

Please describe your experience of dogs in Nonsuch Park:

lots of dogs seems more dogs than people

dogs are lovely

ok

OK

Too many commercial dog walking

All positive

Very friendly

Entirely positive

Most owners seems responsible however there are always a select few who don't clean up after their dogs, or don't have any recall/ control over their dogs. My dog has been attacked by a dog whose elderly owner had no ability to call it back. However, these issues of irresponsible dog ownership / lack of training seem to be to be common in all parks. Most people with dogs are very considerate and no issues.

Too many dogs with single walkers.

Generally all dogs are friendly and well behaved

Never had a problem

No major issues but I don't like it when they are odd their lead and come up to me and my children

Usually very well behaved dogs with good owners. As always there are a few exceptions

There are some individuals walking their own dogs who have no regard for the safety of others (human or dog). We do not walk at Nonsuch as often as we used to due to this. However I must stress this issue is NOT with dog walkers, it is individual owners walking dogs off lead with no attention and no recall who are the problem. The vast majority of dogs are well controlled and pleasant but the few individuals really make it an unpredictable place to walk.

most dogs are well behaved and under the control of their owners

Most are well behaved but we have had several bad experiences of out of control dogs jumping up at us, once almost knocking me over.

Over the years I have been using the park, i have never had an issue with Professional Dog Walker, only dog owners, runners and cyclists. The dogs have often been the highlight of my visit.

Mostly all under control. Well socialised

Some are clearly not in the sight or control of the owner. I have seen small children knocked over many times. Dog walkers are clearly trying to take charge of more than 4 animals and failing miserably.

I no longer walk my dog in Nonsuch Park due to the number of dogs off leads. Mine is always walked on a lead and he dislikes off lead dogs getting close to me and him. Mine wears the orange "no dogs" harness and lead, but owners ignore it. My fear is that mine will spark a pack reaction in these large groups of dogs which could end in injury to either the dogs or the walkers. Whilst I have full control and responsibility of my own dog the same does not apply to some dogs running free, often ignoring their recall commands.

The number of dogs being walked in the park has increased considerably over the last 5 years that I have owned a dog. More and more dogs have little training and there seem to be more issues with dogs arising. The number of dog walkers has increased but also the number of dogs per walker. Yesterday there was a dog walker with 10 off lead big dogs. He cannot pickup after them all and didn't have good control of them all. They were running all over the park. It can be intimidating for other walkers.

I have encountered several packs of 6 or more dogs. All out of control and not on leads an unmuzzled. I have to pick my dog up as I fear the other packs will get him.

Lots of dog walkers with too many (6-8) dogs. Not paying attention, not on leads, not picking up dog mess

Some dog walkers have many dogs and don't always seem to be in control of them I always try and avoid them

Mostly well behaved. Some owners do not have control or recall of their dogs.

Most are friendly. However there have been situations that arise, normally when people have more than 2/3 dogs that can't control them all at once. They don't have decent recall, they don't keep their dogs away from dogs on a lead (a dog on lead could be because it's nervous, recovering from an operation, in training) so other dogs shouldn't be approaching and managed by the human Walker. It's also intimidating for people or dogs when lots of off lead dogs are heading towards them which can happen in busy/peak times over there....

I don't think dogs should be kept on a lead they need exercise, but people should be willing to put their dog on and off the lead when passing certain situations. And train their dogs to come away from other dogs/people when called. Not all dogs want to play and need space ... it's using some common sense and giving other people space. Some have the idea that it's a park the dog can run around and do what it wants ... !

You wouldn't let your children run around and be a nuisance and run up to strangers ... so I feel the same rules apply to dogs having manners.

Walk our dog daily, always a brilliant experience! Is a safe park where you don't have to worry about wildlife such a bushy or Richmond park

I have not encountered any aggressive dogs. I am an owner of 3 dogs who I walk in the morning and evening, I let them off lead and they have good recall. I have witnessed at lot more commercial dog walkers over the especially increased since Covid. When I have talked with some of them my issue is some come from far away as Wandsworth and North London who spend 4-5 hours over there with lots of dogs (some left in van while others are walked) as there is a limit on the number of dogs they are allowed to walk in their own Borough and also their parks are not as nice as Nonsuch. I have noticed a significant increase in dog mess in the park and have seen that it is impossible for dog walkers who have half a dozen dogs to find and pick it up.!!

Too many dogs with the one person. Mostly not on a lead. Sometimes the dogs/ walkers can be aggressive when a dog runs up.

Lots of friendly other dogs and dog walkers

Usually ok but sometimes there are dogs not under control and this makes me nervous and anxious

Mostly good, but I have experienced dogs out of control a number of times whilst running or cycling, often running out of undergrowth across path. I also find some inconsiderate owners who use very long, retractable leads that cross the pathways forming a barrier.

No major issue. Sometimes dogs come to us when walking but it's been fine.

I love Nonsuch and so do my dogs. There are so many different routes to take that I often don't come across anyone else at all.

Have always encountered only friendly dog walkers and dog owners

Usually the dogs are all well looked after. Very occasionally (2 to 3 times a year) a large group of dogs (5+) slightly out of control with carer left behind.

Most are well behaved, on the weekend lots of dogs running around without any control or care from the owners - mostly very far from where their dog is and causing chaos.

All the dog walkers from our local areas are great and very respectful. There are plenty of walkers and owners there on a daily basis who are mindful. Unfortunately as many other boroughs are now 4 dog rule, we have an awful lot of walkers from south London who sometimes have 12 dogs and above. I think the sensible option would be as Reigate and Banstead have which is a 6 dog rule. There should also be checks for insurance for walkers, it's so unregulated as an industry, but I'm not sure how that would work. The danger of making a 4 dog rule in Nonsuch and Cheam is that walkers will start parking on the Nonsuch estate and using beautiful Warren Farm, which would be terrible as it's such a haven for wildlife.

Eight years ago as a member of Epsom & Ewell Health Walks I was bitten while leading a walk and did suggest to the Joint Management Committee that dog walking should be limited to four dogs per person. I was told by the then chairman that this would not be practical to control. We still walk there regularly and at times find the dogs off lead to be quite threatening. This mornin* there was a woman with six dogs off lead.

I have a small dog, always on lead. The amount of dog walkers is getting ridiculous because many have more than 4 dogs and they have hardly any control over them. 3 times now my dog has almost been attacked in Nonsuch. I now won't walk her unless someone walks with me.

Very friendly

A very friendly park with responsible and helpful dogwalkers

Lots of responsible owners with dogs on the lead.

Walkers with multiple dogs off the lead together which can be scary.

I would agree too many commercial dog walkers which makes it unpleasant and unsafe especially when visiting with children

Most are fine, but owners don't always keep them under control, and commercial dog walkers seem to be worst for this.

Never had any issues

There are a lot of dogs

Mostly good

On the whole a positive experience just like any other park I visit.
I have more positive experiences with dogs than humans at this park

Love to see them but have been concerned by behaviour of some uncontrolled dogs off lead towards other dogs (mine included) and sometimes humans

I lead walks for Epsom & Ewell Health Walks for up to 20 walkers all over retirement age. It is very difficult when encountering groups of dogs which are off the lead and I worry that the dogs might come between the walkers and cause someone to trip. It has been mentioned to me that some members of the group choose not to join the Nonsuch walks because of dogs

I have never had a problem with any dog in nonsuch. There is enough room for everyone to enjoy the park and it's is full during the day with people walking their own dogs or for a living.

Never had a problem

I've never had a problem with any dogs in Nonsuch park. They have all been friendly

Mostly ok. Some very irresponsible owners. Large packs of dogs can be intimidating especially when owners/walkers are too busy chatting to notice what the dogs are doing.

I have not had any problems, dogs have their own personalities so there are bouncy ones, grumpy ones and friendly ones.

I now walk my dogs elsewhere despite Nonsuch and Warren Farm being at the end of my road. Too many incidents of aggressive behaviour are now being reported regularly where dog walkers/owners are not in control of their dogs and not taking responsibility when their dog is out of control. With two small Dachshunds which I always keep on a lead in the park I find large packs of dogs can be very threatening. A single person cannot control a large number on their own. Also too many walkers not picking up their dogs mess.

I have never had a problem. I see many professional dogwalkers who are in complete control of the dogs they have. Dogs bark and run around, that is the nature of dogs but from what i have seen of the dog walkers, they are aware of any dangers and get the dogs back. I have spoke to quite a few and they have been very helpful with advice for my own dog. They tend to try and avoid people if they have multiple dogs. Iv mainly seen problems with ordinary people who walk there own dog. Ignoring when a dog poops, lets the dog do whatever they want including running up to a pack. People taking pictures of professional dog walkers and being rude to them. This is peoples work, there livelihood. Yes as with everything you will always get some that aren't as professional as the rest which gives the good ones a bad name.

