

	<b>Travel Method</b>	<b>How Far</b>		<b>Times per week</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Bike (or 'other')	2	km	3 - 6 times	
2	Bike (or 'other')	3	km	3 - 6 times	
3	Bike (or 'other')	5	km	7 - 13 times	My dog and I have enjoyed the Shea Forest for the last 12 years and I hope to continue to utilize the park with my future dogs. There are no off leash areas in the Kanata/Stittsville area save the Shea Forest and I think all should be done so it can remain.
4	Bike (or 'other')	5	km	3 - 6 times	
5	Drive	0.1	km	7 - 13 times	I don't know what we would do if they build on this land. I don't like going to Bruce Pitt. This is my 2nd dog that I've taken there. I've been going there for 12 years.
6	Drive	0.1	km	7 - 13 times	
7	Drive	1	km	7 - 13 times	
8	Drive	1	km	7 - 13 times	
9	Drive	1	km	7 - 13 times	
10	Drive	1	km	7 - 13 times	
11	Drive	1	km	3 - 6 times	
12	Drive	1	km	3 - 6 times	

13	Drive	1	km	3 - 6 times	I think it is a great way for dogs and their owners to collaborate meet new people and enjoy the fresh outdoors
14	Drive	1	km	3 - 6 times	This is an amazing park. I feel with all these new homes going in we are slowly losing Stittsville. We moved here from Kanata 5 years ago with three young children. We have always loved the trails. Our dog lives this trail. The nearest dog park is on Cedarview Rd in Nepean and I won't go that far.
15	Drive	1	km	1 - 2 times	
16	Drive	1	km	1 - 2 times	
17	Drive	1	km	1 - 2 times	
18	Drive	2	km	14 or more times	
19	Drive	2	km	7 - 13 times	
20	Drive	2	km	7 - 13 times	This is a wonderful resource that brings many members of our community together - we must ensure this dog park remains part of the Stittsville community for the future.
21	Drive	2	km	7 - 13 times	
22	Drive	2	km	7 - 13 times	

23	Drive	2	km	7 - 13 times	Absolutely wonderful resource! Has done wonders for the socialization of our dog and she gets much more exercise in a shorter time. For myself it has been very therapeutic. I am recovering from ankle surgery and the pathways are much easier to walk on than the pavement in the subdivision. I also find that a walk in the woods relieves far more of the daily office stress.
24	Drive	2	km	7 - 13 times	
25	Drive	2	km	7 - 13 times	This park has been used as a safe, open and comfortable place for families of Stittsville and surrounding area for so many years it would be a crying shame if it was taken away. It is not just my dogs that benefit from this place, I do too. I leave my stress at the entrance when I watch them run off to chase a squirrel or play with the other pups I get exercise and enjoy the company of others in my community. I learn things or I just laugh. I am at peace for a short time in my day. Could we not all benefit from keeping a small area of the world as it was created????
26	Drive	2	km	7 - 13 times	This is a beautiful area where dog owners can come and let their dogs run and socialize, without having to worry about their dogs being on a leash. There are very few off-leash areas where dog owners can go.
27	Drive	2	km	3 - 6 times	
28	Drive	2	km	3 - 6 times	

29	Drive	2	km	3 - 6 times	
					I feel that a designated off-leash dog park benefits all in our community...dog and non-dog owners alike. Well exercised dogs are happier and safer pets in our neighbourhoods. Not to mention the importance of well socialized dogs!!! It really can be argued that it's a community safety issue. I'm sure animal experts and local vets would provide testimonial to this!
30	Drive	2	km	3 - 6 times	
31	Drive	2	km	3 - 6 times	
					One of very few local locations where dogs are free to exercise and socialize off-leash, not to mention a wonderful walk through some beautiful woodland for their owners. Please see that it stays this way!
32	Drive	2	km	3 - 6 times	
					This park is essential for any dog and owner as we both get our exercise, so we are both keeping healthy which is great for everyone. If we lost this park it would be a crime for both the dogs, dog walkers and people that just walk there. Please keep our park.
33	Drive	2	km	3 - 6 times	
					So very therapeutic for all! Absolutely makes our day and helps with depression for those who are affected. Thank you so much for this site. Great work!!
34	Drive	2	km	3 - 6 times	
35	Drive	2	km	3 - 6 times	
36	Drive	2	km	3 - 6 times	

37	Drive	2	km	3 - 6 times	I've been a resident of Stittsville since 1965. Seen a lot of change. It's not the same little village it used to be by any means. The worse construction was the apartments near the TransCanada. Who ever approved the plans has rocks in their head. The architect should find another profession. The dog park is a Social place, where people are actually getting out and talking face to face with fellow Stittsville residents. Back in the day, we would walk down Main Street and actually say a sincere hello or wave. This park gives the opportunity to do this again. Last but not least, the dogs love it!
38	Drive	2	km	1 - 2 times	The Ottawa Carleton area has to be more in tune with its' citizens and realize dogs are an important part of their lives. Hence a dog park is a necessity.
39	Drive	2	km	1 - 2 times	
40	Drive	2	km	1 - 2 times	
41	Drive	2	km	1 - 2 times	
42	Drive	2	km	1 - 2 times	
43	Drive	2	km	1 - 2 times	
44	Drive	2	km	1 - 2 times	
45	Drive	2	km	1 - 2 times	
46	Drive	2	km	1 - 2 times	Beautiful spot for all!!!
47	Drive	3	km	7 - 13 times	
48	Drive	3	km	3 - 6 times	

