

From: Brad <wi4bj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 3:16 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Comment: Potential conversion of Quarry Cove Park from "dog free" to "dog friendly."

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I have lived in Quarry Cove since the beginning and I am quite familiar with the behavioral patterns of residents--especially those with dogs.

I am AGAINST converting Quarry Cove Park from "dog free" to "dog friendly."
There are only two central reasons why dog owners take their dogs to parks: (1) to give dogs exercise and (2) to provide a place for dogs to poop. Quarry Cove Park is too small to enable dogs to get adequate exercise. So, if owners want to exercise their dogs, they should go to Manchester Park only 3 blocks away which provides a lot more space. If Quarry Cove Park is allowed to be dog friendly, it will simply become a convenient place where owners encourage their dogs to poop--without necessarily picking up the poop. Right now, Quarry Cove Park is a very small, but nice local park for residents. It could easily become a "poop park" if converted to dog friendly. I suspect that the people who are pushing for the "dog friendly" option are poop supporters, when you get right down to it.

From: Molly S <mollyanne621@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 5:15 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Quarry Cove Park

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Hello,
As a resident of the neighborhood, We are in favor of changing Quarry Cove Park to a dog friendly park.
Thank You!
Molly Steindl

From: Nicholas Ritter <ritter6281@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 7:02 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: RE: Dog Status Request - Quarry Cove Park

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I am a resident in the area of Quarry Cove Park, and we use the park often. I love dogs, but do not own a dog. Although I want to encourage an inclusive community, I ask that we keep the park a dog free park. There are several reasons for this:

- 1) My kids are terrified of dogs, partly because they have had negative experiences with dogs.
- 2) Two of my four kids have allergies to dogs.
- 3) Although I don't mean this comment to reflect on all dog owners, there are several dog owners who do not respect the rules of a dog friendly park and leave both dog waste laying about, and recklessly unleash dogs at parks.

My thanks to the BPC for allowing me to provide input, and for reviewing the status and operation of our parks so that we can all enjoy them. Our parks are wonderful places to be thanks to your efforts.

Nicholas Ritter
5 Prescott Cir, Madison, WI 53719

From: Patrick Joyce <pjoyce2729@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 7:12 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: BPC Dog Status Request

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Please keep the "Dog Free" status for the Quarry Cove Park.

Reasons to keep Dog Free:

1. Very Small Park which includes a playground, not a lot of extra space for dogs.
2. Young children use the playground, sometimes without supervision. Kids being kids they might approach dogs not knowing if the dogs are kid friendly.
3. There is a percentage of dog owners that don't pick up after their dogs poop. With kids running around in their lackadaisical motions, there will be some upset parents.

Please keep the "Dog Free" status for the Quarry Cove Park.

Patrick and Mary Joyce
14 Prescott Cir, Madison, Wi 53719

Please respond that you received this message.

From: Kenn G Lee <kennglee@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 7:41 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: DOG STATUS REQUEST - Quarry Cover Park

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Regarding the changing of this park status, I would prefer that the status remain the same - "dog free". The pet owners with dogs will not keep their pets on leash, they will just let them roam free.

The parents in my neighborhood do not want unknown pets near their children while they are playing. Please keep the status as it is - "dog free".

Thank you.

Kenneth Lee
3322 Bradbury Road
Madison, WI 53719

From: Ian Andrews <ianandrews5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 7:50 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Wife =] <tiffany.andrews14@gmail.com>
Subject: Quarry Cove Park - Email of Support for change to "Dog Friendly"

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Good evening,

Thank you for the postcard regarding the City of Madison BPC considering changing the status of Quarry Cove Park from "dog free" to "dog friendly." We support this change.

As residents that live about 700 ft from the park, this change would be welcomed with open arms. Many of the other parks in the Manchester Park area are dog friendly and as far as we've know the past five years living here - they've been issue free. Creating a consistency across all the parks in the area to welcome dogs would alleviate any confusion of where dogs can be or not. We hope to see this pass.

Thank you,

Ian Andrews
Tiffany Andrews
3318 Maricopa Way
Madison, WI 53719

From: William Maybury <mayburywilliam@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 7:54 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Wehelie, Nasra H <district7@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Quarry Cove Park

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Good Evening,

I'm writing to express my support for allowing dogs at Quarry Cove Park. We don't own a dog, and our kids love meeting them while we're out for a walk or visiting the local park. As long as dog owners pick up after their pets, there are few downsides.

Thank you,

Bill Maybury

6210 Sandstone Dr

From: Tiffany Theisen <tiffnon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:32 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Quarry Cove Park

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Hello,

I don't have a dog but I think it makes sense to allow leashed dogs in parks, including Quarry Cove Park.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Theisen

From: Nick Ferry <nickjames75@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 9:12 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Dog Status Request Quarry Cove Park

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Hello,

My name is Nicholas Ferry. I am an original resident of Quarry Cove, living at 6013 Sandstone Drive just a block from the park. I support the proposed change of Quarry Cove Park from "dog free" to "dog friendly". The park is the only connection from the neighborhood into the Fitchburg streets abutting the park. People should feel welcome to walk their leashed dog into and out of the neighborhood. Most dog owners consider their pet a member of the family. Every member of these families should feel welcome into or through this park.