Iv spoke to a few dog walkers and they have said they wouldn't be able to do it if the limit was under 8 as with a lot of things, prices have gone up etc. The cost of living has risen. I feel very sorry for the professionals. They have a hard enough time as it is. If you limit the dogs someone can walk it would mean they would have to put the prices up to which people couldn't afford so people would either have to leave the dog home alone all day or give up

there job which would mean more unemployed. I have even seen a couple of professional's picking up dog poop they see which there dogs haven't done as they say it looks bad on them and it isn't nice to see. Please give them a break. I love seeing the dogs playing and happy.

Up and down. Some owners are responsible others have no control over their dogs and are rude when challenged. Never had any issues with any commercial dog walks just general uneducated general public with untrained dogs.

Mostly well behaved

Generally no problem - occasional owners with no/little control. Occasional dog walkers with 6+ dogs - too many for proper control.

Mixed. Some large groups, mostly well controlled.

Generally very pleasant

No issue

Mostly fine, but some negative encounters with off lead dogs

There are a lot... great place for dog walking but I have noticed a huge increase in dogwalkers who are walking large groups of dogs... one lady walks 8! The other concerning thing is when 2 professional dog walkers walk together (2 men regularly do this) having between them 10 to... 12 dogs. I worry that dogs walked like this can act like a pack and how much control one person would have over 6 dogs if they all became aggressive

Based on forty years of walking in Nonsuch Park the vast majority of dogs have been well behaved and under control.

It's quite busy with dog walkers/owners but most dogs are under control and friendly.

There are times when there are lots of dogs, mostly well behaved but occasionally an unruly 1 or 2 that the owner : walker can't control..

Almost always positive.

I find on the whole that dog behaviour in the park is generally good. I also believe that professional dog walkers are more experienced and knowledgeable about dog behaviour and it's in their financial interest to prevent behavior issues that impact other park users.

A few bad ones but usually fine

Overall positive. There are always going to be exceptions to that.

I worry more about dog attacks in Nonsuch than anywhere else - the same dog (a spaniel) has gone for my boy twice now

For the vast majority of the time very positive. Dog walkers, both individuals and commercial dog walkers are responsible and courteous.

There has been an increase recently in the number of dog walkers with several dogs. Often 2 or more dog walkers are walking together therefore with a very large number of dogs between them. There has been a significant increase in dog poo across grassy areas in recent weeks.

Too many

Very pleasant. Never had a bad encounter. Usually have issues with the owners.

I feel I can only run before 8am for safety as after that time there are too many dogs and in particular groups of dogs off the lead. I have been knocked over by a large dog and when it happened the person walking the dog said it wasn't their responsibility as it wasn't their dog. The dog free area is so small in comparison to the rest of the park. It can be very frightening being jumped at by dogs which happens regularly in Nonsuch. My children can no longer cycle in the park due to the number of dogs as both have been knocked off their bikes.

Very friendly with the exception of the odd one like anywhere you walk. It is a shame people do not pick up their dogs poo but again this is the same anywhere you walk.

Lots of dogs, many out of control and not my choice to go here to walk, exercise or Parkrun

Pleasant. Rarely have problems

There are far too many dogs in Nonsuch Park. Commercial dog walking is obviously a major issue, but I do not agree that the majority of dog owners are responsible. There are many, many people walking multiple dogs that are not Commercial dog walkers. There are many ordinary dog owners that have little control of their dogs. I used to walk or cycle in Nonsuch Park several times per week, but now I hardly go due to the number of times I have been chased or knocked off my bike by dogs. These incidents have been caused as much by ordinary dog owners as commercial walkers. The number of dogs is out of control. There need to be fewer dogs and the dogs need to be kept under control.

Ok. I do avoid walkers with lots of dogs and breeds that are not on a leash and sometimes do have a bit of a pack mentality. They are definitely not all under the control of the dog walker

Usually no problem

Some dogs are clearly not under control of the human they have with them.

I have found most owners to be responsible and the ones with multiple dogs have usually taken same sized dogs in the pack so I have not felt uneasy. I do think some owners/carers do not clean up after their dogs and that's a shame.

Generally friendly, no different to any other park

Variable - some very considerate owners and others who don't care about young children who may be nervous around dogs.

Terrible. They terrify my children.

Early in the morning before 9am it's wonderful. During the day I can't get away from dog walkers who are walking far too many dogs and don't have control over them all. Far too many dogs are off lead and not under control. My poor dog who can be a little anxious around dogs has become even more terrified of other dogs due to nasty experiences where other dogs, often those with dog walkers, won't leave her alone and become nasty. I myself have been jumped on by several large dogs and been hurt. I used to love walking in nonsuch and early in the morning I still do, however, during the day I am incredibly nervous of walking in the park due to the dog walkers.

uncontrolled , dogs going in to park where no dogs allowed.

Most people are friendly and considerate but you get the occasional individual who has no control over there dog .

No

Lovely park with various scenery. Great for running and walking dogs. It can often be crowded by pack walkers walking around 8/10/12 dogs which limits the walking space and spaces where dogs I walk can be off lead as to avoid these packs. Also makes the park feel unsafe with such a high number of large packs.

Mixed, some dog walkers are walking too many dogs and have limited control of their "pack". Generally people walking their own dogs are far more observant of their dogs.

I also sometimes see dog walkers each with 6 dogs join up to walk together creating very large packs which are difficult to avoid. And they tend to not

make way for me and my dog which means she gets crowded.
Sometimes I see commercial dog walkers failing to pick up dog poo which is due to lack of observation.

Mixed - most dog owners are very good. We no longer have dogs but used to regularly take our dogs here.

Fine busy but fine

There are lots of dogs who are out of control. I regularly have dogs coming up to my son's pram and getting in his face.

Mostly fine. I go there because I live opposite the park. I often walk my 3 dogs, my neighbours dog and a friends dog there (5 dogs)

Horrendous. Don't take my dog anymore too many dog walkers

Mostly all dogs are excellent. There are some owners who hav little control of their dogs and scant regard for others using the park. They are the people who spoil it for all.

On the whole most dogs are very friendly I do worry however about the number of dogs to human ratio with some walkers from a safety point of view but also from a hygiene view too. How can they keep an eye on all the dogs toilet habits all at once.?

General public dogs are not under control, dog walker dogs are well behaved and calm and don't cause problems

Always positive. I've never had a concern.

It depends which areas you walk in I may visit and only see one or two dogs. If I enter on London road I may see more dogs in groups arriving. Or May see no one. There really doesn't seem to be a pattern. I have never experienced any issues with any dogs i have seen in the park. If I see a few dogs ahead I turn and go into the wooded areas.

Good generally

Not a problem. Nice to see lots of different people using the park - with and without dogs. Although I find groups with more than 5 dogs a bit intimidating at times

Generally most dogs walked in Nonsuch are well socialised and well behaved. The only time I've ever felt uncomfortable is when my dogs have been approached by a large pack of 6-8 commercially walked dogs.

Large groups of dogs being walked by one person has increased.

It is so busy in the mornings, not relaxing at all. People shouting and whistling. Dogs jumping up at you.

Well behaved and under control

I have never had a problem. I like walking my dogs there

Many dogs are off the lead and running without control from owners. They run into the Mansion/formal gardens area via gaps in the hedges.

Even walking through the bluebells near the mansion a dog was off the lead, left his mess on the ground near where I was with children. The owner only came to look as I was looking at him and then went to find someone with a poo bag to clear it up (he wasn't carrying any himself).

I find many dog walkers having 5-8 dogs each and most not on leads. I have had dogs running up to us and taking food snacks out of my children's hands and scaring them in the process.

Okay

Overall positive but occasionally large groups (6+) of dogs with 1 or 2 dog walkers who do not control (or ignore) the dogs and allow them to run up to on and off lead dogs when the approach is unwelcome. I avoid sections of the park professional dog walkers tend to use due to this.

I feel that in the last year or so there has been a massive rise in the number of commercial dog walkers using the park. This in itself is not a problem, but it's the number of dogs they are walking that has been causing some problems with single dogs feeling threatened by these packs

There are always a lot of dogs whenever we visit, we see people walking differing numbers of dogs. At one time we saw a couple walking 15 dogs - they were all well behaved and a couple were on lead.

Lots of lovely dogs there, but a few not really controlled by the owner/walker.

The vast majority of dogs who are walking off lead like mine are friendly and sociable and under the control of their owners. The dogs on lead are on lead for a reason e.g. because they are reactive

There are always dogs out of control and never on leads when they should be. Dog walkers need to show more respect for those who just want to walk in the park.

In general there are too many off lead dogs with no recall. Commercial dog walkers often walk more than 4 dogs at a time not noticing one of them pooing so it's not picked up. Dogs without recall run up to other dogs on lead when it is not welcomed.

I have one dog & am responsible for his waste . I am very concerned with the amount of dog walkers with multiple dogs who I suspect cant always see if a dog fouls - its on the increse . Sadly i know as my dog seeks it !