49	Drive	3	km	3 - 6 times	
50	Drive	3	km	3 - 6 times	
51	Drive	3	km	3 - 6 times	
52	Drive	3	km	3 - 6 times	
					It would be a tremendous loss to not have this informal location to let our pet dogs run free. This location or a suitable alternate would be good for the well-being of both our dogs and us as pet owners. Dogs of all ages meet at this park. For area residents with young dogs, the park enables dogs to socialize at a time when there behaviours are being developed. Dogs that socialize with both people and other dogs present fewer problems, reducing the likelihood that of our pets becoming aggressive.
53	Drive	3	km	1 - 2 times	
54	Drive	3	km	1 - 2 times	
55	Drive	3	km	1 - 2 times	
					Such a great spot. This park needs to be protected from development.
56	Drive	3	km	1 - 2 times	We look forward to our weekend visits.
57	Drive	3	km	1 - 2 times	Wonderful spot and always well behaved animals.

					<p>I have been taking my dogs to the "dog park" in Stittsville for ten years and there is nothing like having this informal, free run type of socialization for the dogs, and also socialization for the people who take their dogs. Dogs NEED to run, to be with other dogs, to sniff and explore to be healthy and happy. And people who love dogs, love to chat with other people who love dogs.</p> <p>Walking on leash is not enough exercise for most dogs, it is boring for the dog, and holding onto a leash with some dogs can wreak havoc on owners' neck and shoulders when their dogs stop suddenly to sniff or when they pull suddenly to get to something interesting (these are normal behaviours in dogs). Off-leash walking eliminates these problems.</p> <p>On leash walking does not offer the same benefits of off-leash walking for owner or dog, and having a dog park in Stittsville is appreciated by hundreds of owners and dogs alike. We love "our" dog park, we love the people there, and we hope to keep it a part of Stittsville forever.</p>
58	Drive	3	km	7 - 13 times	
59	Drive	4	km	3 - 6 times	

					<p>This is a wonderful place for dogs to be off leash &amp; enjoy their time with not only their owners but other dogs as well!</p> <p>It is a fantastic green space that keeps us staying in Stittsville.</p> <p>I know our family enjoys every minute we are there with our dog &amp; would truly miss it. Thank you.</p>
60	Drive	4	km	7 - 13 times	
61	Drive	4	km	3 - 6 times	
					<p>This park is great because the people and the dogs are familiar to each other and all get along well. There are no aggressive dogs or dogs that have serious behavioral problems where fights break out. It is comforting to know there is a place where the dogs can play and exercise and not have to worry about injuries. I have seen many incidents at another dog park where pets are injured because of attacks by strange dogs that owners are not supervising.</p>
62	Drive	4	km	1 - 2 times	
63	Drive	4	km	1 - 2 times	
					<p>My dog loves this park, As soon as we turn onto Abbot, she starts whining until we get there. So great to meet other people and other dogs. Would be a huge loss!</p>
64	Drive	4	km	1 - 2 times	
65	Drive	5	km	7 - 13 times	
66	Drive	5	km	7 - 13 times	<p>Please keep this park open. As ALL these statements reflect our environment and freedom between man and dog!</p>



					There are fewer and fewer places for me to take my dog off leash and socialize with like minded people. The loss of this park would impact the health of a lot of dogs, let alone the people who own them. Please keep this park open to all who use and enjoy it.
67	Drive	5	km	7 - 13 times	
68	Drive	5	km	7 - 13 times	
69	Drive	5	km	7 - 13 times	
70	Drive	5	km	3 - 6 times	
					It would be a shame to lose this area. Many dog breeds cannot be walked on a leash as they are high energy and in need of space to run! I would have to walk my dog for 8hrs on a leash to get the same benefit of one hour at this dog park. I wish I could buy acreage just so I would have a place for him but this is not an option at this time. I can't imagine what people are going to do if we lose this land.
71	Drive	5	km	3 - 6 times	
72	Drive	5	km	3 - 6 times	
					It varies the number of times we use the park. Winter months is harder as it gets dark very early an I do not like to walk in the dark. In the summer months we try to get our 4 legged family member a walk daily. Keep the park....xoxo
73	Drive	5	km	3 - 6 times	

74	Drive	5	km	3 - 6 times	This land has become an invaluable resource to exercise my dogs. It has become nearly essential to maintaining our household as well as my dogs health and fitness. In addition, this is a great place to socialize and meet other animal lovers.
75	Drive	5	km	3 - 6 times	One of the last areas of Stittsville which still has beautiful nature trails. It would be a shame to see this disappear because of housing and business being built, when there is so much other land to build on.
76	Drive	5	km	3 - 6 times	
77	Drive	5	km	3 - 6 times	We love this place! It's just as much a place of serenity for me as it is for our dog!
78	Drive	5	km	3 - 6 times	Wonderful area to promote fitness and nature. Have seen many varying bird species there. It is most definitely a great place to de stress and enjoy the calming company of our dogs. Have walked there for 7 years and really don't know where I will be able to walk my elderly spaniels off leash in such a setting. Please consider preserving the lands to some degree. It's discouraging how Vancouver has promoted off leash areas for dogs and Ottawa has not.
79	Drive	5	km	3 - 6 times	
80	Drive	5	km	1 - 2 times	
81	Drive	5	km	1 - 2 times	
82	Drive	5	km	1 - 2 times	

