

## Saranac Lake Dog Park

(SURVEY MONKEY survey results) 1 month open to the public for responses

### 1. Would you like to see a fenced, off-leash dog park established within the Village of Saranac Lake?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, get it done!	91.3%	167
No, we don't need it.	3.8%	7
Not sure, need more information.	4.9%	9
<b>answered question</b>		<b>183</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>0</b>

### 2. Are you a Saranac Lake resident?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	76.0%	139
No	24.0%	44
<b>answered question</b>		<b>183</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>0</b>

### 3. If you are not a resident of the Village, would you use the dog park when visiting?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	87.5%	77
No	3.4%	3
Not sure	9.1%	8
<b>answered question</b>		<b>88</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>95</b>

### 4. How many dogs do you own?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
One	58.0%	105
Two	24.3%	44
Three or more	11.0%	20
None	6.6%	12
<b>answered question</b>		<b>181</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>2</b>

## 5. Where do you currently take your dog(s) to walk, socialize, and exercise?

Answer Options	Response Count
<i>answered question</i>	159
<i>skipped question</i>	24

### Other

#### Responses

Hike in the woods  
 Moody pond  
 Bog trail, Heaven Hill Farm trails, but not very often, mostly walk them near my house  
 fenced in yard  
 Around.  
 High Peaks dog training, walks on local trails.  
 We walk our dogs around the local neighborhoods and around the baseball field.  
 Just around the village walking.  
 Bloomingdale Bog Trail  
 Baker mt, jack rabbit trail  
 mainly hiking trails/my own backyard  
 Hike  
 All over town, on trails. No where to socialize though, that's needed.  
 We take the dog around our house got walks. We take her to doggie daycare twice a week in lake placid.

local trails and hikes, walk dates with other dogs to socialize in neighborhood or on trails  
 Our yard  
 Woods, Lake, My house  
 Trails in town. The bog, Baker, Dewey.  
 My own yard  
 Park, Kiwassa rd, Maryland ave  
 Everywhere  
 Hiking trails, friend's houses  
 We have a dog park where we live and go most days. When we're visiting my parents in SL (10-15 times a  
 Sidewalks  
 Trails  
 We walk him through downtown and on the river walk. Also the trail past the hospital.  
 Trails or loops around town  
 Riverside park  
 The Pines and trails  
 Henry's Wood's, John Brown's Farm, Heaven Hills trails, any trail, or for a walk around town  
 Everywhere except the high peaks.  
 neighborhood, trails  
 Jack rabbit, railroad tracks and around town  
 At home  
 On Pisgah or out on trails.  
 Pine street cemetery to riverside park  
 woods  
 Moody pond, downtown, river walk  
 Through town and the pine ridge cemetery  
 Lake Colby beach, the field off ampersand, north star at night, the bog trail, all the graveyards and the  
 riverwalk.  
 Heaven hill farm trails  
 Lake Colby boat launch for swimming, around town, around Moody Pond, Bog Trail.

Rotary field and the woods around lake colby

Trails

Mostly The Pines, Baker, leashed around Moody and trails

The Vic. The highway.

around the village /yard

Mirror lake loop

French Hill Area. Olive St, Neil St, William St, McComb St, Prospect St, Charles St, James St. ect  
wood trails

We live in the wilderness, she roams freely (pretty much).

The bog trail.

In the woods

bog trail, dewey mtn, pisgah, mother's house

Our neighborhood

All I can do for him is take him for walks in Long Lake, where we live, or Saranac Lake, where I work. He's love to socialize (play) with other dogs but a dog park would be the ideal place for that to happen.

Wooded trails

We mostly walk on woods trails and worry about running into other dogs because ours can be a little TOO friendly :) More socialization with consent would be wonderful for her.

Henry's Woods, John brown farm

On leash along Park Ave., in our own fenced yard, or at the Plattsburgh dog park.

