand is a pet country, in Auckland ~135.5k dogs are registered pe

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

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**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Wenderholm

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

During season and time access to  the beach.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

Dogs on leash in the estuary, yes, due to wildlife, however allow dogs access to beach and sea.

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4111**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Too many dogs is not safe and potentially harmful to the environment.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Changes are required urgently.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Protection of this area is important.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

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**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Mathesons Bay

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

This is a very small area enjoyed by many people. There are now too many dogs taking over it. I have seen birds eg dotterals being chased by dogs and consequently they no longer inhabit the beach at all.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

As per my previous comment

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dog populations have increased hugely over the years and they seem to now own these precious places, which need protecting for the future.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4120**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Maximum eight dogs, with no more than four off-leash

**Tell us why**

I feel it is important that dog walkers can still take more than 6 dogs on a pack walk as it is very good for the dogs socialization. Most dog walkers have very good control and I have seen dog walkers with 10 dogs that all were incredibly well behaved and listening, not bothering anyone. Conversely, I have come across plenty of private dog owners with just 1 or 2 dogs, who have no control of their dogs at all, letting them rush at other dogs, at people or horses.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I have had no bad experiences with dogs classified as menacing dog breeds. I have done a lot of dog sitting and have found that the bullie breeds often have the sweetest natures. Yet I have come across a lot of miniature breeds showing aggression. I think there should be great encouragement in general to de-sex dogs, all breeds, as there are lots of unwanted puppies. But to me it makes no sense to only force some breeds to be neutered.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Same as above. I do not find for instance pit bulls more menacing than other breeds. I find it is ignorant or irresponsible dog owners who are the real problem.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Because it provides more clarification.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I think there should be some access to denominated farm paddocks and tracks.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4123**

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Local Board: Rodney

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

It is unclear what is being proposed

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

If dogs are on private property, this isnt council business.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Im not sure what is being proposed here

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

What is the issue being solved here

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I do not understand why it is an issue that dogs under control should not go up ancestral mountains.

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs should be allowed on pakiri beach on lead so that the local community can enjoy the beach with their companions.

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Foresty is a much loved destination for families with their dogs.  First you propose to take away Pakiri and now Forestry.  This is unkind to the local community, who would be happy to have their dogs on leads to enjoy this end of the beach.

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4124**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

I dont support in it's entirey. I heard the Radio NZ interview 7th Feb. I agree that the logical way forward is to have licensed dog walkers for more than 6 but if you are unlicensed then your proposal of 6 and 3 makes sense

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4128**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Only rare dogwalkers have all their dogs under control, most don't. I know of far too many horrific incidents with dogs getting lost, dog attacks etc.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Neutering is a tricky subject. Not all types of aggression are positively influenced by neutering - fear aggression in male dogs e.g. is not. The bigger issue is that the type of person who owns pitbulls, american staffies etc. will often not consent to neutering, and by making it compulsory you may inadvertently increase the number of unregistered dogs.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

should only be done by veterinarians with special training in behaviour medicine

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Unfair to categorize all owners just by where they live, and as per the last question, you will simply increase the number of unregistered dogs.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Clarifies the rules for areas that have plenty dog traffic at the moment

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-**

**leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No, apart from the fact that these new rules will push even more dog walkers into the non-council areas like e.g. Riverhead Forest, which already has a massive dog walker problem. Is there any way to incorporate those spaces into the new rules?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4140**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Dogs create a public nuisance and it should be less than 6 and 3

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

There needs to be far more enforcement of the laws

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

It is imperative to protect our flora and fauna

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Keep them out**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4143**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Te Arai proper already prohibits dogs. Allowing dogs at forrestary allows owns of dogs to enjoy the area with their dogs.. having one beach that allows this is much appreciated.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4145**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

This is ridiculous as a local we take our dogs for walks almost daily at forestry, along with many other locals. It's a beach where locals love taking there dogs for run and walks enjoying the coast line. Thousands of dog owners come here to exercise ther

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4175**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

The rules are already in place they just need to be properly enforced, new rules will not stop owners or people who don't respect the current regulations.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

The 'menacing' nomenclature can be too easily cast onto almost dog if the complainant is vindictive, I have personally witnessed dog haters use this to their advantage.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

The rules are already in place they just need to be properly enforced, new rules will not stop owners or people who don't respect the current regulations.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Transparency would be nice so that the anti-dog groups do not dominate all public access

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

Clarification of current rules and then proper enforcement would be most sensible use of council resources before creating more in enforced rules.