Mostly positive but some dogs, with their owner or walker, are not trained properly. There are so many dogs it actually puts me off going even as a dog owner.

Most owners are responsible, there's often the odd one who spoils it - dogs running up to you and jumping, running in front of you, getting in your space. I'm not scared of and don't dislike dogs but am worried about being tripped & injured or bitten. "They are just being friendly" isn't good enough. Perhaps mandatory training or a licence is necessary for all owners or areas where dogs can be off the lead and other areas they can't. I've not actually seen people with a lot of dogs; it's the individual entitled owners who act like they own the park that are a problem (not just in nonsuch).

My experience is nothing but good. It is such a big park that you can avoid multiple dogs if necessary.

Haven't had any issues. See a lot of people walking their dogs which is nice.

Have noticed a significant increase in numbers of dogs over the past 5 years. Some responsible owners, who have trained their dogs but most not in this category. Dogs run between legs when running nearly tripping me up and jump up when walking causing dirty clothes and scratches on skin. Commercial dog walkers seem to have no limit on the number of dogs they walk. Often on their phones not paying attention to what the dogs are doing. Would support a limit on number of dogs (e.g max 3) per walker and a licence which could be revoked if a set of rules not followed.

Im phobic of dogs, however never have a had experience of dogs in this area.

Good - the variety is wonderful. Woods to sniff and roam in, open spaces and (on the whole) friendly people and dogs. People are mostly tolerant, though as in all areas of life there are some who are irresponsible, and others who are just grumpy! We love Nonsuch. I haven't had any problems with professional dog walkers, and would be sad to see them forced elsewhere-it's a large park with space for everyone. Possibly in favour of licensing as a protection for the professionals - to save them from potential aggro. But I haven't noticed any serious problems. I walk in the park up to 5/6 times a week at various times of day.

On the whole dogs are friendly and well trained, however dog walkers with multiple dogs are not in full control of the dogs, show no care or consideration for children in prams or dogs who do not want the dogs they are in charge of to approach, and do not clear up after the dogs they are walking. The issue of dog poo being left in the park is beyond ridiculous and disgusting, every day you see dog poo left in the middle of paths, at the side of paths, in long grass, and every day you see people watching their dogs poo and then walking away without clearing it up.

Commercial dog walkers act as though they own the park and are aggressive towards people who ask for the dogs to not be allowed to approach.

Dog owners are largely responsible, but there are too many with aggressive dogs that aren't controlled (I have been bitten in the past as well as been knocked off my bicycle. I no longer ride in the park as there are too many darting dogs to avoid). Owners are too pet-centric and excuse their lack of discipline, seeming to think it's park users that need to adapt to their badly controlled animals, versus the other way round. Dog walkers have too many animals to control, don't put them on leads and aren't always cogniscent of where their animals are. The well-known collective owners who walk a large pack of large white husky-type dogs are an absolute menace - they instinctively roam as a pack and have no regard for cyclists or runners. Post-Covid, the numbers of dogs in the park has risen dramatically that has a negative effect on the utility of the park as a shared space of urban tranquility. Dogs off leads have no concept of the marked off areas of ground nesting birds that are prevalent in the park. And who hangs dog poo bags in the trees? It's a weird phenomenon.

There are too many dog walkers with multiple dogs - not necessarily under control- also how they can actually track dogs pooing and pick up. I use nonsuch a lot less due the commercial dog walkers.

As a professional dog walker myself, I use Nonsuch park (on occasion) to exercise multiple dogs. There are many 'professional' dog walkers who use Nonsuch park in an unsafe manner. Quite often I have had to wait to get my dogs out of the van due to out of control off lead dogs even in the car park. They then do also cause havoc in the park as they don't have the capabilities to control a pack of dogs. I also have more issues with dogs who are out with their owners. Those who are on their phone, out for a run, or who see a pack of dogs as a target for 'socialisation' and exhausting their dogs while they stand and watch. However, there are also many dog walkers who do have proper control and polite dog walking etiquette. I find that once in the park there is more than enough space for dog walkers to be able to keep their pack to themselves, away from others. These dog walkers have put a lot of time, effort and expenses into running and maintaining a professional standard. This is their life and income which should not be penalised do to the careless actions of some. I believe a licensing scheme to walk up to 6 dogs to be a fair option.

Most dogs including those walked by professional dog walkers are kept under control and are well behaved.

It is a beautiful place to walk making dog walking very sociable

Usually paradise for dogs. But it can be scary for young children and for other dogs if they get caught in a pincer movement between two commercial dog walkers each with 10 dogs.

As with all people, some commercial dog walkers are very good and some not. The bad ones are on their phones all the time, don't notice that their dogs have pooped, and probably wouldn't notice if one had run off. Six dogs is plenty.

I have had dogs jumping up at me by dog owners that can't control their dogs off the lead. I am an adult and I felt scared. One dog nipped me. The there has been a huge increase in dog walkers with lots of dogs blocking the pathways. That said, there are also several responsible dog owners.

Respectful dog walkers are fine but those who use them from London can let them go wild. It should be for local companies only. It minimises how long dogs are in the car for

Lovely beautiful friendly park

I am always intimidated by these commercial dog walkers who have a lot of dogs and some are on leash and most aren't. Even if they are on leash they are unable to control them. So this is preventing me from taking my younger kids to walk along with me since I am scared after reading so many incidents about these dogs. So it should be made a rule that 1 person can at max walk 1 or 2 dogs. Right now it's almost inaccessible for us after paying close to 200 pounds council tax every month. Thanks

A lot of nasty dogs and owners who have no control over their dogs

I have walked in this park every day for over ten years and have never had any problems with dogs in the park.

For the most part it's great, also an incredibly supportive community in non such helping find lost dogs, people who have fallen etc-a lot of the dog professionals are the first to help out

Generally owners and dog walkers are friendly and dogs well behaved. The commercial dog walkers have too many dogs at once, cannot monitor them all, all of the time and often leave poo behind because they just do not see it happening. There are a few who walk 10 dogs which is intimidating. A limit should be put into place - but this has to be monitored.

Friendly

I go very early as the park gets quite busy around 8/9 it's usually very pleasant

Generally okay, however, our dogs have experienced attacks on occasions.

Not normally a problem

Mixed and mostly positive with the occasional aggressive dog

Weekday mornings when I normally go, there are generally older people with one or two larger dogs and professional dog walkers with small numbers of all sizes of dogs that are well-behaved and socialise very nicely with my dog, some off their leads and others on. These include rescues of mixed breeds and recognisable breeds - Labradors, Golden Retrievers, German Shepherds, a Great Dane, Dobermans, Rottweilers, Dalmatians, Vizslas, Jack Russells, pugs, greyhounds etc.

If I go on a Sunday, Bank Holiday or School

Holiday and the weather is sunny, it's very different. Scores of people with small, untrained cross-breed 'toy' dogs like cockerpoos, cavapoos, maltipoos

and similar. Many of which run around and pester bigger dogs and don't return to their owners when called. Or are just ignored by owners with phones or headphones. It seems they aren't trained in recall and aren't used to being offlead in Nonsuch. This is stressful for the usual walkers as the small dogs and owners panic if bigger dogs attempt to interact. Personally, I keep my large dog on her lead when I see these sorts of dogs if I don't know them and put up with the small dogs running up to us.

Overall, when I go, I have a wonderful experience and the exercise and play with other dogs my dog gets there enriches her life no end.

It's a lovely busy park

Generally OK. Our dog tends not to play with other dogs. He is a fully accredited assistance dog. He doesn't like the attention of multiple dogs.

Generally ok. I tend to walk in quieter parts of the park with my dog.

They are an issue with their excrement not being picked up and disposed of properly

On many occasions dogs not on a lead and left to roam. Dogs mess and poo bags left.

Have asked people to pick up their mess some do some don't.

Attend a Nordic walking group regularly and dogs randomly walk through the group owners just watch not safe for us or the dog. Dogs have jumped up at us not a pleasant experience.

I like dogs, however Nonsuch has become more and more populated with dog walkers, walking large numbers of dogs, off lead, with no control over them and no respect for other park users wishes not to be approached by the dogs.

The numbers of dogs walked in Nonsuch has increased hugely in the past few years. I've witnessed multiple issues with dogs off-lead, out of control, no recall, approaching people, children and other dogs on leads, when this is unwanted and actively discouraged by those approached, and who often receive verbal abuse in response to requests to control their dogs.

Those dog walkers that walk any groups of dogs should also be restricted to walk alone, as I see multiple dog walkers walking dog groups together, creating one large uncontrolled pack, which is incredibly dangerous.

Plus just yesterday I witnessed a single dog being attacked by a group of dogs walked by an individual, the dog walker then verbally abused a member of the public, that had raised this as a problem, and a few weeks ago saw a small dog being attacked by a much larger dog, again the owner of the small dog received abuse, for shouting to the large dog owner to control his dog. Personally I've had a picnic in the park with friends only to have our picnic invaded by a dog that had no recall, and the dog owner refused to come and get control over their dog, shouting abuse in response to us asking them to come and gain control over their dog.