83	Drive	5	km	1 - 2 times	As a dog park in Stittsville, this area is irreplaceable. This was the first public are we ever brought our dog to over nine years ago and continue to visit with our dog and our children.
84	Drive	7	km	7 - 13 times	It is a beautiful, quiet, safe place to walk, exercise & socialize, for both the dogs & people. The joy that my dog emits from his mouth as we approach the part is heart warming as well comical! I wouldn't call cutting down this patch of forest progress; there is no good safe places, close to residential housing, for dogs to be off leash. Having something as beautiful as this in the heart of a community is invaluable, whether you own a dog or not. Let's preserve what is already here, once it is gone there is no bringing it back.
85	Drive	7	km	3 - 6 times	
86	Drive	7	km	1 - 2 times	
87	Drive	8	km	7 - 13 times	I enjoy the diverse terrain that makes up the Stittsville "Dog Park" and the freedom for the dogs to socialize and interact in a natural environment. We are privileged to have the space and freedom to allow our dogs off-leash and it would be sad to lose this privilege and green space to development.

88	Drive	8	km	3 - 6 times	Love this space. Best dog Park in the City! It has clearly helped socialize my rescued dog. I hope it is preserved for many years to come!
89	Drive	8	km	3 - 6 times	It's a great spot for recreation, something the area needs!
90	Drive	8	km	1 - 2 times	Please keep this park! It is my dog's favorite place in the whole world!
91	Drive	10	km	3 - 6 times	
92	Drive	10	km	3 - 6 times	
93	Drive	10	km	3 - 6 times	
94	Drive	10	km	1 - 2 times	
95	Drive	10	km	1 - 2 times	I love the off-leash Stittsville dog park. It is 10 times better than Bruce Pitt. everyone (including dogs) at the Stittsville off-leash dog park at really friendly.
96	Drive	10	km	1 - 2 times	I am from outside the Stittsville area but still love to come back and visit this park to meet up with old friends. We need to keep some balance between nature and our expanding housing for the benefit of our children and theirs.
97	Drive	10	km	1 - 2 times	Having dogs is about being healthy - in mind, body and spirit. Having a thriving dog park where we can exercise with our pets is part of a healthy community.
98	Drive	10	km	1 - 2 times	
99	Drive	15	km	1 - 2 times	
100	Drive	20	km	3 - 6 times	SAVE THE PARK

101	Drive	20	km	1 - 2 times	
102	Drive	20	km	1 - 2 times	
103	Drive	25	km	7 - 13 times	This is a true gem of the west end!
104	Drive	30	km	3 - 6 times	
105	Drive	30	km	3 - 6 times	Save the park! There is not enough places to let the dogs run free in the Ottawa area!
106	Drive	35	km	1 - 2 times	Love this area for weekend walks with my two dogs and their doggie friends!
107	Drive	2	min	3 - 6 times	
108	Drive	3	min	14 or more times	I have been using this area for over 25 years. I moved to Stittsville over 29 years ago.
109	Drive	3	min	7 - 13 times	
110	Drive	3	min	1 - 2 times	
111	Drive	3	min	3 - 6 times	Can't imagine not having it available.
112	Drive	3	min	1 - 2 times	
113	Drive	4	min	7 - 13 times	
					<p>This is a beautiful area unlike any other I am aware of. As our community has grown (I have been here 16 years) the 'park ' areas have disappeared.</p> <p>The 'dog park' brings so many in the community together.. it allows for quiet time if needed. The wooded area is environmentally so very important!!!</p>
114	Drive	4	min	3 - 6 times	There has to be some way to maintain this space!

115	Drive	4	min	7 - 13 times	
116	Drive	5	min	14 or more times	Great exercise and socialization for Dogs and Owners.
117	Drive	5	min	14 or more times	
118	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	When I moved to Stittsville 27 years ago, the size was supposed to be capped at 10,000 people. This is no longer the case at all, and I am desperate to have a place (in this situation, it is the dog park) where I can walk and not be bothered with cars, traffic, bikes, etc. It is the one refuge left, in what used to be, a small community. I will be devastated if it is no longer in the community. I walk in this area for at least an hour every day with my dog, and I feel it is a valuable part of my Stittsville.
119	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	Love this park and so does my dog!
120	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	
121	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	
122	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	We have been walking our dog Flint at this park for seven years. He loves his walk everyday and we all enjoy meeting other dogs and their owners. This is a perfect way for everyone to get exercise in a beautiful environment and it is lovely to see families with their children and their dogs all getting along with everyone. It would be an awful shame if the space is lost to the community.
123	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	