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

The rules are already in place they just need to be properly enforced, new rules will not stop owners or people who don't respect the current regulations.

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**The rules are already in place they just need to be properly enforced, new rules will not stop owners or people who don’t respect the current regulations.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4186**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Good idea in summer to limit dog accesss

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Most families with children and dogs want to spend time together. This restriction will severely impact the communities where dogs are well trained

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Would significantly restrict families with children and dogs

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**
**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**
**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**
**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Snells Beach

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

Other - please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Dog restriction rules to protect shore birds

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

The council proposed rule to restrict dogs in Snells Beach to protect shore birds will not achieve any purpose. It will significantly negatively impact families who have children and

dogs who want to spend time at the beach.. The issue with nesting birds and birds in general at Snells Beach is because of cats and not dogs. If the council wants to actually do something - they should put restrictions on cats and not dogs. Please talk to the locals before making these disruptive rules

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4199**

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I support this change because dogs will still be allowed a sufficient space for free exercise.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I support the proposed change as long as forestry beach remains a dog off-leash area for exercise.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

There are very few off-leash dog exercise areas in the Te Arai/Mangawhai with sufficient space for dogs to run and play. The quarry does not offer much space to make up for what would be lost in completely prohibiting dogs from forestry beach. As the Te A

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4204**

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I see many people with multiple dogs off leash in forest areas and tracks. This can be overwhelming for a single dog being walked who might feel surrounded or threatened. I really don't know how one person can control more than 6 dogs at once.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4208**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I respectfully disagree with the proposal to ban dogs from Forestry Beach. Forestry Beach has long been a place where residents and their dogs can enjoy companionship, emotional support, and social connections. Removing this right would significantly impa

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4246**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

this change will negatively affect professional dog walkers and the services provided to me.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4252**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Waitawa Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I don't know

**Mahurangi East**

I don't know

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Parkiri beach is a large enough beach for dogs to exercise off leash, unless wildlife is a concern I do not support

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4275**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Should be allowed on beach under control

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Should be allowed on Forestry beach under control

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4278**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Thank you for giving me and my family a place to play and enjoy our dog. This is particularly important to us in the summer months, where most of the beaches are closed to our dog.
Thanks.

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The is no other east coast beach in Auckland where I can spend the day at the beach with my family, and dog. If you have to change anything, just make the Forestry beach on leash at all times. I often go to forestry beach to swim, surf and walk the dog. I

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4292**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Banning off leash dogs at Forestry beach would be disastrous for many dog owners. The only other beach where dogs are allowed off leash is at the end of Mangawhai Heads beach. There have been several incidents over the past few years that have made this i

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**No**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4297**

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Local Board: Rodney

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

To many dogs per handler are causing big issues

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4305**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Dogs should continue to be allowed on Forestry beach. The entire of Te Arai beach has a dog bank which is plenty of room for the dotterels

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4307**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I think that as long as the dogs are on leash there doesn't need to be a limit. It's the off lead dogs that need to have better control.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Menacing dogs should of course be neutered to help ease aggression and roaming behaviors and help prevent more litters of Menacing dogs.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

This should be done by a qualified vet.

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Anything to help prevent roaming and aggressive dogs I support. But I also wish to mention that dogs need space to exercise so very clear off lead areas, and more enforcement against people with dogs off-lead in non-off-leash spaces (especially around playgrounds etc). Because people who disobey the rules ruin it for everyone else, especially those who also have dogs that may be in training/reactive/old/medical issues and need to keep their dogs on lead so go to designated on-lead areas but still have to deal with off leash dogs rushing them. There was a post recently in an Auckland mums group asking for advice on where to walk a dog where the on leash rules were actually enforced and the only two parks suggested were Cornwall Park (non-council) and Auckland Botanic Gardens. This is not enough. Maybe we could have some more specifically heavily enforced parks, especially out West where we have a lot of dog ownership and need at least one.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

As someone that's scooped up orphaned lambs on horseback and bringing them to the wool shed after dogs had gone through attacking and killing sheep overnight at Ambury Farm, and after working for years at Cornwall Park I've seen first hand the damage that dogs can do in a working farm. I also understand the difficulties of dogs separating lambs from mothers, dogs around other livestock and dogs around ground nesting birds. I would support a blanket ban on dogs for this particular park for these reasons.

