

COLLIERY DAM PARK OFF-LEASH AREA

One of the beauties of the University District, Colliery Dam consists of two lakes and kilometres of walking trails. The Upper Lake area was opened to dog owners as a morning and evening dog off-leash area.

LOCATION AND PARKING

The off-leash dog area is immediately adjoining the Upper Lake parking lot off of Nanaimo Lakes Road. The off-leash dog area is also accessible from the Lower Lake parking area off of Wakesiah Avenue and Sixth Street via an on-leash walk along the concrete and dirt paths that lead from the Lower Lake area to the Upper Lake area. (See map on reverse page.)

PARK HOURS

Open 6 am to 10 pm and 4 pm to park close.

FENCING

None.

WATER

Lake water only. Bringing your own is recommended.

OTHER AMENITIES & NOTES

- **Pick-up Bags/Garbage Cans:** There is 1 dispenser and 1 garbage can in the Nanaimo Lakes Road parking lot. There is also a dispenser and garbage can at the Wakesiah/Sixth Street parking lot entrance. Please deposit all bags into a garbage can.
- **Benches:** are some benches and sitting areas scattered throughout the park, along the trails.
- **Shelter:** None.
- **Shade:** Heavily treed.
- **Terrain:** Ranges from smooth concrete pathways to steep dirt trails and stairs. The trails have various challenges, including tree roots, rocks, stairs and steep grades.
- **Handicapped Accessibility:** Varies due to terrain. The concrete paths and some of the dirt trails are easily navigable with a wheelchair or assistive devices. The parking lot is immediately adjoining the accessible portions of the off-leash area. It is possible for those with walking limitations to access a significant portion of the lake area and pathways.
- **Washroom Facilities:** Available at the Lower Lake, near the Wakesiah/Sixth Street entrance.
- **Trails:** The off-leash area is linked to a greater trail system throughout the park that owners and pets can enjoy on-leash.
- **Swimming:** Dogs can swim in the upper dam area during specific hours, but the area can also be busy with fishermen and swimmers.
- There is a significant wildlife presence in this area, including rabbits, deer, fish and waterfowl.



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- HORSESHOE PIT
- GATE
- NO POST BARRIER