124	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	We're going to be lost without this park. Please try to save it.
125	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	
					Stittsville is becoming so built up, and practically all areas where dogs are allowed are "on leash" so this open area is so appreciated by the many, many dog lovers who use it. I often take my grand kids with me when I exercise my 2 dogs. They love to see all the dogs and they enjoy the exercise. I often see people without dogs taking photos of the lovely winter/spring scenes. For those who don't want to walk far it seems to be an area where people congregate and chat while their dogs romp with the other dogs. Finally, it's safe I do hourly walks with my 2 small dogs and never feel threatened.
126	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	
127	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	

					I have been taking my dog Roxi there since she was a puppy and she is 10 now. I am 67 years old and taking her for a walk everyday helps me get my exercise/ She also looks so forward to this every day. She is old now and ignores all the young bouncy puppies and spends most her time trying to convince me to take the longest trails. How she know this is beyond me, so it has become a game with me to take all the different trails. When she thinks I am only taking a short trail, I will cut across to a longer trail. Please do not take this park from our community and all our wonderful dogs that walk and enjoy so much. Thanks to all those who are putting up all the feeders and putting clean up bags and shovels it has made such a great difference. Thanks again.
128	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	
129	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	
130	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	
131	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	Fantastic place to take your dog. It would truly be a shame to lose this area.
132	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	We are a city of natural parks and greenbelt, so destroying this park to allow more builders comes in, makes this City less welcoming. The number of people that have dogs in the City requires this park and others to remain open.



133	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	Love that I can take my dogs off leash in my own town. It's a wonderful way for them to socialize, and walking the paths through the fields and the woods is good for the body and soul! Please let this wonderful natural space go to the dogs and not to another cookie cutter development.
134	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	Please don't take away this natural space. This is a gem in Stittsville - the woods are absolutely beautiful to walk through. This is where I have brought my daughter since she was two and she has learned so much about nature. Now she has such a love for Mother Earth and the natural things that we see at the park. It provides us with great exercise and fresh air. It's spiritually and emotionally grounding, and allows us to decompress from the crazy pace of life. My husband, myself, our daughter, and of course our sweet dog come here for wonderful family time whenever we can. There's no better park than this one for a happy, healthy, well socialized dog. Our dog loves her off leash runs at this park - I don't know what we would do without it. This park benefits so many families it would be unforgivable not to keep it alive.
135	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	
136	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	Without this off leash park, we would have to go to Bruce pit, 20 minutes away.
137	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	

138	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	We have been walking our dogs and kids in this park for over 23 years. We have had enough development in and around Stittsville. It is time to start saving our forests.
139	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	
140	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	
141	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	
142	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	
143	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	We love walking our dogs in this beautiful area; the dogs are always excited to be off-leash; they run after each other through the trails; both owners and dogs are friendly.
144	Drive	5	min	1 - 2 times	
145	Drive	5	min	1 - 2 times	
146	Drive	5	min	1 - 2 times	I recently moved to Stittsville and love that there is an off leash area where my dog can get her much needed exercise.
147	Drive	5	min	1 - 2 times	
148	Drive	5	min	1 - 2 times	
149	Drive	5	min	1 - 2 times	
150	Drive	5	min	1 - 2 times	
151	Drive	5	min	1 - 2 times	
152	Drive	5	min	1 - 2 times	This is such an important part of Stittsville.
153	Drive	5	min	1 - 2 times	

154	Drive	5	min	14 or more times	<p>I live in Stittsville and have been walking in this area for 16 years and I have enjoyed meeting dog owners with their pets. Walking a dog is a very therapeutic exercise for you and your four legged pet.</p> <p>It would be very upsetting if the town does nothing to prevent this; or if they cannot prevent then they should find a place to replace it. Housing is important but Stittsville has grown very quickly and possibly not considering one important thing.....listening to the people ...it is time to get help in this situation and not just think of the money making machine.</p>
155	Drive	5	min	14 or more times	<p>We have been walking in the informal Stittsville dog park for the past 18 years. Our dogs love the off-leash experience and the Mom's &amp; Dad's of these pups love the social time meeting up with neighbours. Please help the large number of dog families retain an off-leash park in Stittsville!</p>
156	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	
157	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	
158	Drive	5	min	7 - 13 times	
159	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	

160	Drive	5	min	3 - 6 times	<p>Keep up the great work!          I have been using the park for 15 years. It is a real gem, especially for dogs who can be difficult with on leash walking like my part-hunting dog. My dogs love it!!</p>
161	Drive	6	min	7 - 13 times	<p>Please preserve this off leash dog park. Not only do I and my friends enjoy the walks, but our dogs love it. It is a great place for our dogs to socialize, but it is also a great place for families to socialize and teach our children the joy of having a dog and how important exercise is. We can also teach our children about nature and enjoy how the whole community comes together to protect this unique area and to have family time with our dogs. It shows the kindness of individuals who made bird feeders, supply winter feed for the birds and squirrels, and help to take care of our wildlife. To see the cookie tree decorated for Christmas and everyone taking turns to fill the jar with dog treats helps to show the generosity and kindness of the people who use this area. I remember my first visit and felt like I was walking through a winter wonderland. Please keep this area not just for our dogs, but for our families. It is truly the best dog park I have ever taken my pets to. This will be a lasting memory for us all. Let's not allow our favorite place in Stittsville to disappear. Let us keep building memories and having fun with our families and friends in Stittsville.</p>

