





Snohomish County off-leash parks

Rating System:

-  *It exists (a good thing).*
-  *Offers more than the bare bones.*
-  *Worth a drive. Strong community flavor or quality nature experience.*
-  *A great park but lacks basic amenities.*
-  *A great park, with full amenities.*

Gold Bar off-leash area

A small field along Highway 2, created to accommodate one local resident who otherwise couldn't legally play with his dog. A good stopping point en route to Stevens Pass. No poop bags, no restrooms, no water. Garbage can provided. Wheelchair accessible. On the south side of Highway 2, at Sixth Street.

Snohomish off-leash area

A natural path around a former wastewater-treatment pond, which is dry in late summer and a real pond in winter. The path doubles as a service road on three sides of the pond, and narrows to an unkempt trail on the fourth. No restrooms, no water. Poop bags and garbage cans provided. Not wheelchair accessible. Next to the city's wastewater treatment plant, just west of Highway 9 off Riverview Road/Second Street, accessed via an inconspicuous trail along the plant's wire fence.

Lowell Park, Everett

A grassy, fenced off-leash area next to the park's tennis courts. Its community spirit and amenities make up for its small size. It also is the county's only dog park that provides water -- a dog fountain in the off-leash area and a people fountain in the adjacent park. Poop bags, restrooms and garbage cans available. Wheelchair accessible. At 46th Street and S. Third Avenue, east of I-5.

Loganberry Lane, Everett

A wooded trail along the fenced edge of the Walter E. Hall Golf Course, providing a peaceful nature walk in the middle of an urban area. A small clearing near the entrance is suitable for fetch games. No water, no rest rooms. Poop bags and garbage cans provided. Not wheelchair accessible. Take I-5 to Highway 526, travel west to Airport Road, turn left on 100th Street Southwest, then left on Loganberry Lane (18th Avenue West). Parking lot at dead end.

Howarth Park, Everett

A short woody walk leads to a Possession Sound beach, with Olympic and Cascade mountain views, lots of logs for seats and -- unless the tide is in -- plenty of room for Frisbee tosses. The off-leash area is at the north end, to the right as you come down the steps from the railroad overcrossing. Poop bags and garbage cans provided. Restrooms and water elsewhere in park. Not wheelchair accessible. From the south, exit I-5 at Broadway, then turn left on 41st Street Southeast. (From the north, exit at 41st). Turn right on Olympic Boulevard. The beach parking lot is a sharp right off Olympic.

South Marina Park, Edmonds

It's easy to miss the entrance to the off-leash area, a lovely stretch of sand and logs on the south side of the old Unocal pier. Look for the Honey Buckets, and the short trail starts just to the left, next to a bulletin board posted with dog-park rules. The beach affords Olympic Mountain views, and the park expands greatly when the tide is out. No poop bags or water. Garbage cans and Honey Buckets provided, and wheelchairs can maneuver the unpaved path to the upper beach area. Take Admiral Way south of the ferry terminal, past the marina, to the park entrance.