My neighborhood

around the neighborhood

Everyone just lets them run free and loose on the hiking trails, so what's the point of a "dog park" when the whole ADKs seems to be a friggin dog park???

Bring them along on hikes, walk around Moody Pond, sometimes to the Farmers Market.

Kate Mountain Park

nearly everywhere

Up old lake Colby road or in my backyard

Around neighborhood

Woods

Around my block

In the Saranac Lake Village

Bloomington bog trail, hike to raquette falls, black pond in Paul Smiths

Trails

Walks around town, baker, Bloomington bog trail, camping at various spots

Dog training club fields

Doggie play group

In the summer we go to the beach in lake clear or the bog trail on the way to lake clear. In the winter we go to the beach to run when there isnt a lot of people, we have a back yard, but my dog is very social and loves to

Bog Trail, Pisgah, Baker

Dewey Mountain, village walks

Used to take our dog (now deceased) to Balwin park, and RR tracks by NCCC.

I walked my dog along the railroad tracks primarily from NCCC to 86 and into the network of trails beyond the Afternoon

Walks into town (SL), around our neighborhood, and sometimes off- leash in back yard.

Moody pond

Moose Pond

The big trail, jackrabbit trail, henrys woods

Local parks, dog parks, hikes (in Denver)

Home (lake), beach, hiking.

We go hiking with them.

Backyard, friend's houses

Bog trail, kate mountain park, Ampersand, Lonesome, trailheads....

Hikes, trails, lakes

Yard, hikes, or have to travel to Plattsburgh for dog parks  
Doggie daycare  
Around town (leashed) and the Bloomingdale Bog trail (unleashed)  
Bog trail. McKenzie pond trail.  
Bog trail, Mt. Pisgah  
On the trails near SL like baker and Dewey.  
Local trails  
Just on the roads around my house  
VIC, wooded areas, trails.  
Around my block in my neighborhood  
Home - no socializing.  
Hiking, all over  
Around the block, lake Colby school, bog trail, heaven hills trails  
Railroad tracks and hiking trails  
Field across from my house. Can't run them around other dogs for fear that other owner would get upset.  
Walks on trails and around Moody Pond  
Puppy play group at Lake Placid Animal Hospital, walks in the village, hikes on trails.  
My yard, around the block, trails.  
Beach, baker mtn,  
Moody Pond, Mt. Pisgah, dog club  
Lonesome, round lake beach, grizzle ts  
Walks on Kiwassa  
On-leash: main street, moody pond, pine ridge cemetery  
Henry's Woods, Middle Saranac Lake Beach, Heaven Hill Farm Trails  
Lake clear beach, Bloomingdale bog  
When I had a dog I would go to Bloomingdale bog trail, m Kenzie trail, jackrabbit, lake Colby rail bed and  
Dewey Mountain trails (in summer)  
Usually my neighborhood  
Trails - not much socializing!!!  
Railroad tracks and various trails  
All of the above but exercise for the dogs is most important. We have two large dogs. A small dog park that  
Rail road tracks in Lake Clear, NY.  
I have an older dog now so don't walk or socialize her anymore.  
Around the yard and neighborhood.  
Usually the bog trail to walk/swim and have doggy play dates for socializing.  
River walk, and nearby hikes  
Around Lyons field in Saranac lake, hiking, doggy day care at Lake placid animal hospital  
Bog trail, pisgah, dewey, the pines  
In town on the river walk, moody pond and the big trail  
The park and river walk  
Trails, back roads, friends houses  
Hiking trails in Onchiota  
Around own neighborhood  
Baker, McKenzie pond, red dot trail, Henry's woods, peninsula trails  
hikes to the lakes and woods  
Bloomingdale big different sections. Peninsula trails LP  
John Brown Farm  
Around Moody Pond  
Other dog park where I live  
baker, pisgah, dewey  
Bog Trail, the pines, walk down the street.  
20 mile hikes.  
Near my home or out of town