162	Drive	6	min	1 - 2 times	
163	Drive	7	min	7 - 13 times	
164	Drive	7	min	7 - 13 times	I have used this park for 9 years and find it a great place to walk my dogs.
165	Drive	7	min	7 - 13 times	
166	Drive	7	min	3 - 6 times	It is a wonderful place to come. My dog smiles as he is able to run free. All the people who use it are friendly.
167	Drive	7	min	3 - 6 times	
168	Drive	7	min	3 - 6 times	
169	Drive	7	min	3 - 6 times	We love being able to let our dog run off leash here, she gets some freedom, socialization and we don't have to drive to Bruce Pit.
170	Drive	8	min	7 - 13 times	I have been walking our dog every day at this park for over 2 years. We love it! It is like a bit of paradise in the middle of the suburbs. Our children enjoy exploring in the "enchanted forest" too. There is no other off leash dog park in our community like this. What a shame if we lose it. Every time I enter the park I have a smile .. I enjoy the nature, beautiful big trees , the new bird feeders; the Christmas tree dog treats, watching the dogs play and meeting new friends.
171	Drive	8	min	3 - 6 times	

172	Drive	8	min	3 - 6 times	I love that I can socialize my dog, there nowhere else to go that is close by. I would hate to see it gone.
173	Drive	8	min	1 - 2 times	I drive in the winter and walk there in the summer. It is a great place to socialize and exercise our dog. It has a beautiful forest and trails all year long. It would be a complete shame to see this area disappear.
174	Drive	8	min	1 - 2 times	
175	Drive	10	min	7 - 13 times	I have been walking in this park for 11 years since 2003 with my dogs and my son who is now 17 and still enjoys walking with me and our senior dog and new puppy. It would be sadly missed if we lose the park.
176	Drive	10	min	7 - 13 times	One of the best dog parks in the city. Way cleaner and well respected than Bruce Pitt.
177	Drive	10	min	7 - 13 times	I don't use it anymore because my dog is permanently injured :( . However!! I use to live right on granite Ridge when my dog was a puppy. And Then. my answers to the questions would have been. Walk one min. 15 times a week!! . We have moved to elm and before my dogs "accident" we would Drive 10min. 7 times a week. I use to love walking in the "park" Please don't take it away.....
178	Drive	10	min	7 - 13 times	
179	Drive	10	min	7 - 13 times	

180	Drive	10	min	7 - 13 times	I would move towns to ensure I have a dog park to go too. Me and my dogs need this park.
181	Drive	10	min	7 - 13 times	
					With 1 in 3 families being dog owners (therefore taxpayers), it would be fantastic to have a formal west end Ottawa off leash park. Comparable properties limited to Bruce Pit And Conroy Pit - both a significant distance away. It has been many years since the NCC designated most of its park trails as 'no dogs allowed' on leash or otherwise. For me, that significantly reduced the enjoyment I had communing with nature whilst providing my dogs with their required exercise. Both the humans and the pups benefit from the socialization off leash parks provide. Given the aging population demographic, it strikes me that more and more people will be looking for more of such places. From a cost perspective, I believe many such folks would be willing to pay a nominal user fee. Very much hope this proposal gets serious consideration at the local government level.
182	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	
183	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	
184	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	Great area to bring your dog. Love it! Too much development going on already we have to save some of the nature areas or soon well have nothing left. Save our park.

					This off leash dog area is perfect for my dog and for me to walk, enjoy nature, and often talk to other dog owners. My dog loves meeting and greeting the dogs that are always present no matter what time of day we go. In the summer, it is cooler amongst the trees and in the winter you avoid the wind chill when you are amongst the trees. It is also a lot closer than Bruce Pit. It is a dog's right to have somewhere to go off leash and there are very few areas which allow this. Any dog needs to run and few owners are able to run with their dogs. My dog at around 120 pounds weighs more than me - how can I run with him. Taking him off leash he can run and enjoy himself and he always keeps me within view. I get the necessary exercise I need and he gets the necessary exercise he needs. The Stittsville woods, as I call them, is perfect.
185	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	
186	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	
187	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	It's beautiful! The dogs love it and the humans get exercise and socialization too.
188	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	
189	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	
190	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	A great place for us to walk our dog Carly we have shared many wonderful hours together. Great family place sociable and friendly for all.
191	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	
192	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	



193	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	The area with trees and trails is beautiful and would be an asset to Stittsville for dogs and their walkers as well as others.
					<p>It occurs to us that pets provide a significant contribution to the tax base in our city, when you consider all of the businesses that support pet ownership: four pet store chains plus the independents; pet products in many other grocery and department stores; veterinarians; groomers; dog day care and boarding businesses; dog trainers; agility training ; dog coat business, etc. ) As well, we all pay annual license fees for our dogs. More subjective are the health benefits of owning a dog(s) and walking them daily. One cannot begin to calculate the future savings in health care. There is a sense of community that develops around pets. Who else do you see out 365 days a year in all weather? - Dog owners!!</p> <p>I would really like to see a study done on the contribution of dog ownership to our local economy similar to the one done on that of the Sens. I firmly believe that dog ownership contributes in a very substantial way to our lives and our economy and therefore we need and deserve, as taxpayers, places where dogs can be walked off leash. The Stittsville Park is a gem, and it would be heartbreaking not to preserve a part of it.</p>
194	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	
195	Drive	10	min	1 - 2 times	