I think instead of dog-free zones, in the main areas of the park dogs should be on leads, and then there should be fenced off areas for lead free zones, that people with friendly/trained dogs can safely let their individual dogs run off the lead in a contained area. However, groups of dogs should always be kept on leads for safety.

I fear it is only a matter of time before serious incident occurs and a child, adult or dog is seriously injured or worse.

No longer very pleasurable as there are too many paid dog walkers many with too many dogs

Mostly good. I don't think I've had any bad experiences.

I don't have a problem

Majority of dog walkers are responsible, however, I do think there should be a limit as to how many dogs one person can walk safely

I very rarely have any negative interaction with dogs in Nonsuch. Even the more exuberant dogs are friendly and can be controlled.

Most dog walkers are respectful but some people just leave their dogs completely out of control.

It's a real community

Usually very friendly

Any issues I w had with dogs/their owners have been with the owners, never a dog walker. Dog walkers are more cautious for the sake of the dogs & others. Implementing a licence for walkers to walk in nonsuch inevitably will lead to needing a personal licence to walk your own dog!

Dog walkers are considerate and aware of park etiquette and follow the rules when a dog is on lead. As a dog walker myself if I see dogs I walk in the opposite direction. There is enough space to avoid others.

My experience of dogs in Nonsuch has always been very good, I've encountered no negative experiences with my own dogs or with those of others.

Largely positive.

Never had any bad experiences

Too many with just one person to control them especially when it's big dogs

Many owners walk dogs off lead who have poor recall and behaviour. Many dog owners are friendly and chatty. Dog walkers have been observed to not pick up dog waste. Dog walkers often walk together creating some very large numbers of dogs together.

Far too many dog walkers with up to 5 dogs at any given time

I personally have not had any issues in the park, if there have been any issues that I have witnessed, these have not been caused by commercial dog walkers, but inexperienced dog owners, particularly younger owners of dogs who have not trained them correctly.

Very pleasant and happy to walk my dogs around the park as it's large enough for everyone.

Loads of them which is a problem as my son is phobic. We thought he could escape in the gardens around Nonsuch house/cafe but there have been dogs there all times we've visited. I had to piggyback him through the park and woods back to Ewell last time as excited dogs bounded up and owners called they're friendly. Not helpful if you're phobic.

I myself am a dog walker and despite not visiting Nonsuch often, most times I have visited I have had issues with other people's dogs. I've worked really hard to build my business and like to think that I have good control of the dogs I walk. They are kept on lead if they don't have good recall, or if we are within close proximity to others, yet even when I avoid other park users I still have other people dogs (in particular walkers with large amounts) run up to us and disrupt my group. It gets quite draining having repeat issues when other walkers can't control their group and also gives us a bad name/image. I believe there should be a limit of up to six dogs per person, I can't remember if this is the case already but I have certainly seen people with more. I'm aware of the Surrey Code of Conduct too but as it's more of a good will thing I don't think walkers take it seriously.

Dog walkers walk friendly, family pets. That's how they can walk with other dogs in first instance. Also provide an important service to many local residents, who rely, sometimes daily on their dogs being walked. I have not seen many incidents but they have been with dog owners walking their own dogs.

I've experienced no problems

I had an incident with a woman walking 5 or 6 dog which were not under control. One dog was on a training lead trailing on the ground. Her dog became aggressive to my dog which was on a lead. I asked her to recall her dog because mine was upset and elderly. In an attempt to get to my dog her dog ran around my legs wrapping the training lead around my legs. I shouted to her to get her dog under control and she became abusive. None of the dogs she was walking was under control and she put me at risk of falling over with her dog's lead round my legs.

There are too many dogs off leads and not under control of their walkers. When off lead dogs often stray into the dog free areas and their walkers do not stop them. Also dogs are often off leads around the cafe area. I have felt intimidated by off lead dogs approaching me, barking and even jumping up. The dog walkers are unconcerned and unapologetic.

Absolute nuisance. Well behaved dogs on lead are acceptable. I have had several incidents of being 'approached by dogs' the last occasion was yesterday 29.04.2024 shortly before 13.00. I passed two dog walkers. The first lady was walking up the tank tracks with about 6 dogs with one on a lead. She was yelling as one had disappeared. The second woman was to my right with again about 6 dogs. I was carrying a waitrose bag when one of her dogs approached me from behind and attempted to rip my shopping bag from me. I was startled and admittedly swore and told her if she could not control her dogs they should be on a lead. This park seems to have been taken over by 'entitled' dog owners. I appreciate there are good owners who are responsible and some must be as frustrated as a walker but it just doesn't feel safe any more. There is also dogs mess everywhere. This open space has been taken over as a 'dog' park.

It's now out of control...dogs off leads, the Woodland Trust exit where railway is known to locals as dog poo alley. I live local and have witnessed dog bites, dogs attacking other dogs and commercial dog walkers using it against bylaws. Nothing against dogs, but little children children children heading for Cheam Park and learning to ride bicycles are not safe anymore

Ok

Rarely had an issue. Most walkers are responsible and on the odd occasion I have had an issue, it's been with an individual and not a professional walker.

Positive

Generally good. Owners seem to know their dogs and usually manage each dog's behavior well. Occasionally encounter a dog that is boisterous or aggressive.

I worry when someone has more than three or four dogs, as it is impossible to watch that many.

My 3yo is absolutely petrified of dogs because on a number of occasions owners have let their dogs run up to her out of control. The control owners have to recall their dogs in this situation is getting worse. We live next to the Park and her negative experiences are mainly within the Park where dogs are off leads.

Nonsuch Park is a great place for walking. I have always found it to be a lovely park. I walk my two dogs but also take my Grandson to enjoy the gardens at the mansion House with a great cafe

Not problematic, there is so much space it never seems crowded

Dog walkers aren't an issue, it's individual dog owners letting aggressive dogs off leads that's an issue

So many dogs off lead, majority of which the walkers do not have full control of.
Dog walkers having too many dogs, and therefore not able to watch /pickup after the dogs

Well behaved, do not cause me a problem at all

Good

I think there are too many dogs that can freely. When running I am always worried to fall because dogs run in front of me which has happened many times without the owner in sight. There are too many people who have too many dogs and cannot look after them all. I also had big dogs running very fast towards us when we were walking without a lead which was quite scary

Very annoying. Don't feel safe and don't enjoy my walks anymore as there are too many dogs without leash running around, barking at people passing by.

There are lots of them

When out running it can be very difficult to navigate the no. of dogs. Have nearly fallen several times. Also once my son with Down syndrome was floored by a dog which then held him to the floor. He is now frightened of all dogs.

I use the park for walking my own dog and find it a resource to be able to take the dog off the lead. As my dog is very playful he enjoys interacting with other dogs and I enjoy speaking to their owners with most people having time for a quick chat. Sometimes I find it intimidating with a large number of dogs being walked by one person as I'm not sure how all of them will react to my dog.

I am a dog owner and chose to live by the park due to easy access to an open space for dog exercise. At the weekends it can be very busy, so I often take my dogs to Epsom Common.

Many commercial dog walkers with multiple dogs

All well behaved and dog walkers are friendly and responsible

Wonderful

Far too many dog walkers walking 6 to 10 or more dogs after 9 o'clock one will pass 6 to 10 dog walkers with these numbers of dogs they lose dogs don't pick up the poo and are generally annoying to local people Spoiling our park

Good my dog loves it

Owners not respecting other walkers and managing their dogs appropriately. Frequent deposits of extremely large dog 'poo' left on grass pathways clearly visible for them to pick up. Really disgusting.

Multiple dogs with one person in charge, how can they watch and locate dog 'poo' from any of them all moving in different directions.

Allowing their dogs to jump up at other walkers saying 'oh they are okay, they won't bite/hurt you'. Whereas they can cause people to tumble to the ground, break hips, arms especially those who are elderly, or those who are walking to recuperate after an operation.

The number running loose seems to have increased in recent years. At times I have felt very uneasy with dogs that appear aggressive and no owners in sight. People having to continuously call out for their dogs shows that they are not under control.

Mainly positive experiences

Mostly positive except that there appears to be an increasing number of professional dog walkers with multiple dogs. They arrive by car / van, open the doors and up to 8 dogs run out into the areas near rage car parks. The dogs often go to the Toilet and it proves impossible for them to clean up all the excrement. The visitors with single or two dogs mostly clean up after their dogs.

All seem to be well behaved, I have not had any problems.

Multiple dog walkers whatever time of day you go. and try to go very early in the morning 7/7.30am to avoid crowds I don't always feel safe.

Most people that walk Multiple dogs are usually on their phones and not paying attention or clearing up after the dogs,

It's becoming a major issue, most are off leads,

No problem

They are well behaved, trained and friendly.

