



RCC DOG POLICY

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General

Riviera BOT announced "Dogs on Leash" research at January & February meetings, in response to complaints about RCC policies, practice and enforcement.

Here's summary of findings, links show more:

- 1)** The only "Dog" reference in RCC rules & regulations is Section 7.05 "Shall not run at large", and existing signs are mixed and/or unofficial.
- 2) #RCC-05-04** Campground & Marina Policies approved 5/21/2022 allow pets, subject to Pierce County leash laws.
- 3) Unincorporated Pierce County** is officially a "Dog Control Zone", and PCC code <https://pierce.county.codes/PCC/6.10.020> states: *"Within a Dog Control Zone, any person owning or having charge, care, custody, or control of any dog shall keep such dog exclusively upon his own premises, except that the dog may be off the premises if it is under control of its owner or a competent person by a leash."*
- 4) WA State Park** code <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=352-32-060> states:
 - (1) *All pets or domestic animals must be kept under physical control, on a leash no greater than eight feet in length, or otherwise physically restrained, at all times while in a state park area.*
 - (3) *In any state park area, pets or domestic animals, except for assistance animals for persons with disabilities, are not permitted on any designated swimming beach.*
- 5) Anderson Island Parks & Recreation** allows dogs on leash in **5** of **10** island parks, per <https://andersonislandparks.org/dogs-in-our-parks-1>
- 6)** Most member feedback has been positive, and RCC staff report some who dislike dogs still appreciate a clear policy to help avoid them.

The RCC will follow above guidelines, which means:

- Leashed dogs **ARE permitted** in **6 areas**: Interlachen (Tennis court side) & Ray Park (Volleyball side) **South**, our Campground & Marina, and two trails intersecting Lake Florence Drive. Custodians must keep pets leashed and under control, collect any feces in a paper or plastic sack, and are liable for damage or injury inflicted.
- Dogs are **NOT permitted** at Interlachen (Boat launch) & Ray Park (Waterside) **North**, Pine Lake, and finger docks due to size or conflicting use (15 total sites).

The BOT believes this enhances member benefit & safety. A new "RCC Dog Policy" map denotes **On Leash** and **Not Allowed** areas with green & red markings. RCC staff will post appropriate signs and remove unofficial signs.