196	Drive	10	min	1 - 2 times	We just got our dog Dec 27/2013, and my friends with dogs introduces me to this area. My dog, Nellie, a 6yo Belgian/German Shepard mix <b>**LOVES**</b> to go and see her friends, and have a free-run!! Please, let's keep this park available to our 4-legged friends!!
197	Drive	10	min	1 - 2 times	
198	Drive	10	min	1 - 2 times	
199	Drive	10	min	1 - 2 times	
200	Drive	10	min	1 - 2 times	Love this park... Bring my dog, and I snow shoe....hope it remains. I am worried cause the Bell park is going to be changed into a maze....to make it more user friendly but this means more people and I will not be able to take my dog off leash here too....I am thinking Stittsville is getting to industrialized and I don't like it one bit:(
201	Drive	10	min	1 - 2 times	
202	Drive	10	min	7 - 13 times	

203	Drive	10	min	3 - 6 times	It is hard to find places that we can walk our dogs off leash. It would be a shame to lose this area completely to housing. Nothing compares to the exercise our dog gets by socializing with other dogs off leash. We were thrilled when we heard of the dog park in Manotick (we try to avoid the overcrowded Bruce Pit) but to get to Manotick on a regular basis isn't feasible. The informal Stittsville Dog Park is a valuable recreational area to the west end. We live in Kanata and make the drive so our dog can socialize with others. If we can't keep a segment of this land for exercising our dogs, then there should be a designated replacement found in or on the outskirts of town. And by replacement we don't mean a fenced in field you walk circles in.
204	Drive	10	min	1 - 2 times	Please preserve this area! There are so many developments going up between Kanata/Stittsville that we need to maintain and keep enjoying this wonderful spot!
205	Drive	15	min	7 - 13 times	A safer parking area would be good if this park is developed.
206	Drive	15	min	7 - 13 times	Please let us use this park and no leashes. Thanks
207	Drive	15	min	7 - 13 times	Unique local area of forest, scrub brush and open space where my dog can run, play and socialize with other dogs.

208	Drive	15	min	3 - 6 times	My dog, like many others, loves to go to the park. Being a senior having a dog forces me to get out and walk. I am able to enjoy the outdoors, the people and other dogs in this very friendly environment and it is a very important to the dog owners of the west end.
209	Drive	15	min	3 - 6 times	There is no place like this for humans and animals alike to enjoy.
210	Drive	15	min	3 - 6 times	Off leash parks are amazing ways to build community and socialize our animals.
211	Drive	15	min	3 - 6 times	I believe in this park. Many friends use it and I find it delightful to walk by on occasion and be greeted by these wonderful pets and people!!!
212	Drive	15	min	3 - 6 times	
213	Drive	15	min	3 - 6 times	
214	Drive	15	min	1 - 2 times	We don't have many off leash dog parks in Ottawa. We need to keep them.
215	Drive	15	min	1 - 2 times	A wonderful place to walk dogs & connect with others in the community!
216	Drive	15	min	1 - 2 times	I LOVE this park! I drive from West End Ottawa because my dog loves it too! It's like a small piece of safe wilderness - it's protected in the winter and shaded and cool in the summer! I thought it was the most wonderful place when a friend introduced it to me a couple of years ago and have been going ever since. I would go even more often if I lived closer.

217	Drive	15	min		I never even knew there was an un-official dog park! We will definitely check it out! We need something like this.
218	Drive	20	min	14 or more times	
219	Drive	20	min	3 - 6 times	
220	Drive	20	min	3 - 6 times	This is the best dog park I've seen please keep it.
221	Drive	20	min	3 - 6 times	
222	Drive	20	min	1 - 2 times	
223	Drive	20	min	1 - 2 times	
224	Drive	20	min	7 - 13 times	
225	Drive	25	min	7 - 13 times	
226	Drive	25	min	1 - 2 times	My dog thoroughly enjoys the time he spends at the off-leash dog park. It allows him valuable time to socialize with other dogs and burn off some off his boundless energy. It is a wonderful place and is well worth our drive.
227	Drive	25	min	1 - 2 times	
228	Drive	35	min	1 - 2 times	
229	Drive	35	min	1 - 2 times	It's so much better than Bruce Pit. The dogs and the owners are like minded and well-behaved. Let us keep this space in Stittsville as a safe and well respected place for our fur-babies.
230	Drive	40	min	1 - 2 times	Love the park for off-leash walking!!!