There has been a significant increase in dogs over the last 10 years. It no longer feels safe with small children so we do not go as much. Too many dogs not on leads. All dogs should be on leads.

Having fun

Enjoy watching them run freely

Controlled by owners and/or dogw walkers

This has never been an issue for me. Most dog walkers and owners are very responsible, and I have never had a negative experience. The park continues to be clean and I have never been bothered by a dog, even when sat having a picnic or ice cream. I like the sense of community that is brought to the park through dog walking. There is also a huge area which is dog free and I have never seen anyone break this rule.

Very good I like saying hello to them and think it makes the party more fun

My experience is that most dogs and owners are responsible and well behaved but I am aware of incidents where dogs or people have been put at risk or felt at risk from others, including walkers with too many animals to effectively control. I am an older walker with a single companion dog and feel I have to stick to the main areas, rather than enjoying the wider areas of this beautiful park. My preference is to limit the number of dogs a single walker can walk to ensure effective control of their animals. A maximum of four per walker should be implemented, fewer for larger dogs. This must then be monitored and enforced with maybe licences for commercial walkers and dogs.

Majority of dogs are fine and owners know their own dog and have on lead when necessary. Packs of dogs cannot always be controlled as dogs can be unpredictable and walkers are often unaware of when a dog off lead has done it's business and therefore Not picked up.

I have always had a positive experience with my dogs and other dogs at nonsuch.

Too many big groups of dogs. Some walkers with about 6/8 dogs being walked. I have one small dog and I have to walk the other way when I see them coming. How can they control such a large group. They also can't possibly clean up after them. Most of the time the walkers are on their phones and not watching out for what is going on. It needs to be controlled - it had spoiled my enjoyment of this beautiful park.

Nonsuch is a popular place for dog walking and for families with children. I sometimes accompany family with their dogs. Nervous dogs can react to other dogs especially those in a large group ie commercial dog walkers. Things could kick off and it is possible that the single commercial walker could lose control. Commercial dog walkers should be limited in the number of dogs they walk and ideally for 4 or more dogs, two walkers should be in control i.e. pairs.

All dogs should be kept on a lead, so that they can be properly controlled. In January 2023, I was bitten on my upper thigh by an uncontrolled Alsation puppy, whilst I was running in the park. This was reported to the park management and the police. My upper leg still shows the teeth marks and at times still tender. If this had happened to a child, the injury would possibly have been more severe and probably fatal. The owner of the puppy, who was walking other dogs as well, would not give me her contact details and tried to brush the incident off, saying he was being playful.

Never have a problem with dogs in nonsuch park,all of them are absolutely fibe

Mostly fine but there's always someone with multiple dogs that aren't under control

Most are well behaved although large groups can be a bit concerning when the Walkers are on their phones and not paying attention. Referring to next question I walk 3 dogs but they are my own and are well trained.

Occasionally felt intimidated by dogs that are loose. Frequently have to avoid dog poo that hasn't been picked up. Owners frequently don't keep dogs on leads in Warren farm area despite rules.

Packs of dogs are intimidating for children and adults and can be frightening for humans and dogs alike. Walking several dogs limits the ability to manage them all and pick up excrements. I would like a limit on dog : human ratio 3:1 Thank you for bringing this issue to attention

My concern is with people walking several dogs off leads and their control over them. Dogs are a pack animal and unintentional their behaviour can change.

Usually fine but some people walking 6-8 dogs make no effort to control them, or pick up their poos

Bad. Too many dogs out of control and off the lead.

In recent years, I've seen commercial dog walkers struggling to control up to nine dogs, putting all park users at risk. It's also sometimes obvious that some dogs do not get on and walking them together is inviting conflict. I've seen dogs successfully break free of the commercial walker to approach other dogs or children, creating panic. I've also noted that commercial dog walkers don't necessarily clear up after their dogs, excusing themselves when challenged, that "their hands are already full". When they do clear it up, they often throw the bag straight in the nearest bushes. Unfortunately commercial dog walking for maximum profit effectively means minimising (often discarding entirely) any sense of social responsibility. It's a sorry situation when younger children or dog owners are avoiding Nonsuch Park during the day on weekdays because of the erosion of safety and security by commercial dog walkers who abuse the amenity.

Far too many dogs, often off leads. Unwanted approaches from dogs barking / jumping up. Can feel threatening.

Dogs aren't usually the problem, it's the irresponsible owners who are. There are countless occasions I've witnessed of owners not picking up their pet's faeces, and even if they do, they then toss the bag into the bushes or hang it on a branch. Bringing their attention to the dog's "deposit" is often met with a mouthful of abuse. So-called "professional"/commercial dog walkers, some with as many as 8 animals, I find do not have full control of their charges, and fail to notice all faecal deposits of their charges. The question I ask is: "Would you walk in a park which is becoming a glorified dog toilet?"

As a regular runner in Nonsuch Park I have been confronted by commercial dog walkers (sometimes numbering 11 dogs) on numerous occasions. These commercial dog walkers have no regard whatsoever for the safety of other park users. They are unable to control the dogs in thier care. I have been chased, bitten and jumped by unruly aggressive dogs and had numerous arguments with the commercial dog walkers who have no regard for the safety of others and often regard me running past the dogs as the reason for being attacked. The arrogance of these commercial dog walkers is at a level that is unacceptable and thier activity should be regulated. I would add that regular dog walkers are great and always in control of thier dogs and have regard for other park users.

Not keen, they have made us visit less as it feels like a giant dog waking field

Too many. Commercial dog walkers are becoming a problem.

Mixed with both commercial dog walkers and individual dog walkers. But It only takes one dog to attack to cause a problem. I'm particularly concerned how vulnerable the children from the forest school walking around the park would be if a dog chose to attack. I wouldn't want the Forest schools to stop. It's a delight to see the children enjoying nature, investigating and exploring nature. Some commercial dog walkers do not seem to be in charge of all of their dogs. Walking between 5-8 dogs each. I'm not sure they could stop all their dogs if one choose to attack. Most commercial dog walkers that I see walk all their dogs off the lead.

I am aware of the increasing numbers of dogs in the park. I feel uneasy if large dogs are unleashed.

There are too many dogs in Nonsuch Park. Commercial dog walkers are ruining a space that should be available for families to use for recreation. Dog poo is everywhere and I often feel unsafe when visiting.

Growing number of people with many dogs not being properly supervised and a lot of more poo. Q2 offered a v limited choice. I use park to walk and exercise - but nit running.

Generally good, but some commercial dog walkers have too many dogs. This can be intimidating for other dogs

The majority of dogs are well-behaved but there are occasions when owners can't control their dogs , especially around other dogs. I have noticed that the number of commercial dog walkers has increased, with some walkers having up to 7/8 dogs.

No problems

Bad. Had dog off lead jump up and reach my face. Owner did nothing. Owners often do not seem to keep their dogs under control in the park particularly if they have more than one.

I only walk my own (one) dog in Nonsuch Park and I do notice that there can be a fair number of apparently 'commercial' dog walkers there. However, this isn't a problem for me except when two or more of them walk together. Their dogs can then form a very large pack which can be hard to control.

We have visited Non such frequently as a family since 2008. When we bought a puppy in 2016 we stopped using the park because of the number of dog walkers and their lack of control over the dogs in their care. We still visit less frequently because of this problem. Sometimes there are packs of very large dogs and a single walker - it is worrying because they wouldn't be able to control all of them if something went wrong.

My dog was attacked in March 2023. Dog walker took full responsibility.

Most people are in control of their dogs but the minority ruin it for everyone. This applies to 'professional' dog walkers and private owners.

In the past, I have tripped over a small dog which had been allowed to run wild. I am 75 years old and it shook me up. I have also tripped over extendable (and almost invisibile) leads used by dog walkers.

They are a nuisance. Dog owners seem to think that they are entitled to the park and no one else. They are noisy, a nuisance, and sometimes aggressive. Also, dog mess is left around.

I avoid going to Nonsuch Park because there are too many dogs. I have lived right next to the park for 14 years and have only been in there a handful of times because of dogs. There's also so much dog poo that if I do go, I expect to tread in it. It's horrible. There are too many dogs and it's unfair for people who just want a peaceful walk without selfish dog owners allowing their dogs to lurch at other pedestrians/ not picking up poo/ pedestrians having to move out of the way for dogs. I also think that dogs should be on a lead at all times in the park.

Dog walkers let their dogs off the lead with little recall. Many dogs are well trained but it distresses me when they run up to me and jump up. I'm very wary of dogs, having been bitten as a child and I don't want them in my personal space. Especially if I'm exercising and might hurt them. The majority of walkers are thoughtful. I'm concerned by the increased in people with more dogs - yesterday there was a lady with 6 on leads and 2 other dogs - all medium to large dogs too.