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

But the wording is lengthy, and confusing especially around council specific dog days 2.a.

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

It doesn't explain why dogs are now being prohibited ie; to protect gannet colony etc.

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4310**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4311**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I think 6 dogs is still too many I'd like to see it at 4 on leash and 2 off leash I walk my one old dog at muriwai and woodhill Forrest and the pack walker's out there have got out of hand .. no control over these dogs and not regulated half of them are in experienced as well.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

This is unclear please clarify to make a better informed decision . Depends entirely on what you want to simplify which you haven't stated

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

My mother lives in mangere bridge and roaming menacing dogs are a huge problem there .. more penalties for useless dog owners please

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Your being vague... what clarifications ????

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Your will punish responsible dog owners like myself and my friends for the sake of those that ruin it for us , make harsher penalties for those who can’t control or contain their dogs .. don’t generalise just cause it’s easier for you do do

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Vague again .. what rules ?? Transparency plse

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

This whole feedback is ridiculous .. you have been extremely vague with the changes you want to make .. you need to be clear on exactly what changes you are referring to which you haven’t

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Again.. vague .. what examples ??

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

As above the transparency is ridiculous could this feedback form be anymore vague??? What a joke

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional Park,Wenderholm Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

So we can no longer walk our dogs around Kiwi esplanade on leash? That ridiculous .. I am happy to retain the on leash option .

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

On leash at all times instead of prohibiting dogs

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Yes I support this

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I don’t support dogs not being able to be on this beach.. make it on leash only

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
I support this

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during**

**lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Keep it the way it was .. on leash only

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Again a blanket ban for those of us who take our responsibility of owning a dog seriously ..

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Bethells beach? Piha?

**What local board area is this location in?**

Waitākere Ranges

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To reduce owner-related problems (e.g. owner ignoring rules, dogs not under control, dog faeces not picked up, etc). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

These beaches are just as popular as muriwai so why not?

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Please do not punish responsible dog owners because it’s the easiest option for council**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4314**

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**1. Walking multiple dogs**

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

This would unfairly impact professional dog walkers who provide a service for responsible dog owners who are ensuring that the exercise needs of their pets is met even if they are unable to walk the dogs themselves. Reducing the number they can take will put the price out of reach for many families. Members of the Professional dog walkers association inc. have sufficient training and professionalism to have the rules remain as status quo for them. An exemption could easily be added to the rule change.

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Pragmatism is necessary for any changes to be effective. It is unlikely that the change in the rules will deliver the outcomes sought but may create unintended consequences and additional cost for rule abiding dog owners. The rules are aimed at those already likely to be non-compliant in terms of registering all dogs at the premises which provides an avenue for enforcement. Over regulation in all areas is likely to create more not less non-compliance.

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Any changes which simplify the information and create a consistent and pragmatic approach to managing dog rules including access are supported. The inconsistencies that arise across local board boundaries are a council created issue as most residents are unaware of where the boundaries are and are totally confused by the existing proliferation of signage. We should have clear and transparent default rules, simple signage with old legacy signs removed and Local Boards should have discretion over off leash exercise

areas. Where the default rules do not apply signage and promotion needs to be clear to the users who may or may not live in the local board area concerned. Responsible dog owners travel to different places to exercise their dogs and should not be penalised by the actions of those who do not follow the rules. Those people will carry on regardless of any changes unless there is sufficient enforcement. I would urge caution in creating community expectations that rule breakers will be punished via enforcement as I believe it is unrealistic given budget constraints and the limitations of the current animal control department.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4322**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

Any more dogs than this and they cannot be effectively controlled. Would propose even less off-leash of two only.

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Clarifies prohibitions.

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Clarifies that dogs are also not allowed in the areas surrounding the park such as Jones Bay.

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4336**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current rules (no limit on the number of dogs and all dogs must be under control at all times)

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

All places

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4350**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Who is doing the classifying? It is often poor training from the owner rather than the dog or breed.