Thank you for considering this change.

I do hope it passes.

Nicholas Ferry
6013 Sandstone Dr.

From: Joshua Tice <ticejoshua99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:39 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Quarry Cove Park

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To whom it may concern,

I have lived a few houses down from the Quarry Cove Park for the last 4 years. In that time I saw the park add signs making it "dog free". I do not understand the logic behind this. I own a dog and we go for very frequent walks past the park. Anytime we run into a neighbor or excited kids that want to pet my dog, we end up basically in the park.

I could see if people that lived directly next to the park complaining about dogs to leave it dog free. But the 2 houses that touch the park and the one across the street all have dogs and I have never heard of any issues while talking with those neighbors.

There is a trash can for dog waste right next to the park to promote picking up after your dog. My only suggestion would be to add a bag station like they have at all the dog parks so if people forget one on a walk they can still clean up after themselves.

This neighborhood is full of dog owners and dog lovers. Every neighbor I talk to seems to wish the park was more dog friendly. On top of that, every new family that buys a house seems to bring a new pooch with them. Making this park a dog friendly park versus a dog free park will go a long way in making new people feel welcome to enjoy the lovely park we have.

Thank you for the chance to respond,

Joshua Tice

From: Sebastian Janowski <smjanows@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 5:57 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Dog Status Request, Quarry Cove Park

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To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to changing the status of Quarry Cove Park from "dog free" to "dog friendly." This park is very small, and would not even be able to accommodate the rule of dogs staying 25 feet away from the playground. While it may appear larger on a map, all but the area near the playground is forrest and inaccessible.

Not all people are comfortable around dogs, and this park is for children to play at. There are plenty of "dog friendly" parks already around, and there are specific off leash dog parks as well. As someone who had two large dogs in the past, I frequented both Badger Prairie and Prairie Moraine with my dogs, and left them at home when going to playgrounds for kids.

Again, I am opposed to this status change proposal as parks with playgrounds should remain "dog free" when there are plenty of other spaces available. Less than 0.3 miles from Quarry Cove is Manchester park. This has plenty of green space and is already a "dog friendly park."

Additionally, most people are unaware that at "dog friendly" parks, the dogs are still not allowed near playgrounds. I have informed quite a few people of this as my young children were afraid to enter the playground because a dog was on it. I have even seen a case where a dog was on a slide. This is unacceptable and needs to be clearly posted.

Thanks,
Sebastian

Sebastian Janowski
2 Bradbury Ct.
Madison, WI 53719

From: Carl Ross <carl3ross@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 8:07 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Wehelie, Nasra H <district7@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Quarry Cove park

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Park Commission,

Per a recent mailing, I understand that you are considering allowing dogs in Quarry Cove.

I am writing to express my strong support for this change.

Leashed dogs should be allowed in all Madison parks, including Quarry Cove and Sandstone. These parks are for the enjoyment of all residents, and many of us enjoy nature and exercise through walking our dogs. I don't see any justification for excluding law abiding residents from our parks. Furthermore, I find it inappropriate for an appointed, not elected, board such as yourselves to wield the power to impose a law according to their whims.

Please remove the restrictions on dogs in Quarry Cove, and consider doing the same for Sandstone.

Carl Ross

6238 Adobe Way
Madison

From: Jessie Exum <jexum66@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 3:45 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Quarry Cove Park

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To whom it may concern, I am not a dog owner, but I know a lot of families with dogs and children live in the Quarry Cove neighborhood. It makes sense to me for these families to be able to enjoy the park with their pets. As long as pet owners clean up after their pets, I think this would be a good change.

Also thanks for the addition of the bench and picnic table at this park.

Thanks,
Jessie Exum
3446 Dorchester

From: Debbie Ross <activemom4life@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 6:50 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Quarry Cove Park dog policy

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Hello,

I live in Sandstone subdivision and received your postcard about changing Quarry Cove Park to a "dog friendly" park.

Yes! I definitely want this park to be a "dog friendly" park.

Thank you,

Debbie Ross
6238 Adobe Way

From: Greg Jewison <greg.jewison@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 12:54 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Wehelie, Nasra H <district7@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: comments on dog-status of Quarry Cove Park

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To: Board of Park Commissioners

I live adjacent to Quarry Cove Park, which is located at 3333 Bradbury Road in Madison. I recently received a notice in the mail that the Board of Park Commissioners will soon consider changing this park from a "dog free" to a "dog friendly" status. While I am fond of dogs and think it is good to provide park space for them, I don't think Quarry Cove Park would function well as a dog friendly park.

