# Austin guide to...
# DOGS IN OUR CITY

**Approximately 120,000 dogs live in Austin. Please be a responsible caretaker of our four-legged friends!**

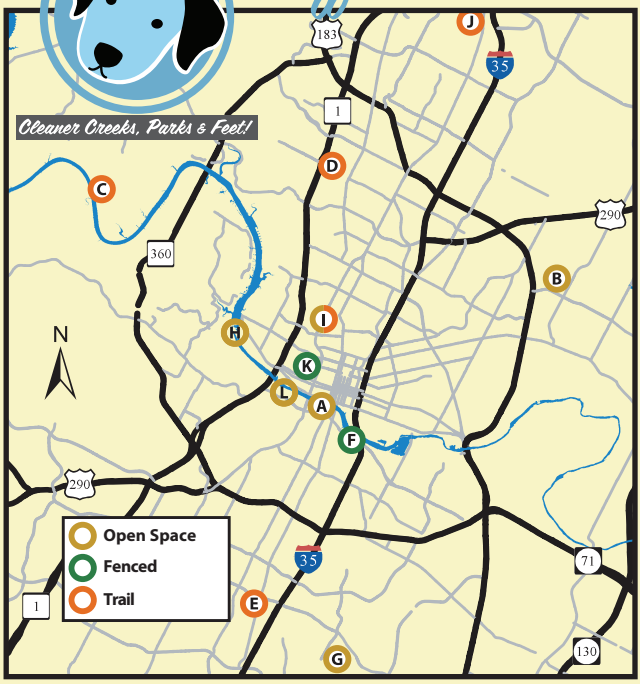
**This brochure contains information on:**

- Off-Leash Areas
- Animal Regulations
- Etiquette and Safety
- Off-Leash Area Guidelines
- Keeping Austin a No-Kill City
- Resources
- Volunteer Opportunities

Scoop the Poop

# City of Austin's Off-Leash Areas

Cleaner Creeks, Parks & Feet!

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| A | **Auditorium Shores** | 900 W. Riverside Dr. 78704 |
| B | **Davis White Northeast District Park** | 5909 Crystalbrook Dr. 78724 |
| C | **Turkey Creek Trail at Emma Long Metropolitan Park** | 1600 City Park Rd. 78730 |
| D | **Far West** | ROW between Great Northern Blvd. and Shoal Creek Blvd. |
| E | **Mary Moore Searight Off-Leash Trail** | 907 W. Slaughter Ln. 78748 |
| F | **Norwood Tract at Town Lake Metropolitan Park** | IH35 at Riverside Dr. 78704 |
| G | **Onion Creek District Park** | 7001 Onion Creek Dr. 78744 |
| H | **Red Bud Isle** | 3401 Red Bud Trail 78703 |
| I | **Shoal Creek Greenbelt** | 2600-2799 Lamar Blvd. 78705 |
| J | **Walnut Creek District Park** | 12138 N. Lamar Blvd 78753 |
| K | **West Austin Park** | 1317 W. 10th St. 78703 |
| L | **Zilker Park The "Great Lawn"** | 2100 Barton Springs Rd. 78746 |

Make a donation or volunteer for your favorite off-leash park
**www.austinparks.org/offleash.php**

## ANIMAL REGULATIONS (Austin City Code - Title 3)

- Provide adequate shelter
- Ensure pets have current rabies vaccinations
- Pick up and sanitarily dispose of pet waste left on public or private property
- Confine animals transported in unenclosed vehicles in a manner that prevents the animal from falling or jumping from the vehicle or otherwise being injured
- Keep dogs under restraint, except in designated off-leash areas
- DO NOT leave a dog alone on a chain or tether
- It's unlawful to sell a puppy or kitten that is not spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped

## ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY

- Know your dog's physical limitations and tolerance levels
- Train your dog to respond to behavioral commands
- Train your dog to walk by your side when on-leash. Do not use a retractable leash
- Pay attention to the weather. It doesn't take long for an active dog to overheat, and certain breeds are very susceptible to the heat or the cold
- When you leave home with your dog, bring water

## OFF-LEASH AREA (OLA) GUIDELINES

*For a complete list, please visit*
www.austintexas.gov/department/leash-areas

- Keep your dog in your sight and under voice control at all times. Intervene in any inappropriate play. Be aware of, pick up, and dispose of your dog's waste
- Stay in the OLA with your dog
- Bring only spayed and neutered dogs into the OLA
- Bring only non-aggressive dogs into the OLA
- Do not bring dogs under four (4) months old into the OLA
- Do not bring children under six (6) years old into the OLA
- Leave your dog's favorite toys at home to discourage problem behavior

## KEEPING AUSTIN A NO-KILL CITY

- Please adopt your pets from shelters or rescue groups instead of buying them
- Spay or neuter all of your pets
- Make sure your pets are microchipped and wear a current ID tag
- Make a lifetime commitment to your pets
- Volunteer, foster, or donate to a shelter or rescue group

# Resources:

## Austin Parks and Recreation

***Services include:*** Park services, educational materials, pet waste bag dispenser refills and more

Call 3-1-1

www.austintexas.gov/department/parks-and-recreation

www.austintexas.gov/department/leash-areas

*Austin Parks and Recreation Department*

*Off Leash Area Advisory Committee*

## Austin Animal Services

***Services include:*** Lost and homeless animal sheltering and adoption; community animal control and protection; educational programs and resources for responsible pet ownership; volunteer, foster, and partnership opportunities

Call 3-1-1

www.austinanimalcenter.org

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## Scoop the Poop and Watershed Protection

***Services include:*** Pet waste problems, water quality protection, and more

Call 3-1-1

www.ScoopThePoopAustin.org

Austin Watershed

www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Watershed/growgreen/fleas.pdf (least-toxic solutions for flea problems)

# Volunteer Opportunities:

Pet fostering –
www.austintexas.gov/department/foster-care

Animal Shelter –
www.austintexas.gov/department/volunteer

Adopt a Park program –
www.austinparks.org/adopt.html

Park cleanups and improvements –
www.austinparks.org & www.keepaustinbeautiful.org

WATERSHED PROTECTION

AUSTIN PARKS & RECREATION

AUSTIN ANIMAL CENTER