



Vegetation Management in Dog Exercise Areas for Dane County Park Volunteers

Natural Areas Volunteer Handbook *Revised: February 2019*

All policies and procedures described in the Natural Areas Volunteer Handbook apply to Dane County Parks volunteers working in Dog Exercise Areas. Due to the high number of visitors and the presence of unleashed dogs, the following additional policies and procedures must be observed to ensure public safety while allowing volunteers to conduct work in Dog Exercise Areas.

Vegetation Management:

- To apply herbicide, park must be closed to the public. Park will remain closed through the duration of the Restricted Entry Interval (REI) as indicated on the herbicide label. This period is typically 'until spray has dried'.
- Stumps should be cut as low as possible to prevent injury to people or dogs.

Power Tools:

- A sign must be placed at park entrances notifying visitors of work activities with a map indicating where work is occurring.
- Cones or flagging will be used to identify work area in the park.

Driving on Trails:

- Whenever possible, limit the number of vehicles driving in the park. Carpool or walk-in whenever it's reasonable to do so.
- When driving in the park, head lights should be turned on and do not exceed 5mph.

General recommendation:

- During group work days, designate an information officer to educate the public and help direct visitors to ensure safety.