I tend to stay away from Nonsuch mainly due to huge numbers of dog walkers. I have small anxious dog and find the large number of walkers have more than 1 dog and not all keep an eye on all their charges. Too many large dogs running around with limited control.

I have always had a positive experience with dogs in Nonsuch park

Lots of off leash dogs, some of whom do not have recall and seem to not be under control. Several times off leash dogs have barked, approached and scared my children when walking and cycling in the park. We have also witnessed a large out of control dog jumping up at a toddler and the father had to hold his child above his head, in order to prevent the child being bitten. I have seen this dog off leash since and the owners do not keep it near them when walking.

Not good. My children have been chased on their bikes by dogs off lead and I have seen a person attacked by an out of control dog.

There are a lot of dogs and dog poo

I enjoy walking in Nonsuch and have not experienced any problems. I have however noticed an increase in people with multiple dogs. I usually avoid these groups.

I no longer use the park much because of the nuisance caused by multiple dogs. They leave dog mess on paths and grass and are threatening when together. I am fearful I will be attacked. I would like to take my grandchildren to the park more but I am too cautious to do so.

Been chased by unleashed dogs multiple times. Owners fault for not doing proper recall training. However most dogs are lovely and I'm always down for a cuddle if the dog is friendly.

I was overwhelmed by the number of dogs (off and on lead). I am not overly comfortable around dogs and was very nervous when some very large dogs came very close- so did not go back again.

We walk / run our (one) Labrador in the park with our two children. We often find ourselves needing change route or back track due to dog walkers with multiple (sometime eight or more) in the park. Our dog gets nervous when there is a pack and the children are also not comfortable. There is also a lot of dog waste lying around.

Elderly mother, once physically knocked over (the owner ran away). Had dogs running at her as well as bounding all over, up at and around her, causing fear and anxiety. An owner cannot keep an eye on multiple dogs, pooping and running at walkers, children and less abled.

There are lots. Most are not on leads including in areas where people are asked to keep them on leads due to nesting birds which I think is appalling and pretty selfish.

Generally very positive but have noticed increasing numbers of commercial dog walkers

Too many dogs with irresponsible owners have ruined the area. No control of dogs and don't care about everyone else.

Mostly my experiences have been very good but, as with everything, there are always some bad experiences. Overall, most dog owners are responsible.

I often use the park with my son (adult with downs syndrome) on his tricycle, family walks and for running. Dog walkers with multiple dogs do not control their dogs with the result we often come across dog excrement. There are 3 nominally "dog free areas" in the park. Dog walkers often let their dogs run loose and through the hedges and gates around these areas. This makes them unsafe for users who are afraid of dogs. My Downs syndrome son is not confident around dogs, when he is pestered by dogs from dog walkers instead of expressing sympathy and controlling their dogs their response is always "he's only playing". How is an adult with Downs Syndrome meant to be able to tell the difference,

Relaxing most people are in control of there dogs. But I stay away from multiple dog walkers.

I love Nonsuch Park and have walked there most days for over 20 years.

I have always had good experiences at Nonsuch Park and I walk my dogs there at least 4 or 5 days a week, for the last 20 years.

Not had any problems

No issues with other dogs even when off lead dogs meet my reactive dog

Nonsuch is a fantastic space for dogs. Plenty of space for all - most walkers respect other park users space, whether they be running, cycling, families etc. There are plenty of bins around too which is great. The professional dog walkers are a great community of people who help others when they need it, whether its shampoo to clean a dog that's rolled in something nasty, or to provide a poo bag to someone who has forgotten to bring one, to help an

owner recall their dog or even organise a gathering to help an owner to find their lost dog. Nonsuch is a great local park for local people and their dogs to enjoy.

I was surprised by the number of dogs to be honest in the middle of the day in the middle of the working week.

We live next to Nonsuch and have 2 dogs. There are times ie 9am / 9.30am where there are multiple dog walkers with multiple dogs. However in the 19 years I've lived here I've not experienced any issues. I do tend to stay off the main paths though.

Dogs in open spaces are an absolute pain. Instead of fencing off minimal areas of parks as dog free, how about fencing off areas for dogs, thereby leaving the majority of parks for dog free walkers without fear of attack or dog fouling. Those who dislike dogs are being prohibited from enjoying open spaces because dogs are running around everywhere!! Restrict dogs to small areas. If dog owners want to walk in the whole park, then visit without the dogs!!

Too many

On the whole, it has been fine

I have been walking daily in Nonsuch for 7 years now and I think that there are literally only 1 or 2 commercial dog walkers that had more than 5-6 well behaved dogs which I would consider to be a sensible number that can be transported safely and walked responsibly.

In my experience it seems to be private dog walkers who are more likely to behave antisocially in not picking up dog mess or having uncontrolled dogs off-lead. Professional dog walkers obviously know that they are in public view and their financial welfare relies on their behaviour.

I do believe that dog walkers should be licenced, but that obviously needs to be policed.

Nonsuch is a very large park and surely there is more than enough room for everyone to enjoy the space.

Unconnected to this consultation, but I would say that cyclists who ride on the park paths as if they have priority because they are bigger and faster than walkers are a much more negative aspect of Nonsuch park.

Usually good but often see/meet dog walkers with large numbers of dogs

Too many dogs under very little control. Stopped walking there and running there due to dogs jumping up at the kids.

Have not had good experiences with dogs and owners. Dogs frequently jump up at our children

On the times I walk I haven't experienced any problems causing me concern

Most long term professional users of the parks have their dogs under control. New walkers from the same company have recently come from Wandsworth whom lack control and consideration for other park users (professionals included)

Positive experience for the most part

Mostly good. I walk my dog there.

Most are under control, it's a shame the few are spoiling it for the majority.

On the whole fine but occasionally see a dog walker with several dogs which is intimidating for me and my dog. I have no objection in dog walkers using the park but with a max of 3/4 dogs

Too many allowed to run freely. Can be frightening to young children and people wary of dogs

Walking on my own and with a group I find many groups of dogs to be too large and on occasions intimidating.

Most dog owners appear to be considerate and in control of their dogs, although you get the owners too fixated on their phones to watch for their dogs. I have seen an increase in professional dog walkers and also the number of dogs they are walking. I have seen as many as 8 dogs being walked some off/some on lead. I avoid them with my dog as he is reactive and the situation could escalate - I don't believe the dog walker would be able to control such a pack. I have concerns for the nursery in Nonsuch as well. The children are out every day and again I am concerned that a dog walker with a large group of dogs would not be able to control an unexpected situation, should it arise.

Irritating. They interfere with my quiet enjoyment of the Park. They run at me, bark alarmingly and jump up at me putting muddy paws on my clothes.

Generally very positive. Most dogs ignore other people, though some are friendly and will approach people. Most dogs seem to be reasonably well controlled by their owners. I have heard of occasional instances of aggression between dogs, but have not witnessed aggression towards humans.

Mixed experience with the main issue being the owners lack of knowledge of dog control and not the dogs themselves.

I always had a great experience. Only a few months ago a dog tried to bit my son (5 yo) but luckily our dog and us were able chase him off. But apart of that one incident we always had a good experience.

There are far too many off leads in the park. I find the problem tends to be the local owners who allow their dogs to roam loose and too far away from them. We have started to avoid Nonsuch Park because of this. I have witnessed many altercations between dogs too. We live across the road from the park, and now travel to Cheam or Morden Park.

Since lockdown way too many dogs

I have been walking at Nonsuch Park for almost 40 years. Although I have noticed an increase in commercial dog walkers (probably due to the increase of dog owning households), I have always found the majority of them to be respectful of other park users. Unfortunately over the years, I have found the issues to come from complacency amongst the other dog owners, who are often on their phones, or generally not paying attention to what their dog is doing. The 'professionals' seem to be much more attentive to their dogs.

I need a dog walker some of the week because of my health. My Dogwalker uses Nonsuch Park. I am very against dog walkers who walked many dogs at a time (how on earth can they watch when each one "stoops" ? For this reason I checked my dog walker's policy and practice - she only walks a maximum of 4 dogs at a time. When I had an epileptic dog I paid extra so a dog walker could give her their full attention and walk just Tess on their own.

It's busy, but friendly

Happy

Always a pleasure. It's a fantastic park for dogs and families alike.

Mostly ok but seen dog walkers with a very large amount of dogs, some scurrying around lost before walker realises. The sometimes act as a pack and it makes my dogs very fearful when they all run up and surround them. I've seen squirrels hunted and attacked by deerhounds.

Fine and in control

Nice area, lovely to have the tea rooms. Runners can be quite ignorant to others on paths and don't slow down when passing my dog

I am an elderly woman who finds it hard to exercise my dog as often as I used to, so I use a local dog walker who only charges me £5 for an hours walk. When I was able to go to the park daily I never had any problems with the dogs I came into contact with

Very positive. I've never had a problem in terms of aggression or worrying behaviour from any dog

While we appreciate most dogs are well behaved, it can feel very intimidating when there are large groups of dogs supervised by very few adults. The park attracts many family groups with young children (and the family dog) which we welcome.