Bog trail, Baker, the Pines  
 The Pines, Pine Ridge Cemetery, sidewalks no  
 Dewey, River Walk  
 Different places/trails/friends yards. No place that's fenced though.  
 Dog parks , hikes, and into town streets  
 Bloomingdale bog trail  
 Moody Pond, The Pines, D&H Railroad Bed, Lonesome Bay, Round Lake, Lake Colby trestle, Roger Mtn.  
 Bloomingdales Big Trail, Pisgah, Dewey.  
 Hikes  
 Walk our neighborhood, John Brown's Farm, The Pines, Jack Rabbit Trail  
 Around the neighborhood on leash or up mountains when we have the time.  
 The boring park and river walk  
 Baker, bog walk, dewey

#### 6. Have you been to a dog park before?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	64.3%	117
No	35.7%	65
<i>answered question</i>		<b>182</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1</b>

#### 7. How many times a week do you think you would use the dog park?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1-2	42.8%	77
3-4	40.0%	72
5+	10.6%	19
None	6.7%	12
<i>answered question</i>		<b>180</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>3</b>

#### 8. How far would you be willing to travel to take your dog(s) to an off-leash park?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
5-9 miles	40.2%	72
0-4 miles	33.0%	59
10-14 miles	18.4%	33
15+ miles	8.4%	15
<i>answered question</i>		<b>179</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>4</b>

**9. What time(s) of day would you be most likely to visit a dog park?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Evening	68.4%	121
Midday	41.2%	73
Morning	39.0%	69
<i>answered question</i>		<b>177</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>6</b>

**10. What is most important to you in a dog park? (Rank 1 through 8, 1 being the most important)**

Answer Options	Rating Average	Response Count
Safety	1	145
Cleanliness/maintenance	2	142
Location	3	147
Park amenities (trash cans, water stations, benches, etc.)	4	150
Proof of animal vaccinations	5	151
Public access	6	155
Community bulletin board	7	167
Members-only access	8	157
<i>answered question</i>		<b>175</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>8</b>

**11. What do you think would be an ideal location for a dog park in Saranac Lake? What do you like about that location?**

Answer Options	Response Count
	111
<i>answered question</i>	
	111
<i>skipped question</i>	72

**Response  
Text**

**CENTRAL TO DOWNTOWN (35)**

Dorsey st river walk. Its a beautiful location, close to town. However, there would need to be a larger grass  
 Lake Colby park, Ampersand park  
 Near Lake Flower.  
 The park by the boat launch.. a  
 Prescott Park on Lake Flower  
 Somewhere with a beach! My dog loves to swim!!!  
 Park by boat launch - across from Deli. Central, easy, not many people use it.  
 far end (toward Little Italy) of the Lake Flower Boat Launch park/picnic area. Centrally located, little used  
 The play park on Broadway. Has a central location.  
 Tough one. Near lake flower is nice but probably not the best location. Maybe somewhere by nccc?  
 Anywhere in the village, close to most ontown residents.  
 Ideally I don't think it should be right in town or near any neighborhoods. I know my dogs can get quite mouthy  
 Near downtown. Brings traffic to businesses.  
 Somewhere close to downtown/main street.  
 waterfront, viewshed  
 One of the parks.  
 Any where near downtown, close to businesses  
 An open area within walking distance from center of town.  
 Down behind the police station by riverwalk start.  
 Near Lake Flower would be my suggestion.  
 Not sure, somewhere that is also convenient for those who live outside of town, meaning maybe the outskirts of  
 By Stewarts...central location.  
 Out past the public beach on Lake Colby? There would be water for the swimmer dogs, relatively few non dog  
 A few people said Riverside Park - I like that idea because it's centrally located, it would help keep away the  
 By the boat launch across from lake view. That way, there is plenty of space on the grass but also the  
 Riverside park area - it's accessible to everyone.  
 If you are looking at Lake Flower boat launch from the road, the area on the right, where the geese are.  
 Ideal would be right downtown - but I don't believe there is space for it. Best option would be to find space  
 Part of the park on the river by the boat launch..the geese would go away.  
 Prescott park. Old skate park,  
 Next to boat launch because there's parking.  
 Right where those bears are in Riverside Park.  
 Up on kiwassa maybe? Somewhere lake side would be sweet.  
 centrally located and within walking distance would be nice  
 Walking distance to downtown

**OUT OF TOWN  
CIVIC CENTER/AMPERSAND (18)**

By civic center  
 Civic Center?

