



Seasonal Changes Take Effect in Off-Leash Areas

Leash Required for Summer Use in Portions of Blackmere & Whistler

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-May 9, 2018-As the city transitions towards summer, seasonal changes are taking place in portions of three off-leash trial areas including Blackmere, Butcherknife and Whistler Park. As part of the trial program, segments of these parks that were off leash or leashed in winter have now switched for summer.

Lower Blackmere now requires all dogs to be leashed from the start of the trailhead to the intersection of Emerald Meadows, NPR and Blackmere from June 1 till September 1. The upper portion of Blackmere (Quarry/Top of Little Moab) remains off leash year-round. Dogs must be on a leash on all other trails and times.

Starting June 9, school hour leash restrictions on the Butcherknife Trail are removed during the summer months while students are out of session. Once school starts in the fall, these requirements will go back into place.

Whistler Park sees the southeast segment of the park, which includes the sports fields and playground, transition to leash required. In addition, the west portion of the dog area, which is leash required in the winter due to elk winter range, moves to off leash during the summer. The seasonal changes in Whistler Park are in effect until October 31.

Off leash areas are clearly signed at entry/exit points with a map outlining details. Off leash hours in both dog parks and the four trial off leash areas run from one hour after sunrise to one hour before sunset. Please keep your dog on a leash until well within the off leash areas. Voice and sight control as well as dog waste disposal is required.

Additional information and maps highlighting the Dog Parks and Off Leash Trial Areas can be found at steamboatsprings.net/offleash.

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