



Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use

Fox Brook Park Dog Swim Area - Frequently Asked Questions

Fast Facts about This Project

The existing dog swim area at Fox Brook Park is in poor condition due to years of erosion from intense use. The site is located on a fairly steep slope down to the water, presenting a challenge for park users and their dogs. Waukesha County will be constructing a more user-friendly Dog Swim Area at Fox Brook Park.

When is this happening and will the existing Dog Swim Area remain open during improvements?

Construction of the **new** Dog Swim Area is scheduled to be completed by late summer. The existing dog swim area is currently closed until the completion of the improvements. Project updates will be posted at the entrance to Fox Brook Park and on the Waukesha County Parks website.

Why is this happening?

Heavy use of the shoreline has eroded the Dog Swim Area to the point where use of the area is challenging. The erosion has increased the amount of sediment that is deposited in the lake, contributing to decreased water quality. It has also degraded sensitive natural areas along the shoreline adjacent to the Dog Swim Area.

Where will the new Dog Swim Area be located and what are the benefits of moving it?

The new Dog Swim Area will be located on the northeastern shore of the lake, where the watercraft launch site is currently located. This location will provide a safer, gentler slope to the water, and the site is conveniently located adjacent to one of the main parking areas. Moving to the new site will also allow for restoration of the shoreline at the current site. The restoration will eliminate erosion into the lake, resulting in improved water quality and enhanced aquatic habitat.

What types of improvements will be implemented?

Large lannon stones will be used to define the edges of the Dog Swim Area. The open approach area to the water, between the stones, will be surfaced with porous rubber mats that have void spaces that allow for water infiltration. The mats have a gripping surface that will provide for safer access to the water. The void spaces in the mats will be filled with sand to enhance the approach.

Will there be an alternate Dog Swim Area location open during construction?

Due to the lack of a suitable site, an alternate Dog Swim Area will not be designated during construction. Other areas around the lake are either already programmed for incompatible uses, or are too steep to be used without serious safety concerns and the risk of erosion. We ask that you abstain from using Fox Brook Park for swimming your dog until the site reopens.

Will it cost anything to use the Dog Swim Area?

The dog swim area will be open to all park users who wish to bring their dogs to enjoy the water. Access to the site will be included in the park entrance fee.

Where can I find out more information about this project?

Updates will be posted on the Waukesha County Parks and Land Use website at www.waukeshacountyparks.com. For questions or comments, you can call Waukesha County Park System at **(262) 548-7803**.