I have had two nasty incidents, some time ago. I was recovering from an abdominal operation, and meant to be walking a lot. I emerged from a thicket (on a proper path) and was confronted by seven dogs. I mostly remember the Alsatian, the Doberman and the Boxer. The owner blamed me for appearing too suddenly. The second occasion was when I was jogging, and a bulldog stopped me and wasn't going let me move. I could see the owner in the distance, and shouted to him to call his dog off. I had a bandaged knee at the time, and he shouted back that he hoped I broke my other leg, and started swearing at me. Eventually I got away, and when I reached the car park I saw an elderly couple getting out of their car with a small dog. I warned them about the bulldog, and they started berating me for jogging and saying that dog walkers were just as entitled to use the park as I was. I have

encountered this dogs-ought-to-be-allowed- to-do-what-they-like attitude several times, especially when large dogs jump up at you and slobber all over you. They are just being friendly, even if they knock you over. I love animals, but irresponsible owners cause a lot of grief.

Mostly ok. But a few walkers of multiple dogs are clearly unable to control the number of dogs with them

I Have a small dog. Some dog-walkers have 12+ dogs (2 walkers) running almost ferral & intimidating to me & my dog.

Occasionally met other dogs out who approach when my dog is on lead, or seen owners not paying attention to their dogs or near them

I love my walks with my dog

Generally great, with the exception of one or 2 ignorant owners out with their dogs

Often too many and too far away from owners.

Positive experiences

Most are ok, but I have had experience on several occasions of dog walkers allowing their dogs to be aggressive around me and physically interact with me without putting them on a lead.

I run a dog walking business, and I am insured to walk a maximum of six dogs at a time. I choose not to walk regularly at Nonsuch as it is a little far from most of my clients. However, on the occasions I have walked there, I have found it to be a largely friendly and welcoming space.

I believe the issue is that commercial Dogwalkers are travelling to Nonsuch from areas of London and walking large groups of dogs. I am strongly in favour of Dog Walking being licensed, and I believe that Dogwalkers who live and/or operate their business in the local area should be prioritised for licenses should this be brought into force?

In my experience, commercial Dogwalkers are responsible, professional and very aware of their surroundings. They make way for individuals, pick up their dogs mess, and the vast majority ensure that the dogs they are walking are under good control.

I am disappointed that the persons handing out leaflets at Nonsuch have been reluctant to engage with commercial Dogwalkers and discuss this with them. This appears to show quite a strong bias against allowing commercial Dogwalkers to use this space. Please ensure that all stakeholders are properly consulted on a matter such as this.

Try and avoid dog walkers as some seem to have too many dogs to safely control, others meet up with their friends being other dog walkers so then far to many dogs all together. See several regular people that walk one or two dogs who my 2 dogs and I chat to each time we meet

Where there are one or two being walked the dogs seem well controlled and owners seem to generally clean up after them. Where more dogs are involved the owners/walkers seem unaware of what the dogs are doing

On the whole, no problems.

We walk our cockapoo offlead in the park and mostly have had good experiences, although we try to keep him away from areas with lots of other dogs. There does seem to be a problem though with reactive offlead dogs causing issues by being overly aggressive eg. German shepherds and I have also spotted dog walkers with far too high a number of dogs under their control, up to 7 in some cases, which when then let offlead start bothering every other dog as the dog walker cannot control them. I do think there should be limits on how many dogs can be walked at once, 4 seems about reasonable.

No issues with dogs, whether that be one dog with its family, or multiple dogs with dog walkers. Its a lovely place to walk our dog. Our dog walker often takes our dog there, and never has any issues. Never seen a dog out of control.

I find dogs to be a real nuisance in the park. Most of them are off leads, and many owners are unable to control their dogs verbally. As a result I often feel intimidated by dogs that run up to me, sometimes barking or jumping up. Owners are sometimes on their phones, and some distance from their dogs, so not paying attention to what they are doing. Plus there is all the noise from owners yelling at their dogs. It would be nice to be able to sit down and relax, and perhaps have a picnic in the park, but this is not possible (other than in the Mansion garden) because there would inevitably be dogs nosing around. I have also seen owners let their dogs in the wildlife pond, despite notices asking for dogs to be kept out.

I know there are dog-free areas, but these are relatively small, less scenic than other parts of the park, and as the fencing is broken in places there could still be dogs in these areas.

I think there should be a limit on the number of dogs that any person can have with them in the park, whether they are a commercial dog walker or an owner.

Mostly good, but sometimes with large packs of dogs it's intimidating and my child is scared.

I would like to see the specific areas that are designated as dog free to be re-fenced every time we have a picnic in these area dogs come in.

Very friendly - our dogs have lots of friends there

I love seeing them . It makes me feel safer in the park knowing it is so well used

Mostly ok but there are large packs of dogs walked together which can be intimidating for other dogs and children/ people wary of dogs

I am often harassed by out of control dogs, or poorly trained dogs, off their lead jumping up on me. It's intimidating and often scary being unable to anticipate what an approaching dog will do. In addition to leaving muddy paw prints requiring cleaning. Commonly owners take no responsibility for the actions of their dog and are largely ignorant of the effect of other park users. Large groups of dogs are the more intimidating as their competitive

behaviours are more evident; chasing dogs and people, growling, and fighting. I have noticed increased use of the park by multiple commercial dog walking firms.

In recent years I have noticed a significant growth in the number of people walking large groups of dogs, both commercially and non-commercially. It's not uncommon to see one person with 5-6 dogs. This seems unsafe and irresponsible as I don't believe one person can control that many dogs. I frequently see dogs jumping up at and barking at non dog walkers.

It is generally very busy with many dog walkers, some having more than 4 dogs. Some people do not have control and therefore I no longer walk there every day or allow my dog off lead just in case we encounter a pack.

I've never had a problem here with any dog. It does get busier in school holidays and weekends so I tend to avoid going then.

Far too many dog walkers, every time we go they are everywhere

There haven't been any problems with large groups of dogs at the times we've been there, usually between 10 & 11 am

Generally very pleasant, the odd owner running in the park without paying attention to their own dog causing issues. The majority of dog walkers are responsible and have control of their dogs

I am alarmed of the number of dogs and banned breeds in the park. When they are off the leash it can be worrying with small children around.

Occasional individual dogs may be an issue, but this is rare. (has happened a few times in years walking there). Most dogs on and off lead are well behaved.

In the many years I have been walking dogs (recently x2 French bulldogs belonging to my daughter), I have never witnessed, never been involved in, any problem with dog walkers. In fact, they have been very helpful on occasion. I have seen, but only twice, dog scuffles but these have been between individual dogs being walked by their owners.

Many are fine. However some dogs are walked in packs and this can lead to difficulty as the person responsible for them is unwilling or unable to control them. Sadly I have been verbally abused and threatened by a dog walker with seven dogs who would not leave my anxious dog, (who was on the lead), alone. I politely requested she called the dogs off and her reaction was entirely unreasonable, intimidating and aggressive. In addition these dogs, as so often happens with dogs walked in groups, were defecating and this was not being cleared up by the walker. Many of the dog walkers appear to spend their time on the phone or talking with other dog walkers ignoring the dogs! This can result in very large groups of dogs together in areas of the park. There needs to be an enforced maximum of dogs walked by any one person and also walked within one group.

I have been chased several times by out of control dogs, off leads. I am a slight 68 year old, very fit for my age, female, that exercises every day. I have been knocked to the ground several times by large bouncy dogs but the owners have never shown any concern. I have been nipped by dogs a couple of times, luckily never drawing blood. In my experience dog walkers with more than three dogs cannot control them if they are all off leads.

Most owners are responsible and have control of their dogs

We are so lucky to have this on our doorstep. From my experience, everyone makes room for everyone else and there's enough room for all of us.

No problem whatsoever

Sometimes it's a sane the amounts of dog walkers with u limited amount of dogs.often they don't pick up after them as they are busy looking after other dogs. For me as a reactive dog owner it is hard to keep my dog excersised and walked as if fear of being hombarded with out of control dogs

Too many large groups (ie more than 6...)

Some dog owners are very rude and don't take care of their dogs. They shout at me for cycling on the designated cycle path. I'm a middle aged woman in a dress, not exactly Chris Boardman. The retractable leads can make it hard to navigate. I've been jumped at by dogs and chased. I'm not fast enough to get away! Owners just say they're dogs are friendly but that's not ok!

Dog walkers with too many dogs (6+) often seem unable to control / keep all dogs nearby.

Some dog owners are very responsible people & train their dogs well. But there are some people who really do not care what their dogs do & can be on the phone unaware of what the dogs are doing. People seem to forget that the park is not just for dogs & if you are scared of dogs it can be quite frightening, especially if they come & just up at you. Some people also seem to have so many dogs with them, if anything were to happen, I am not sure that they could deal with it.