Area behind the civic center. Parking available, close to town and people,

Civic Center- away from traffic

Behind Civic Center on Ampersand Ave

Lyons field. I like it because it's away from traffic and plenty of space.

Civic center, lake Colby beach, or other existing site with parking, facilities, etc

Maybe over by the civic center because they have some property, or by the high school.

Behind Civic Center.

Civic Center. parking and garbage. and public exposure

Possibly near the civic center, behind ball park

The ball field by the civic center---private and out the way Hf still walkable. Other option near train depot there

I wonder about the old baseball field on the hill above John Munn Rd., off Ampersand. Is it actively used for

Lyons field, civic center, somewhere flat and open but not on main roads so if a dog does escape they are not

Behind the civic center - right in town and lots of land. Pisgah - lots of stuff going on there, too. Already

Ampersand Park. Plenty of room and parking.

Field on Ampersand Ave (I think. Where people sled). Open field. Easy to fence in. Not too far from the village.

Near Mt Pisgah perhaps, not a lot of vehicle traffic. Or by the SL Civic Center where there is parking and not

#### NOT SPECIFIC ENOUGH (24)

Anywhere there's space, water access, and parking available.

I don't think Saranac Lake has the place for such an idea. Not many people want to look at chain link fencing.

If we must, i think a place walkable from town with a long driveway so if dogs gets lose they are away from

A large space for enough running

Fenced in area with grass and water for dogs, trees for some shade, benches, poop and garbage receptacles.

A location in a large field or base of a mountain close to other (hiking, walking, recreation) trails - I feel the best

No specific location in mind, but important features would include parking and plenty of open space. I don't

All the dogs in Saranac Lake that I see are off their leashes anyways, so how about we start enforcing the

I think using a vacant lot that is currently an eyesore or not being utilized for anything would be ideal. I do not

The location isn't as important as the space needed for larger dogs to exercise. Consider a larger plot so there

An area with a lot of space.

A large enough area for my two large dogs to get plenty of exercise.

Like the skatepark, I think it should be bright, visible and centrally located.

Any near place with some shade

Somewhere in a wooded area that is open.

Somewhere that has a wooded area plus an open area. I go to a dog park in another state and that is what it

Huge field outside of town

Someplace outside of harrietstown building code jurisdiction. A place, of a least 2 acres so that small and large dogs can be separated.

Open space for dogs to run free

Some where with at least an acre of land

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Off route 3 toward Bloomingdale

A location that is large enough for all types of dogs. Less than an acre is not enough for a dog park to

Am new to the area, so I really don't know enough locations yet to make a suggestion.

#### MISCELLANEOUS (15)

The old dump off of willow way.

The former armory parking and a lot of space

Mt pisgah or one of the village owned vacant lots

The old Landfill area has plenty of room!

Mt Pisgah, Dewey mountain, away from traffic noise, away from residential areas so as not to disturb residents,

Back on moody pond road, near black fly field. or honestly wherever is convenient. my dog would be happy

I'm not sure about who owns the land, but someplace similar to the far end of the Blackfly Basball area--a big,

A very long one on the other side of the tracks by the train station. Then my kid can play at the park and

Open to anywhere - no idea what is available

Fish and game club. Beautiful, open, water, safe, parking



the old gas company field on Payeville lane

At the lax field on the west end of town near the high school

Field across from Tissot Construction, just past hospital on way to Paul Smiths. Back off the road. Pisgah area.

Elks ball field would be a great location! It is close to town and there is plenty of room!

