

LSCR Dog Walking Guide

Dog walking is both a popular activity and one of the most challenging management issues in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve (LSCR).

Follow our dog walking guidelines to help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all trail users, protect sensitive habitat, and give local wildlife the respect they deserve.

Doing so will help to keep the LSCR a safe and “dog-friendly” environment.

Why are dogs only allowed in certain areas?

The LSCR is land held in reserve for future water storage and manages dog access with this in mind. The LSCR has three dog walking trail designations which were developed through public consultation:



Dogs are permitted off-leash as long as they are “under control”



Dogs are permitted but **must** be on leash.



Dogs are **not permitted** regardless of behaviour or training.

Please note: All parking lots, crosswalks and the main picnic area are **On-Leash** zones. Refer to the map inside this brochure for specific trail designations.

What is “Under Control”?

Your dog is under control when it:

- Comes when called
- Stays on marked trails
- Stays within 10 metres of you at all times
- Does not harass, chase, or attack other trail users, dogs or wildlife

A Shared Space

LSCR trails are enjoyed by a wide variety of people in many different ways. Be courteous to others by making space on the trails, and remember that a dog-friendly trail doesn’t mean a dog-only trail.



Dogs must be leashed in the LSCR, except in designated leash-optional areas.



NO COMMERCIAL DOG WALKING is permitted on any LSCR trails.

Report commercial dog walkers to the LSCR email below. For serious incidents, call the Non-Emergency line and report to the LSCR.

Dogs and Wildlife

Given their domestication, it’s easy to forget that dogs are predators, and can cause a decrease in native species diversity simply by being present on a trail. Dogs can also aggravate other predators. Bears, cougars, coyotes and even raccoons can all act aggressively towards dogs.

Always keep dogs on the trail when walking in the LSCR. This will reduce impacts to the forest understory and minimize conflicts with native wildlife.

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LOWER SEYMOUR CONSERVATION RESERVE DOG TRAIL DESIGNATIONS



What are your responsibilities?

When walking a dog in the LSCR, it is your responsibility to:

- Carry a leash for each dog you are accompanying
- Walk no more than three dogs at a time
- Immediately leash your dog when approaching a roadway, horse or other on-leash dog
- Pick up and dispose of your dog's droppings in a dog waste receptacle



- Adhere to the three dog walking trail designations
- Keep your dog under control at all times

Not all poop is equal

Did you know...

Dog waste contains higher levels of nutrients than wildlife waste. These nutrients can cause algal blooms in water bodies which kill wildlife, contaminate water sources, and even impact human health.

Help keep our waters clean by properly cleaning up after your dog.

Check our Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve brochure for a map of all our trails and their difficulty ratings.