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

Update them to what?

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

Its not clear what you are updating exactly, from what to what?

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

No change to current Policy (dog access) rules

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I don't know

**Mahurangi East**

I don't know

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4356**

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

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4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

- The Forestry Beach is highly valued by local dog owners as an off leash exercise area for their pets. The local dog walking community is a significant regular user of the beach.
- The use of the beach for dog exercise is achieved in harmony with other

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dogs form an important and valued component of many families and bring a range of positive benefits. I would encourage their access to Regional Parks where ever practical.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4361**

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**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

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**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

You cannot ask for feedback on something that gives you no information.

There is no specifics about what the changes involve and how it might impact or restrict dog walkers.

It would be nice if Auckland took inspiration from the rest of the cities in the world who understand the importance of dogs in the community and have almost full accessibility for dogs under control. There is no need to limit access to the general population because a few people don't look after their pets well.

The form stopped working halfway through so I was unable to answer them all.

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Ambury Regional Park,Auckland Botanic Gardens,Hunua Ranges Regional Park,Long Bay Regional Park,Mahurangi Regional Park,Muriwai Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Shakespear Regional Park,Tāpapakanga Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park,Te Ārai Regional**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Limiting access for controlled dog spaces is an issue when you have identified  growing population of dog owners in Auckland.

You also stated the loving, social connection and companionship dogs provide so policy should reflect this, not the opposite.

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I do not support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**
I do not support the proposed change
**Mahurangi Scott Point**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Limiting access for controlled dog spaces is an issue when you have identified growing population of dog owners in Auckland.
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**Muriwai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
Limiting access for controlled dog spaces is an issue when you have identified growing population of dog owners in Auckland.
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**Shakespear Regional Park**
**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
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I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I don’t know
**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**
**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Limiting access for controlled dog spaces is an issue when you have identified  growing population of dog owners in Auckland.

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**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4365**

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

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**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**2. General policy and bylaw matters**

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

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**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

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**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
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**Tell us why**

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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**

- The Forestry Beach is highly valued by local dog owners as an off leash exercise area for their pets. The local dog walking community is a significant regular user of the beach.
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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

Atiu Creek

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Happy to be restricted to race/tracks if necessary and to be excluded during lambing season.

Oppose continuation of blanket ban of dogs from all areas at all times.

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

This is a remote park, and often we have been the only people to be walking the tracks on a weekday. We would love to be able to bring our well behaved dog on a lead to enjoy this fabulous asset more often. As rural landowners ourselves, we are perfectly aware of how a working farm operates and would be more than happy to leave our dog at home during lambing season, or be restricted to certain areas of the park. As this is a working farm, there are always staff around, who could easily police dog access and enforce the 'on lead' requirements. I would walk there more often if I could take my dog. Horses are allowed (and can stay overnight), so why not dogs? (Many horse riders are also dog owners).

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**A concern relating to the proposal to ban dogs on Forestry Beach, south, is that to my knowledge, this beach is not even included within the parameters of Te Arai regional park, so why is it necessary to restrict dogs from a wonderful beach OUTSIDE the park boundary?**

**If this beach is now part of the regional park, why was I - and many others - not aware of this change?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4380**

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**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

I believe all dogs in public areas should be on a leash at all times

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

Education of dog owners is important to help compliance.

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

Support

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

I would like to see maybe volunteer groups to help patrol public areas to ensure dog owners are aware of the rules

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Mahurangi Regional Park,Pākiri Regional Park,Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi East**

I support the proposed change

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Dogs in public places should be on a leash at all times

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

Beach's with children present should be clear of all dogs

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

See previous

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-**

**leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dog access to any public area  If permitted should only ever be when on a leash**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4386**

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## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The proposed change of a blanket dog ban extension to forestry - pakiri beach appears to be completely over the top. There is already 12 km of beach north of Te Arai point which is out of bounds for dogs due to a very limited number of Fairy tern. To th

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Are there any dog access rules at other Regional Parks and associated beaches in Auckland that you think council should change?**

**Your feedback on this section will inform any future review of dog access rules. A future review has not been scheduled at this time and no changes will be made on any location you identify in this section as part of this proposal.**