AMA

#### NOT SURE (19)

I have no ideas in mind. Typically ones we have been to were repurposed, unused spaces like a closed land fill etc.

Not sure

Unknown. Any location.

Not sure

no preference

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Not really sure

Not sure

I'm, honestly, not quite sure.

don't know?

Unsure

Unsure at this point. Would be nice to be close to hiking trails though. Or near water for all the swimmers.

Not sure

Anywhere

Unknown

I would need time to think about that. I did expect this question when I started answering this questionnaire.

I'm not sure about location. There doesn't seem to be a lot of available space in Saranac Lake.

Unsure of options.

Don't know.

12. Assuming that no public funds are allocated for the operating costs and maintenance of a dog park, how much would you be willing to contribute in the form of an annual membership fee? (Membership may include secure keyed entry, dog tag indicating proof of membership and required vaccinations, and unlimited use of the park during hours of operation.)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
\$40	31.3%	57
\$20	24.7%	45
\$30	19.8%	36
\$10	12.1%	22
None	12.1%	22
<i>answered question</i>		182
<i>skipped question</i>		1

13. How many hours would you be willing to volunteer in the form of quarterly work parties for the regular maintenance of a dog park, administrative tasks, and/or organizing fundraising events?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
4-6 hours/year	22.7%	41
8+ hours/year	22.1%	40
2-4 hour/year	19.3%	35
None	13.3%	24
6-8 hours/year	9.9%	18
1-2 hours/year	12.7%	23
<i>answered question</i>		181
<i>skipped question</i>		2

14. If engraved plaques and/or other commemorative items were sold to raise money for the construction of the dog park, how much would you be willing to invest? Such items might include benches, trees, community bulletin board or other park accessories.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
\$25-\$50	44.7%	80
<\$25	17.3%	31
\$50-\$75	10.6%	19
\$75-\$100	10.6%	19
None	8.9%	16
>\$100	7.8%	14
<i>answered question</i>		179
<i>skipped question</i>		4

15. What is your greatest concern about having a dog park in Saranac Lake?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Safety	45.1%	73
No Concerns	27.2%	44
Enforcing animal vaccinations	15.4%	25
Overuse	11.7%	19
Noise	0.6%	1
Other (please specify)	40	40

<i>answered question</i>	162
<i>skipped question</i>	21

#### Other Comments

fleas  
 The people who pay for it should use it.  
 Location  
 In an unofficial off-leash urban park, I once had a dog pack attack one of my dogs - very dangerous and scary  
 People a using it by not carrying for it  
 No aggressive dogs  
 Overall management and cleanliness  
 People not cleaning up after their dogs  
 Cleanliness  
 Cleanliness  
 keeping the park free of poop  
 Making sure owners clean up after their own dogs  
 cleaning up pet poop....  
 People respecting the rules.  
 A stinky mess  
 Settling for a small dog park out of ease/haste and causing the issues above.  
 Mean dogs  
 Non-dog people complaining!  
 I can't participate, my dog isn't good with other dogs :( But I support this project!  
 Dogs not being cleaned after  
 cleanness of the park, provide doggie bags, garbage cans, prevent the spread of bacteria, etc  
 large enough space for such is a concern  
 People being responsible and respectful with their dogs.  
 Enough room for the dogs to run around  
 Funding, maintenance  
 That all dogs won't be allowed. In other cities there is no proof of vaccination or keyed entry. It's a public dog  
 Lack of maintenance  
 Other dogs that could be aggressive  
 Getting it done.  
 poop not getting picked up  
 Keeping it clean  
 Safety AND poop  
 parking  
 Irresponsible dog owners and people who do not understand 'playing' vs 'fighting'  
 Cleanliness  
 Ensuring safety of all dogs. How dog aggression would be handled.  
 People not picking up poop. Aggressive dogs  
 Irresponsible pet owners not managing their dogs and ruining it for everyone.  
 Well socialized dogs and some way to make sure disruptive or aggressive dogs do not cause harm  
 Not having one!

