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County opens new off-leash dog park at Cavalero Hill

Work also begins on new segment of Centennial Trail

Snohomish County celebrated the opening of its second off-leash dog area at Cavalero Hill Community Park on Monday while also beginning construction on an 8-mile segment of the Centennial Trail.

The new off-leash area includes a 3-acre meadow area and a quarter-acre shy dog area. Both areas are fenced. The remainder of the 40-acre park is open to the public for walking or hiking.

“The off-leash area provides residents new opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with their dogs,” said County Executive Aaron Reardon, who opened the park area Monday with other local officials. “There is a growing desire for such an amenity, and through public-private partnerships, we’re able to accommodate what our residents most want.”

The need for additional off-leash dog areas has grown in the past year as more public agencies and jurisdictions have realized the importance of people wanting to recreate with their dogs. Creation of the off-leash dog area at Cavalero Hill is in direct response to those needs.

Snohomish County opened one of the pre-eminent off-leash dog areas at Willis Tucker Park in 2008. The park boasts a half-acre shy dog area, a 4-acre meadow area and a 4-acre wood trails area.

Both parks are maintained and operated by the nonprofit Sno-Dog, which is run completely by volunteers.

“Such partnerships help us better leverage our parks budget,” said Tom Teigen, Snohomish County’s parks director. “Everybody wins when we work together.”

Construction also has begun on the Centennial Trail at Haller Bridge in Arlington. This section of the Centennial Trail, a paved multipurpose recreational trail that will serve walkers, cyclists, equestrians and others, will stretch along an abandoned railroad right-of-way starting at Burke Street in Arlington and terminating at a trailhead located on the Snohomish/Skagit County line.

“Thousands of individuals and families will take advantage of this wonderful park asset when completed,” Reardon said. “Already we’ve seen how popular other sections of our Centennial Trail are and expect this segment to be the same.”



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