**Only provide feedback on one location at a time.**

**Space is provided for three locations. If you would like to provide feedback on more than three locations, please copy the following pages or include your comments in the other feedback section.**

**Location 1:**

**What is the full name of the location where you want to change the dog access rules?**

The Barrier

**What local board area is this location in?**

Rodney

**In general, how would you like dog access at this location to change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you want the change to apply to the entire location or a section of it?**

To respond to opportunities for greater dog access without impacting other users (e.g. an area to take a dog under control off a leash). Please specify:Te Arai beach north

**What is the main reason you want to change the current dog access rule?**

Use of Te Arai beach north of headland outside of nesting times -which are currently October to Feb (all access march-sept)

**Please explain your issue in more detail:**

**Please explain why you want to change the dog access rule at this location, and provide any additional information or evidence**

no birds nest during autumn/winter why not allow dog walking access during these months?

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Dog owners need to be able to responsibly exercise their dos throughout the year, rules around birds need to be reviewed to align with nesting times and weighing up needs of residents/rate payers vs nesting birds.  Find some solutions which can protect birds and support dog owners to use a facility they pay rates for. Suggest restricted areas during nesting season and not extending to Forestry beach.**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4397**

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Local Board: Rodney

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
We have been visiting this area for many years with our dog which we believe have little environmental impact on the beach and we have never witnessed any threat to wildlife or even seen a dotterel.

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4408**

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## 1. Walking multiple dogs

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**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

Do not support

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

Other (please explain below)

**Tell us why**

Listening to what the industry experts are saying. Licencing professionals to help hold them accountable when there is an issue that arises (which doesn't if you look at the data) but will still keep those responsible business operating as normal

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

Talking with the industry experts that do this day to day, they should be influencing policy, not just locals. Let those that understand have a say, not just anyone that's around

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

What is classified as menacing? Is it something that can be changed with behavioural training from a professional? Have the professionals been talked with regarding this?

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

Support

**Tell us why**

So long as these are not random council workers, so long as they are people who have worked with and trained dogs of a similar nature and truely understand what their actions will be doing

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Why should you need a licence to own a dog? That's extremely restrictive. A better idea would be to enforce property checks and potentially along the same lines as a home loan with financial checks to make sure the individual can support the animal they have chosen. And to let professionals guide individuals as to what breed would suit them best instead of having a border collie in an apartment complex

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**
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**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**
**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**
**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**
**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
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**Tell us why**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I do not support the proposed change

**Tell us why**

I think the Muriwai loop track is an excellent place for dogs to be walked off leash so long as they are under control. There needs to be more strict ruling on what under control is. There also needs to be more control over vehicles on the beaches, there

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

I don’t know

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Waitawa Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**

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**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

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# Proposed updates to the council's dog policy and bylaw and regional park dog access rules

**#4415**

Note: this version of the feedback form has been created for the purpose of publishing submissions. As such, name, contact and demographic information has been removed and handwritten submissions have been transcribed.

## Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

## Your feedback (all questions are optional)

The public feedback form was separated into four sections:

1. Walking multiple dogs
2. General policy and bylaw matters (for example clarifying existing rules and reformatting to make the documents more user-friendly)
3. Changes to dog access rules at Regional Parks
4. Changes to dog access rules at local parks and beaches.

**This submission only contains submission content for sections 1-3 (regional elements).**

## 1. Walking multiple dogs

**We are proposing to set a limit on the number of dogs that a person may walk in a council-controlled public place at one time. The proposed number of dogs a person has in their possession in a council-controlled public place must not exceed the following limits:**

**Maximum number of dogs (both on-leash or off-leash): 6**

**Maximum number of on-leash dogs: 6**

**Maximum number of off-leash dogs: 3**

**1A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**1B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

## 2. General policy and bylaw matters

**To improve our approach to dog management and the bylaw rules, we are proposing to reorganise, simplify and clarify the policy and bylaw content.**

**What do you think of the following proposed changes?**

**Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be to neuter:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify what areas in Auckland require a licence to keep multiple dogs on a property:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify how dog access rules are set:**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules (for example, rules at council carparks and camping grounds, for working dogs, dogs in vehicles and private ways):**

