Plan Objectives

Visitor Experience and Safety

- Minimize conflicts related to dog use by providing a variety of safe, high-quality visitor use experiences, including areas where dogs are allowed.

Law Enforcement / Compliance with Dog Rules, and Park Operations

- Maximize dog walker compliance with clear, enforceable parameters in order to improve park operations and use of staff resources in managing dog walking.

Park Operations

- Provide adaptability and flexibility so that information gathered from monitoring can be used in future decision making based on estimated outcomes, including in new park areas.

- Ensure a safe and healthy working environment for park staff.

- Evaluate commercial dog-walking, and if allowed, create and implement an enforceable policy.

Natural Resources

- Protect native wildlife and their habitat (including sensitive species and their habitat, and federally or state listed, unique, or rare species) from detrimental effects of dog use, including harassment or disturbance by dogs.

- Minimize degradation of soil and water resources by dog use.

- Preserve opportunities for future natural resource restoration and enhancement.

Cultural Resources

- Preserve opportunities for future cultural resource restoration and enhancement.

- Protect cultural resources from the detrimental effects of dog use.

Education

- Build community support for the plan to maximize management of dog walking use.

- Increase public understanding of NPS policies.