Quarry Cove Park is basically divided into four sections, none of which would function well as dog locations:

- **Playground Area** -- The east end of the park has a playground area, with a play structure for small children. The Madison Parks website indicates that dogs aren't allowed within 20 feet of play structures. The lawn surrounding the play structure at Quarry Cove Park is so small that effectively there is no space for dogs here.
- **Bike Path** -- Also at the east end of the park is a short bike path connecting Bradbury Road to Fitchrona Road, and providing easy neighborhood access to the Military Ridge Trail. If this path were on level ground, it could function well as a dog area. But it is on a steep hill. Bicyclists have to negotiate two blind curves while frequently braking to control their speed. It would be easy for dogs to dart out from hidden locations and cause bicyclists to lose control of their bikes.
- **Wooded Area** -- The majority of the park acreage is a thickly wooded area with heavy undergrowth and a steep slope. I suppose these woods could be redeveloped with a walking path that provides safe footing and prevents erosion. But in its current state, no one enters the woods.
- **Detention Pond / Sledding Area** -- The west end of the park has a detention pond, located off of Payson Court. Because of its slope, in recent years this has become popular as a sledding location -- more and more children use it every year. Because of the nature of sledding activities, children are constantly rolling in the snow, throwing snow, and even eating the snow. It is therefore highly inappropriate as an area for dogs to be conducting toilet activities. In the warm-weather months, the area is often muddy in the center, and contains a lot of wild parsnip (which can cause severe burns for people and dogs). The area also has a lot of snakes, and I've been told that they are a protected species (though I haven't verified that).

For these reasons, I think Quarry Cove Park would be a poor choice for being a dog friendly park. Fortunately Manchester Park is just a few blocks away. It is much more spacious, and doesn't have a hazardous slope. Other than the soccer fields at the northwest corner, it seems like a good location for dogs. Dane County's Badger Prairie Dog Park is also nearby, and so there are good options available for dog owners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gregory Jewison
3357 Bradbury Road

Madison, WI 53719

From: Janette Clark <janettebclark@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2022 8:20 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Quarry Cove Park

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BPC --

Personally, I'd love for Quarry Cove Park to change to "dog friendly." We have a licensed dog that we take on walks around the neighborhood, but with only Manchester being dog friendly (neither Sandstone or Quarry Cove) it makes it tricky. Especially since we can't as easily walk around Manchester in the spring/summer evenings because of all the foot/car traffic from the frisbee games. Our child plays a lot at Quarry Cove, but when we go on walks the adults have to awkwardly stand on the path that meets with Fitchrona Rd so our dog isn't technically on the grass at the park. ...Just makes for unnecessary congestion along that path, but also a more peaceful path to walk our dog in the evenings without having to worry about all the cars around Manchester.

Thanks!
Janette Clark (Bradbury Rd)

From: Will Sierzchula <willsierzchula@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 11:39 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Comment on dog status request

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Hello,

I live at 3461 Dorchester Way in Madison, and wanted to support changing Quarry Cove Part from dog-free to dog-friendly.

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Kind Regards,
Will

From: Madison Parks <parks@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 12:57 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: FW: Quarry Cove Park

From: cardscarl@yahoo.com <cardscarl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Madison Parks <parks@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Quarry Cove Park

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Hello Park Officials and Representatives,

For changing the status of Quarry Cove Park 3333 Bradbury Rd to a "dog friendly" park my opinion is Definitely No.

Being a return resident to Madison now residing at 1 Bradbury Ct adjacent to Quarry Cove Park. For those who may not know it's a park of 7.72 acres. Mostly wooded on a hillside hosting a nature preserve including cranes, turkeys and deer. The woods are divided by Fitchburg's trail. Correct me if I'm wrong it looks like about one quarter of an acre (the only level part as well) in where the wonderful park equipment and a recycled tire base is located. Leaving a rather small area left where grass is. There's a huge level dog friendly park down the road with acres of level land to play on.

Please bear with my lengthy response and I'm hoping this comes across clear. Our grandchildren play at the park and our 3 dogs stay in their fenced in yard.

When we first moved in we didn't know this was a No Dog park until one day we noticed the small sign. We soon learned a neighbor with small children had been bitten in the face at the age of 4. This parent has a great fear of dogs, fortunately they are not teaching this to their children. Also learned of many children afraid of dogs too.

We watched people tie their dogs to park equipment and continually bark while the children played. We've dealt with many dogs unleashed charging our fenced in dogs. Plus stepping inside the neighbor's who have an invisible fence (buried) for their dogs.

The last two summers brought great change after new larger signs were posted that state No Dogs.

Thank you taking the time to read this. If possible please send a reply simply stating this was received.

Sincerely from a happy Madison resident,

Carl Wright
cardscarl@yahoo.com

1 Bradbury Ct
608-334-9353