**Tell us why**

**Clarify or correct errors in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules:**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated information in Policy Schedule 2: Dog access rules (for example, outdated landmarks):**

**Tell us why**

**Update dog access rules for Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains):**

**Tell us why**

**Remove outdated or duplicate bylaw content:**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have comments on any of the above proposed changes?**

**Do you have any further comments on the proposed policy and bylaw changes?**

**3. Dog access rules at Regional Parks**

**Submitters were able to select from the following list to provide feedback on any of the 14 Regional Parks we are proposing to amend or clarify the dog access rules:**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**

**Ambury Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

**We are proposing to change the off-leash rule at the Auckland Botanic Gardens and to prohibit dogs from all waterways and busy community areas.**

**A. What do you think of this proposed change?**

**B. If you do not support the proposed change, would you support one of the alternative options presented to decision-makers in December 2024?**

**Tell us why**

**Hunua Ranges Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs from tracks and roads that connect to the Kohukohunui track, the Kokako Management Area and Piggott's Habitat and from single-use mountain bike tracks (currently on-leash).**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Long Bay Regional Park**

**We are proposing to amend the summer daytime rule for the beach south of Vaughan Stream from on-leash to prohibited and clarify rules in other areas, including access to beach from southernmost carpark and prohibited tracks and bays.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Mahurangi Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Culdip Point Loop Track (currently on-leash), allow dogs on-leash at all times at Scott Point (currently on-leash time and season) and clarify rules in other areas (including dogs prohibited at Mahurangi Regional Park (East) and heritage grounds at Scott Point.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
**Mahurangi Regional Park (West)**

**Mahurangi East**

**Mahurangi Scott Point**

**Tell us why**

**Muriwai Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Pākiri Regional Park**

**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on the associated beach (currently off-leash).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Shakespear Regional Park**

**We are proposing to apply an on-leash time and season rule to the open grass areas between Army Bay and Okoramai Bay (currently off-leash) and clarify rules in other areas (such as boundary of Army Bay and Okoramai Bay beaches, on-leash tracks and prohibited areas).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāpapakanga Regional Park**

**We are proposing to provide off-leash access on the beach and on-leash access on areas between the beach and car park at any time (currently prohibited during lambing season) and clarify rules in other areas (such as prohibited at camping areas and bach, and during lambing).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Tāwharanui Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Te Ārai Regional Park**
**We are proposing to prohibit dogs on Forestry Beach (Te Ārai Beach South to Pākiri Beach) and associated coastal tracks and to clarify access to off-leash area at the disused quarry.**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**
I do not support the proposed change
**Tell us why**
The document provided by the Auckland Council on “Proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw” quotes a statement of proposal to improve Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management Bylaw 2019.
The first paragraph of the document states this is about “Keeping

**Waitawa Regional Park**
**We are proposing to change the eastern part of Mataitai Beach from off-leash to on-leash (western part of beach to remain off-leash), change Waitawa Beach from off-leash to on-leash, prohibit dogs on single use mountain bike tracks and clarify other areas where dogs are prohibited (such as farm paddocks during lambing season, campground and bach).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Wenderholm Regional Park**

**We are proposing to clarify the current rules (no change to dog access).**
**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Whakanewha Regional Park**
**We are proposing to provide on-leash access on tracks from Omiha (Rocky Bay) to the on-leash area of the Park.**

**What do you think of this proposed change?**

**Tell us why**

**Do you have any further comments about dog access rules at Regional Parks?**

**Please consider the fine balance between values, community and environment so that dog access to Forestry remains as it is uniquely suitable for this activity.**