16. Do you have any additional comments or concerns?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	57
<i>answered question</i>	57
<i>skipped question</i>	126

## Response

### Text

That people will clean up after their dogs and watch that their dogs are interacting appropriately in order to use  
No

Long term existence

The best parks I've used include multiple separate spaces, like a small dog area and a fenced off spot in the corner to use for time out, and very clear safety rules.

Cleanliness is a big concern. I've been to parks where my dog got giardia due to poop and infected water source.

Great idea!

We are blessed to live in one of the most beautiful places on earth use the trails that we have. My other

I couldn't get the ranking question to work

how would you regulate dogs that are not dog friendly.....dog fights....liability.etc

Insurance may be expensive.

People MUST pick up after their dogs

I found that dog parks are just not sanitary. They reek of pee and get muddy and if there is a disease going

Liability Issues come to mind as well as irresponsible dog owners

aggressive or out of control dogs.

This type of park is being used in other areas around us ( Plattsburgh has 2 ) and it has been needed for quite

Maybe have two parks? One in lake placid too?

how to make sure that no "fight" dogs are brought to the park?

Separate areas for Small dogs and Large dogs make everything easier.

If you can get people to ONLY unleash their dogs at a fenced in park, I am all for it. But I have NEVER meant a dog in Saranac Lake or any of the mountain trails that was on a leash, so start by getting those dogs on a leash

I really think this should be free for people to use, with an established culture of picking up poop! I think people

Do it well from the beginning. If this is planned or done in haste instead of thoughtfully it could have

Animals need to be vaccinated. The more people that can contribute the easier it is to get this done.

I do a fair amount of furniture building and would be happy to donate a bench, watering area for the doggies,

Great idea. Glad someone is getting it going!

Try to partner with the animal shelter

I would be more than happy to help out with any planning or organizing you guys need. I lived in Ossining NY

I really think this is a great idea, with everyone being responsible enough to have a dog, they uphold the

I love how people in this community are willing to pull together on a common goal! (That said, I don't have a

Not sure how we would ensure that dangerous dogs be excluded unless it's members only. I can ask friends

I think this is a wonderful idea. There are vast numbers of canine friends here in the Adirondacks that don't

This survey could include options for people who are dog lovers currently without a dog (like me). It could also

A thoughtful design....not just wood chips and a metal fence.

No

I have been to several dog parks (of various sizes and types) and as long as they are fenced in and provide

Maybe should look just outside the village for better location options/more space. Not practical to take up any

No

I'm concerned about finding a large enough space to make it worth it.

Could there be a "memorial" park - a pet cemetery for cremated remains/plaques with benches, etc. Might be a

No

The only concern I have is dogs fighting and people not being able to break it up

I am extremely impressed by the support that has been generated. Much of it seems to be from younger

If a dog park within the village doesn't work out, please consider approaching another local municipality about

I'm just really excited about this initiative. Our dog is super social and wants to make a ton of friends, and it's

A dog park in SL would be beneficial to so many (dogs & people)

Having a secure space to be off-leash was key for us when training our young, rambunctious dog. Especially

Great idea - thanks for tackling this!

A larger area to establish the park is most important.

Are non-dog owners asked to ante-up hours and dollars for non-public-funded facilities?

The dog parks I've been to have not been very close to main roads in case a dog gets loose? Also they have a gravel walk path around the inside perimeter of the dog park would be an awesome plus!

This is a great idea!

My only wonder is what we would do when winter comes and the snow - maybe we can somehow get the snow

This would be wonderful for the dogs, for the community.

Need to have separate fenced area for small dogs and puppies.

I feel it would be great for the community and draw more people to the area

There seems to be an emphasis on a membership system. I don't like that - it's exclusive. Set up a donation

Keep up the good work

17. If you would be willing to attend a public input session about the dog park,	
Answer Options	Response Count
86 people gave their email address	86
<i>answered question</i>	<b>86</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>97</b>