231	Drive	60	min	3 - 6 times	My dog loves the park and I want my dog to have fun. I do want the dog park turned into homes. The park is very beautiful and it is safe and fun. My dog loves it so much that he does not want it to be destroyed. And my dog has so so much fun playing with other dogs.
232	Drive	60	min	7 - 13 times	Certainly know it is not only a valuable place for pet owners but also local business owners (dog walkers/pet sitters) and lots of beautiful flora and precious fauna that depend on it for their survival!!!  PLS SAVE THE PARK!!!
233	Walk	0.1	km	7 - 13 times	Keep the park for our dogs!! We love it. The dogs love it!
234	Walk	0.1	km	7 - 13 times	
235	Walk	0.1	km	7 - 13 times	
236	Walk	0.1	km	3 - 6 times	

237	Walk	0.2	km	14 or more times	When I lived on Kathleen Cr., about 5 years ago and for the 12 years of his life, my dog and I would walk twice daily in the Stittsville Dog Park and surrounding area, thoroughly enjoying nature and putting him on- and off-leash as appropriate. Meeting dogs and their owners was an important social part of our walks. Indeed, a lot of owners were known by their dogs' names, e.g., Skylar's dad, Jello's mom, etc. In my case, it's also how I met my wife!
238	Walk	0.2	km	7 - 13 times	
239	Walk	0.5	km	14 or more times	
240	Walk	0.5	km	7 - 13 times	
241	Walk	0.5	km	3 - 6 times	
242	Walk	0.5	km	3 - 6 times	
243	Walk	0.5	km	3 - 6 times	
244	Walk	0.6	km	3 - 6 times	A wonderful place with great people and pets.
245	Walk	0.6	km	3 - 6 times	Please help designate the Stittsville dog park!
246	Walk	0.7	km	7 - 13 times	It is a fantastic informal dog park and it would be a tragedy to lose it.
247	Walk	0.7	km	7 - 13 times	

248	Walk	0.8	km	7 - 13 times	Fantastic place to walk your dogs and children. We are so lucky to have this greenspace which brings joy and peace. I have brought my dogs to this off leash unofficial dog park since we moved here 7 years ago. Great trails whether it is summer or winter. My dogs know where we are going when we head up the street to the woods. We must protect this greenspace.
249	Walk	0.8	km	7 - 13 times	This is a much needed park for the people of Stittsville. We use it, we treat it with respect, we keep it clean and pick up after our pets. Please let us keep it. Our four-legged friends really need this place!
250	Walk	0.8	km	7 - 13 times	
251	Walk	1	km	14 or more times	If it's not too late, let's keep this beautiful piece of land for locals and their pets.
252	Walk	1	km	7 - 13 times	I have been going to the off leash dog park for 9 years now and enjoy every day that I go. It's my oasis from my day to day life. Watching all the dogs run free and play together. It would be a very sad day if the park was no longer there.
253	Walk	1	km	3 - 6 times	



254	Walk	1	km	3 - 6 times	<p>I've been using this park for the past 5 years and absolutely love it!</p> <p>It is a piece of heaven each time I go walking with my dog, she loves it and loves to meet up with the other dogs. It is such a great feeling to walk through the "enchanted forest" as I call it.</p> <p>It can be a short walk or a nice long walk, either way it is a beautiful park to unwind and bond with your pet.</p>
255	Walk	1	km	3 - 6 times	
256	Walk	1	km	1 - 2 times	
257	Walk	1	km	1 - 2 times	<p>This area is a beautiful space with trails and open spaces to roam with my dog and for my kids to enjoy nature in a daily, casual manner. Stittsville is lucky to have such a wonderful natural resource for its residents and we should all support having this space formalized as an off-leash area to ensure its' continued availability. I encourage all residents - dog owners, parents of younger children and those seeking an area for a nature walk - to use this area and support this initiative.</p>
258	Walk	2	km	3 - 6 times	<p>We'll be devastated to lose this park. There are so few other options in this area for dogs to socialize. Our only other option is driving to Bruce Pit.</p>
259	Walk	2	km	7 - 13 times	

260	Walk	2	km	7 - 13 times	Please don't take this park from us. It's great for dogs and people to walk socialize and have fun. It's an amazing place to take the dog.
261	Walk	2	km	3 - 6 times	
262	Walk	2	km	3 - 6 times	In addition of being a dog park; this is a place to practice winter sports such as cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Not unusual to see wild life such as beaver, deer, birds and squirrels around. A small oasis in town. It would be ashamed to lose it for bricks and asphalt.....
263	Walk	2	km	3 - 6 times	
264	Walk	2	km	3 - 6 times	There are not many places left where you can let your dog off without a leash. Some of the bigger breeds need to run.
265	Walk	2	km	1 - 2 times	
266	Walk	2	km	1 - 2 times	
267	Walk	4	km	3 - 6 times	It's a great social area for both dogs and people. Where else would you find complete strangers stopping to have a conversation while their dogs run and play with each other?

					I'm new to the neighbourhood and didn't realize there was such a park to take my dog. It's nice to see a lot of elderly people getting out and staying active especially after a long cold with like we just had. I've been to Bruce Pit dog park before and I enjoy taking my dog to the Stittsville dog any day. The more I explore Stittsville the more I enjoy the area and this dog park is something else that adds to how great of a community Stittsville is.
268	Walk	4	km	3 - 6 times	
269	Walk	5	km	1 - 2 times	
270	Walk	1	min	14 or more times	It would be a real shame to lose this park, for both the dogs and the community at large.
271	Walk	1	min	7 - 13 times	
272	Walk	2	min	3 - 6 times	
273	Walk	5	min	14 or more times	I do want it preserved as an off leash dog park, keeping it as natural as possible. This is a very well used park and has been for many years. I made a partial list of people and their dogs for about six months. I arrived at a list of almost 300 dogs who use the park, most of them on a regular basis.
274	Walk	5	min	14 or more times	
275	Walk	5	min	7 - 13 times	
276	Walk	5	min	7 - 13 times	
277	Walk	5	min	7 - 13 times	