This proposal goes entirely against the council's own stated intention and purpose of updating the policy and bylaw to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places. This proposed ban means that forestry beach, associated coastal tracks, all of Pakere and Te Arai beaches will be prohibited to dogs. If this current proposal proceeds, then nearly 20 continuous kilometres of beach coastline will be completely banned to dogs and their owners' right to enjoy them and would disproportionately impact the local community, stripping us of one of the last accessible areas for responsible dog recreation. This same 20 kilometre stretch of coastline until recently has always been available for dogs off leash. A complete prohibition is by no means a balanced approach and is such a radical move. The only dog access in this proposal along the entire coastline will be the disused quarry at Ays Point by the Te Arai Point car park. Ays Point Quarry, as you can see, is only 25 metres wide. It would not accommodate even several dogs at the same time, and is a shell and pebble beach difficult for dogs to walk on and humans. This is a totally inappropriate and unacceptable proposal for exercising dogs, especially given the huge catchment area of dogs in this region. This small area is occupied, especially in summer, by families with young children, picnicking, playing, and swimming. It is part of the formed picnic area with concrete tables. Ay's quarry at 25 metres wide, as you can see, it's a totally inadequate solution, as it has no flat sandy exercising area suitable for the owners and their dogs, comprising basically pebbles and shelves. However, by comparison, as these photos clearly show, nearby forestry Beach with its expansive foreshore area has proven to be an ideal place for exercising dogs. There is approximately 5 kilometres of beach between the car park at Forestry entrance and the Putawa estuary at the southern end of Forestry Beach. There is almost no evidence of wildlife along the stretch of coastline other than a few sea birds. The dogs and the sea birds have both shared this beach for all these years without evidence of a problem in the past. The claim that dogs pose a significant risk to wildlife and dune stability has been refuted by various rangers who are whom I have spoken to regarding this issue. They have stated that there has never been any problem reported or witnessed on Forestry Beach regarding wildlife or dune erosion caused by exercising dogs. Moreover, they state that The only evidence of dotterels are at the Potawa stream area. Everyone understands the importance of protecting the dot org and the returns that do exist in small quantities along this precious coastline. There is a massive sand dune sanctuary at the north end of Te Arai Beach that extends inland to the Mangawhai estuary 4 to 5 kilometres, an ideal habitat for dotterels and their breeding. There has been more recently active protection of breeding at the Te Arai stream entrance. The entire area you see here within the red dotted lines is all prohibited to dogs. Therefore, providing a massive area for protection of wildlife, including dottles and fairy turn along this coastline. It is therefore unnecessary to include forestry beach in this proposal to ban dogs. The regional part along Forestry Beach consists primarily of a 200 metre marginal strip of land between the beach and the golf courses. You can clearly see the impact of vegetation removal and the development of the two golf courses that has resulted in a narrow strip of land that does not provide a suitable or significant habitat for wildlife. Because there is no habitat for wildlife, Forestry Beach is the most ideal place for walking and exercising dogs. This removal of hundreds of hundreds of acres of trees, vegetation, and the construction of infrastructure in the 3 golf courses directly behind the dunes along the same coastline has had a massive impact on the loss of natural habitat for wildlife and significantly increased the dune exposure to coastal erosion. These golf courses also expose the sensitive environment to noise, light pollution, and most significantly, chemical spraying being so close to the beach, not to mention the helicopters that fly regularly to the golf courses. If environmental protection is truly the reason and the priority for prohibiting dogs from forestry beach, then efforts should be focused on regulating large scale developments rather

than punishing a small minority of responsible dog owners. As these following slides show, Forestry Beach provides an essential place for physical activity. How horror, mental and spiritual well-being, and crucially community interaction. Dog walkers on Forestry Beach use the opportunity to pick up rubbish along the beach and have often been involved in beach cleanup following weather events. This photo epitomises what Forestry Beach means to. our local community. Here we are at the Anzac dawns, having a dawn service on Anzac Day, as you can see, a gathering place of like minds for our spiritual and mental well-being alongside our very precious dog friends. So. In order to provide a sensible balanced solution rather than a total ban of dogs at Forestry Beach, I recommend the following. Dogs are required to be on leash between the car park and the high water mark of the beach at Forestry. This ensures that dogs are under control and monitored by their owners at the regional park entrance to the beach. It is a simple policy that is easy to convey. Then the dogs should be allowed off-leash along the foreshore between high and low tides where their impact is negligible. The sand dunes along this length beach provide a natural barrier between the beach and the marginal strip of the regional park. Further on leash controls could be considered further south of the beach car park close to Potawa Stream if it is evident that dottle breeding is in progress. This sensitive environment could be managed or should be managed through appropriate signage and restriction of dogs close to this area. I urge the council to reconsider this proposed ban and instead work alongside the local community to find a fair and equitable balance between the values of keeping dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places. We need a balance between the community and the environment.