

Dog Park is Open



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DOG PARK NOW OPEN

GREAT FALLS, Montana – After a temporary closure, the Pacific Steel & Recycling Trailside Dog Park has reopened. The warm and dry winter created heavy use of the popular Dog Park this year. While the mild winter has been good for humans and their canine companions, it caused considerable turf damage at the Park.

After reviewing several options, the City of Great Falls and the Animal Foundation of Great Falls determined that the best course of action was to close the Dog Park starting Monday, April 15 in order to repair the turf damage. During the closure, the park was aerated, fertilized and reseeded. The turf is looking much better, although it will take a few weeks of warm weather for the seed to germinate and begin filling in the bare spots. The Dog Park reopened on Saturday, May 18.

The City Commission approved the Dog Park in December 2007 and the Animal Foundation helped develop the park through the donations and help of the community. Since the Park opened in July 2009, it has become one of the City's most popular destinations for dog owners. The City and Animal Foundation are committed to its on-going maintenance. The Animal Foundation and the City appreciate the public's patience and cooperation during the closure. For questions or more information contact Marty Basta, Park and Recreation Director at 771-1265.

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