278	Walk	5	min	7 - 13 times	Save this beautiful space.
279	Walk	5	min	7 - 13 times	
280	Walk	5	min	7 - 13 times	One of the reasons we bought in this area in 1990 was because of all of the green space where we could walk our dog. All of this land is being eaten up by builders and box stores. Time to move?
281	Walk	5	min	3 - 6 times	The dog park is a wonderful refuge from city noise and traffic. Walking in the woods with my dogs is truly an escape into a different world and the best relaxation for myself and exercise for my dogs possible. I would be extremely grateful for any efforts taken to preserve this experience and would consider the loss of the area to be a severe blow to the character and charm of the community.
282	Walk	5	min	3 - 6 times	I absolutely find the park invaluable. My dogs enjoy the freedom and safety of this park to run around and play with other dogs. The variety of environments (apple orchard, coniferous forest and open plains) make this area very enjoyable to spend hours in. The people and dogs who frequent this park are kind, respectable and responsible.
283	Walk	5	min	3 - 6 times	It would be a shame to let this jewel of our community disappear.
284	Walk	5	min	3 - 6 times	
285	Walk	5	min	1 - 2 times	

286	Walk	5	min	1 - 2 times	
					I walk my daughter's dog. Best thing for me and her dog. Every dog there loves me and I love every dog. A really restful, happy adventure every time we go. I believe it's one of the happiest times of the dogs day. The freedom of playing with the other dogs or just romping through the bush on their own. The best thing for them.
287	Walk	5	min	7 - 13 times	
					The park (including the trans Canada Trail in front of the park) is now being routinely cleaned up by regulars making it a more enjoyable experience and something our community can be proud of.
288	Walk	10	min	7 - 13 times	
289	Walk	10	min	7 - 13 times	
290	Walk	10	min	3 - 6 times	
					This is not only a great space for dog walking, but a beautiful piece of greenery I value in my neighbourhood.
291	Walk	10	min	3 - 6 times	
					This green space is a resource for all the residents of Ottawa. There is nothing to design or build. It is a usable nature area as it currently exists, with established and cared for walking trails in fields & forests. A great community gathering place, good for the socialization & exercise of dogs and people alike.
292	Walk	10	min	3 - 6 times	

293	Walk	10	min	3 - 6 times	Got a dog and discovered this park. I don't drive, so was very fortunate to find this park close to our home. Really seems ideal and needed resource for people with dogs across a large area of the West end. We need a designated off leash park like this space. Has been great for the socialization of the dog, which can be challenging if not impossible without a dog park to go to.
294	Walk	10	min	1 - 2 times	
295	Walk	10	min	1 - 2 times	
296	Walk	10	min	3 - 6 times	
297	Walk	10	min	3 - 6 times	I love this space!!! It is such a great place to get away from the busy everyday things. You can really lose yourself in the beauty of nature all around you, and you can't ask for a better space to let your dog run and play.
298	Walk	10	min	1 - 2 times	So little nature left in Stittsville and a shame to have to drive my dog to an unknown place so he can run free.
299	Walk	10	min	1 - 2 times	We love using this park. Misty(our border collie) loves being able to run off leash and enjoy her walk. I find that Bruce pit is very large and has too many dogs. Keeping the Stittsville park around and making it an official dog park would be great.
300	Walk	15	min	14 or more times	
301	Walk	15	min	3 - 6 times	
302	Walk	15	min	1 - 2 times	

303	Walk	20	min	1 - 2 times	
304	Walk	20	min	1 - 2 times	
					I think the development of the areas surrounding Kanata and Stittsville is getting out of hand and we are forgetting that natural spaces such as the area around Abbot street need to be preserved. You can't cultivate natural growing wooded areas in the same way. Ottawa has always been known for its' greenbelt with the trails and preserved wooded areas. Not to mention that we only have 2 off leash dogs parks in the West end that are small and we are in need of a bigger space to handle the volume of pet owners. Please help preserve this natural space for future generations to come! We couldn't save the Beaver pond but we have an opportunity here to not make the same mistake!
305	Walk	20	min	3 - 6 times	
					We moved here last August and use this park for our big dog every day. It's fantastic exercise for us and him and gives him a great place to socialize and relax without a long drive to Bruce Pit. We were saddened to hear that there are apparently development plans for the area. Stittsville has plenty of development underway already, surely some space can be set aside for residents that use and care for it.
306	Walk	25	min	7 - 13 times	
307	Walk	40	min	3 - 6 times	
308	Walk	60	min	3 - 6 times	A wonderful use for hydro easement.

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Walk

I am not sure if this will get to the people who have done a great job of trying to preserve the off leash park. I truly want to thank you personally for taking the time and organizing this project. I read the Citizen today and was so discouraged with all the all mighty people who cannot help us. Money is always important but my strong belief is what goes around comes around. Perhaps some day they might need therapy for depression, cancer etc and wish they had a place to just walk in nature with a dog. I went through cancer and if it were not walking with my golden retriever and enjoying watching her run and play it would have been a different outcome for me. Thanking you again for all the work you have done...