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Wiley Park Rules Changes

The rules at Wiley Park relative to users with dogs off-leash will remain the same—for now. The Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee proposed changing the traditional rules of allowing dogs off leash and access to Great Pond with a ban during the Summer months. Throughout the hearing process EDOA has opposed those changes through petitions and many impassioned speakers at those hearings. **THANK YOU FOR THE STRONG SHOW OF SUPPORT.**

During that time, it was argued that such changes were not needed to protect conservation challenges and that other mitigation and cooperation would be more effective.

We seem to have made the point that more study was needed before the banning of off-leash dogs.

Congratulations to those who passionately and effectively made our voices heard. The ConsCom has voted to postpone any changes until after this summer and use that time to monitor usage fo the park in part to determine the impact of its users. This monitoring is being done in cooperation with EDOA.

We have had a hand in determining the

process of monitoring and have offered multiple options for mitigation of damaging usage of the park. We also have offered to provide monitors i.e. data collectors to work in conjunction with town committee volunteers.

The monitoring has begun and it has shown itself to be a congenial and cooperative process. Good citizens are intent on discovering the sources of issues and providing effective solutions through the use of good data.

EDOA promised to provide volunteers to work on this project and now we need you to step forward. If you are interested in helping to provide the usage data, we would like to hear from you.

Join the Wiley Park Monitoring Team

- **Why are we doing this?** We asked for this. EDOA has argued that the charges that damages were being caused by dogs and dogs needed to be banned were not substantiated. This gives us a chance to participate in supplying data to direct this debate.
- **What is required?** Less than 1 hour of walking the trails of Wiley Park, and recording observations on a data sheet (provided).
- **When?** There are 6 time slots each week: Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, each day with 11 AM and 4 PM time slots.
- **How do I do it?** You will get a brief orientation regarding the process of recording and delivering the completed charts, a map of the “route”, and a few logistical tips. This can be done in-person at the park or over the phone.
- **I would like to help. What is next?** Drop us a note telling us when you can serve. Step in for a few sessions or take a regular day and time. Mix it up if you like. A quick e-mail will start the process. [Volunteer with this email link.](#)

Most Immediate Need:

Sunday 7/9 @ 4 PM.

Wednesday 7/12 @ 11 AM

Saturday 7/15 @ 11 AM

Saturday 7/15 @ 4 P.M.

Dog Health - Toxic Algae Season

- Ed Daniels

Fascinating organism. Toxic algae (actually a cyanobacterium) is a marvelously adapted and ancient life form. Its close relatives were likely the first photosynthetic organisms. Over time they have evolved to protect their colonies by producing broad range defensive toxins that have been adapted as its predators have evolved onto life's stage.

Very clever. But not so good for those who take them in.

Aka blue green algae, cyanobacteria are likely always present in surface fresh water, but when conditions lead to a overpopulation, they can sicken. Those conditions are common here; warm weather, sun, and perhaps certain pollution. They are easy to miss until too late. Still, blooms can occur naturally, and cause massive aquatic kills.

There is regular testing, and Eastham's Health Department responds to reports with warnings and further testing. Fact is most blooms are spotted and reported by aware citizens. This time of year keep an eye open for what looks like algae or a green film floating on the surface. In full bloom there will be an obvious mat of green.

The two toxins found during cyanobacteria booms can seriously effect organ function and make a dog sick or even die. Protecting yourself requires a simple, common sense approach to recreational water use. Limit contact with water that has an odor or obvious discoloration, and if it has scum or algae. Do not allow pets to drink or play in water with scum or algae, and rinse them well if they do contact it.


Thanks Cindy Nicholson for this article. [\(See the article in Whole Dog Journal - for symptoms and actions to take\).](#)

Revised Plans for the Bow Wow Bash—stay tuned

The Bow Wow Bash postponed in June is being rescheduled for this Fall. All that unsettled weather forced the cancellation for the first time since inception. But, don't give up hope. Our annual celebration is back in the works.

We don't want to miss out on this popular, entertaining, and totally free celebration of Eastham's dogs. Open to all.



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