

## Off-Leash Park at a Glance

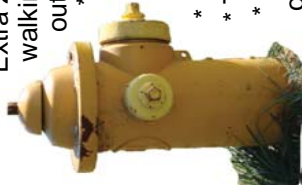
Location: 6100 152nd St. NE  
 Hours: 7:00am-dusk daily  
 Opened: December 2008  
 Size: 3 acres

Strawberry Fields for Rover is a 3-acre fenced off-leash park in the southeast corner of the 72-acre Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex in north Marysville. The dog park concept was recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and approved by the City Council, with an official grand opening in December 2008. Access the off-leash park walking east of the soccer fields to the Walking Trails. Look around you - that flat, grassy terrain is a 12-hole flying disc golf course!

For the safety of all park users and in order to protect local sensitive area habitat, dogs must remain on leash at all times, including along the walking trails, until entering the off-leash park.

## Park Features

- \* Fenced off-leash play area
- \* Double-gated entry
- \* Picnic tables, benches
- \* The "T-Bone," other play structures
- \* 3-tier people/dogs drinking fountain
- \* Extra 2 miles of trails for general public walking (dogs **MUST** be leashed outside off-leash park!)
  - \* Foot bridge, river rock bed
  - \* Information kiosk
  - \* Poop bags and dispensers
  - \* No entry fee
  - \* No permit required
  - \* Trees
  - \* Fire hydrant - dogs demanded one!



## First time at the Park?

- If your dog is not used to interacting with other dogs, start out by visiting the park during non-peak times.
- The first visit to the park can be stressful for both you and your dog, so keep your visit short and happy. Gradually work towards longer visits.
- Introduce your dog to new dogs only when yours is comfortable and behaving appropriately.
- If your dog is exhibiting bullying behavior, give him a time out or take him home.
- Don't forget to read and familiarize yourself with the posted rules. Have fun!

## Benefits of Off-Leash Parks

More than 900 dogs are licensed in the greater Marysville area. Walking with pets has been identified as a high priority in recent community health surveys, but Marysville hadn't had an off-leash park for dog activity. With the opening of Strawberry Fields for Rover Off-Leash Park and an increased interest in promoting healthier lifestyles through the Marysville Healthy Communities Project, better health is only one of many benefits provided by off-leash parks.

- Gives dogs a place to socialize with humans and other dogs in a safe environment
- Promotes responsible pet ownership
- Enables dogs to legally run off leash and get plenty of strenuous exercise
- Dog parks promote a sense of community; great icebreakers for stimulating social interaction
- Provides a tool for realistic enforcement of dog control laws

## Off-Leash Park Use by the Numbers

	People	Dogs
Weekends	8,800	12,300
Weekdays	3,375	4,590
Total	12,175	16,890

## Future Park Funding Needs

- \* Shelter
- \* More shade trees
- \* Picnic benches/seating
- \* Loaner toys/toybox



## Directions/Parking

Take I-5 to 116th Street Exit #202 and exit east. Pass Gateway Shopping Center and get in the left-hand turn lane at the railroad tracks. At the light, turn left onto State Avenue, and travel about 2 miles north until you reach the light at 152nd St. Turn left onto 152nd heading east. Continue past 51st Ave. NE. After crossing railroad tracks, Strawberry Fields Park will be on the right at 6100 152nd St NE. Park in soccer fields parking, or the unpaved parking further east past the lot.



Marysville Dog Owners Group (M-DOG) is a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization fundraising for the construction, maintenance and stewardship of a public off-leash dog park in Marysville, and others as they develop. Working in partnership with the City, Strawberry Fields for Rover Off-Leash Park was built at the Strawberry Fields Athletic Complex in north Marysville.

**Mission**

M-DOG's mission is to bring together dog owners in Marysville to create awareness of the need for off-leash dog parks, provide stewardship for existing and new dog parks, advocate on pet-related issues, and share the love of dogs thru fundraising community activities.

**Get involved**

To learn more about how you can become involved with M-DOG and support the off-leash park, please contact M-DOG. Join the e-mail distribution list by sending an e-mail to:

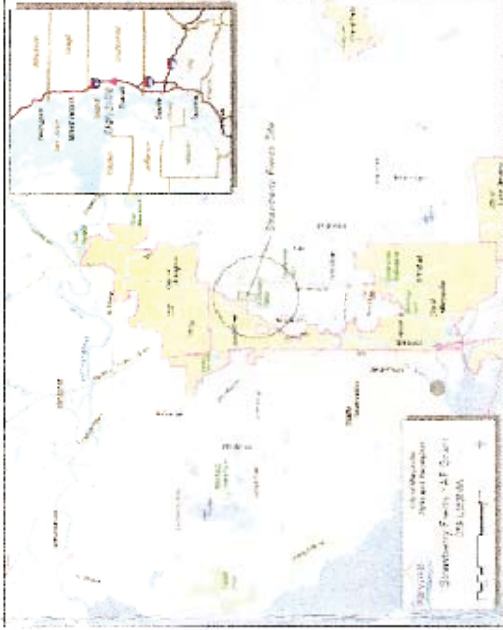
**M-DOG President Leslie Buell**  
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 or visit the website at <http://m-dog.org>  
 Write to: 1509 6th St. PMB 245  
 Marysville, WA 98270

**Board Meetings and Work Parties**

We are always happy to welcome new Board Members and dog park work party volunteers. In general:

**Work Parties** are the 3rd Saturday each month at noon at the dog park (*weather permitting*)

**Board Meetings** are the 3rd Wednesday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the 88th St. Haggen Food & Pharmacy.



**How can you help? Contact**  
 Marysville Parks & Recreation  
 (360) 363-8400 or  
 Email [jballew@marysvillewa.gov](mailto:jballew@marysvillewa.gov)

Supporters will be contacted to become involved in the park's future. Funds are always needed to assist in management of the new off-leash park, as well as developing new sites.

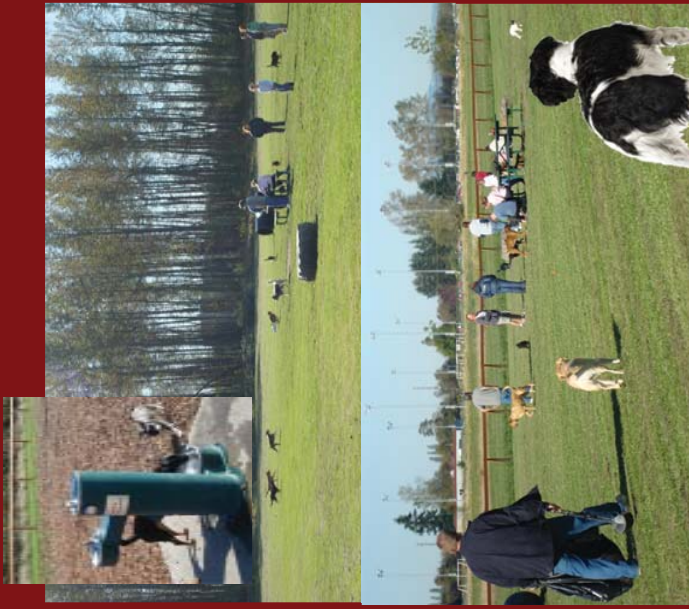
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**for other volunteering opportunities**  
**in our 527-acre park system**



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 Join the fun at Marysville's  
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