No problems

I've never had a problem at all

Generally very good indeed .

I have always had good encounters with dogs in Nonsuch. People have their dogs under control and when they don't, it is predominantly the people who only have one dog which has not been trained properly. The people walking multiple dogs are not an issue in this park as they are well socialised and generally stick with the pack they are with. People walking multiple dogs have never caused an issue.

Think it's a great safe place for dogs. Most owners are really lovely and relaxed dog owners enjoying their surroundings.

Absolutely fine

The dogs are always well behaved and under control

Well behaved

Other dog owners do keep care of there dogs and do keep them on a lead if they are not social with other dogs.

Most are friendly and well controlled. Others are not, especially in larget groupd

The vast majority of them are well behaved and under control.

Always nice and pleasant, plenty of space for those without dogs and those with

I have exercised and walked my dog in nonsuch for years and have never experienced a problem with any dog walkers, personally I find dog owners are to blame for not picking up after their own dogs.

Always had lovely walks in the park with no issues.

To date a great experience that's why I go there regularly

Most are well behaved and owners respect each others pets

I used to go at least once a month now I go about twice a year to Nonsuch . Due to the volume of dogs off leads and their unpredictable manners along with the awful amount of dogpoo it is no longer enjoyable to go with 2 young children. It is such a shame as the cafe gardens and the fields are such a lovely place in the area. We now go to Ewell court as this is much nicer and feels a lot safer

Responsible owners/dog walkers.

Most are well behaved, some not so much. Busy most days, especially at the weekend

I have only had one issue when my dog was bitten by another dog & it was t a dog Walker

Most dog owners are very responsible, control their dogs, clear up after them and are generally very friendly. Other members of the public can use the park without being troubled by dogs.

However there seems to be an increasing number of commercial dog walkers who walk 6+ dogs at a time. This can be intimidating for small dogs. Also it is impossible for a dog walker to have 6+ dogs off lead, keep them all under control and clear up after them all. This gives all dog owners and walkers a bad reputation and risks further restrictions on responsible dog owners and their dogs.

All very good

Lovely place to walk with or without a dog. I have had problems with inattentive owners not controlling their (single) dogs, but I've never had a problem with professional dog walkers.

Excellent. The fitness groups and park run however are inconsiderate and quite often rude.

I am a dog owner but feel it is definitely over used by multiple dog walkers

Not really had any problems

I've never encountered a negative experience in nonsuch and as someone who uses a dog walker so that I can work, I do not believe restrictions should be enforced.

The dogs have never been a bother

It's a lovely place to walk - no issues with dogs in the park - the cyclists are much worse !!

No issues at all

I have been walking my dog for 5 years at nonsuch, I have found this one of the best places to walk him and have not encountered any issues. I would say the dog walkers I have talked to are among the most responsible.

Never had a bad experience with any dogs in Nonsuch. I take my dogs there for walks and it's always nice.

Well behaved, no real concerns. Owners seem to have good understanding of their dogs and I would say the same for walkers. The odd owner that doesn't pick up their mess but other than that it's lovely to see so many dogs in the park having fun!

Love nonsuch, never had a bad experience

Delightful. Never been a problem from dog walkers in the ten years my wife and I walk there with our dog.

I have never had an issue with any dogs

They are well behaved and don't bother me at all most are friendly and enjoy saying hi to all the dogs

Many dog owners are responsible and supervise their dogs well. Some are less good at supervision.

When groups of people congregate to chat with 2 or 3 dogs each there is a difficulty for walkers, runners, families to access some areas that they could otherwise have walked through comfortably.

Personally I have been verbally abused when walking alone in the area outside the coffee shop at Mansion House front entrance because of a dog jumping up at me. It was a very large dog - not on a lead in an area where signs say dogs should be on leads. The man who abused me verbally, after I told him his dog was supposed to be on a lead, was walking with 6 adults, a child and 2 other similarly large dogs. None of the dogs were on leads. The man's aggression was particularly worrying as I see this group often in the park and I dread coming into contact again- I deliberately avoid them now.

Nonesuch park is very popular with dog walkers . Mainly people walk 1 or 2 dogs and the majority are off the lead and are well behaved. It is also popular with commercial dog walkers (I have seen walkers with 8 or 9 dogs)and, while I think this provides a good service for working people, I believe the numbers should be restricted.

I have 1 dog.... My own... I get fed up with too many dog walkers with too many dogs. There is dog mess everywhere as it's hard enough to watch when 1 dog goes let alone 5 or more at once !

I would visit more often but it's not the nicest experience any more.

The car park needs re surfacing, it's dreadful in the winter (both car parks)

Very positive. Nonsuch Park is probably one of the most dog friendly parks I have ever visited and its great. Most park goers seem to enjoy the dogs there and interacting with other owners and walkers, which makes it a lovely sociable place and great for dogs in terms of their general well being and sociability.

Very well behaved and friendly.

Far too many dog walkers with too many dogs each!

Too many and often out of control, off lead, running towards me and jumping up at me, or blocking my way.

Lovely - never had any issues

I have always had a lovely time walking at Nonsuch with my dogs, and meeting other dog walkers

Generally well behaved but we have encountered some dog walkers with groups of approximately 6 animals of the lead who are not in control of the animals. On one occasion we were ran at by aggressively barking and snarling big dogs which was frightening, the dog walker was on her phone looking the other way at the time. She then became abusive when we asked her to control her dogs. She also said if we didn't like dogs we shouldn't walk in Nonsuch Park. We have no dislike of dogs but do expect them to be under control at all times.

There are a large number of dog walkers who seem to have too many dogs. They cannot control them all and do not pick up after them all. When walking my dog there, she gets very nervous when seeing a large pack coming towards her!

never had an issue

Dog walkers with far too many dogs not watching them properly or picking up their waste!

very friendly community of dog walkers and owners

Had the occasional problem with another dog , but never with any of the Professional Dog walkers .

I love the park and love it is used by so many people however with so many dogs over the park I feel there should be a bit more control and a few more dogs waste bins and signs about clearing up after your dog.

Mainly good although I go frequently enough to know the dogs to avoid.

All friendly. Have never had any issues

I love seeing the dogs

I walk early morning and late afternoon and have had very few issues with other dogs in the park.

The majority of dog walkers are responsible & have their dogs under control/recall.

We have had a few issues with dogs showing defensive/ aggressive behaviour who are not under control. This is usually a private owner.

I have two on leash reactive dogs. When it's busy so many off lead dogs rush us and upset mine. Owners invariably are on their phones or have headphones on and can't hear me.

If uncontrolled can be an issue.

Great, most dog owners are responsible and considerate.

I have no issues with the dogs and love seeing them and saying Hello. The walkers including the professional dog walkers on the whole are friendly and happy to strike up a conversation adding to the experience enjoying the park

Far to many dogs

Dogs sometimes chase my bike or hother my nervous on lead dog. Owners have little or no control here except professional dog walkers who have food control.

Lovely place to walk my dog but my dog feels threatened when a group of dogs approach. People with large groups of dogs don't often have control of them all.

Generally well behaved and suitably trained / socialised. A small minority though are not, and are clearly not under control of their handler, who seem to view open spaces with a sense of entitlement, rather than as a shared resource with associated responsibilities for making it enjoyable for all. Whilst commercial operators have more dogs, poor control and clearing up of feaces is not a problem exclusive to them.

On the whole they are OK but large groups of dogs can be distressing for some dogs and walkers

Too many dogs, not always under the control of their owners, who do not always pick up their dogs' mess, which is all too often left on paths and in gateways, never mind what is lurking in the grass. The park is for everyone not just the dog owners.

See dog walkers often. I have no issues

All positive, never had a bad experience

No different to other areas. Acceptable - no dog showing any sign of aggression.

I've never encountered any problems with dogs at Nonsuch during my visits. I have been walking there for many years with my Labrador.

My experiences of dogs and those who walk them has always been professional and caring of the dogs and humans around them

I have had no problems . I walk my dog every day there. I see many dog walkers.

I genuinely find it very pleasant but you get the odd occasion where dog owners are really not bothered about their dogs. I have a dog that is quite nervous he's always on the lead I've had dogs approaching off the lead I've mentioned to the owners and they just look at you and walk off not even bothering about recalling their dogs.

Always a pleasure to see dogs enjoying themselves and they are always well behaved

Terrible. I have been attacked numerous times by Dogs where owner/walker has not kept them on a lead. Owners/Walker always react aggressively when I complain and ask that they control their dogs by putting them on a lead. My wife has also been jumped upon aggressively by a large dog whilst she was recovering from an operation. Owner/walker just laughed at her complain and used expletive language.

I find that on the occasions that I have seen professional dog walkers with multiple dogs they do not have total control of the dogs they are with. I have seen their dogs chase after other dogs and they can't possibly look after the others while they are calling and getting the dog to comply with the command to come back. They are also quite intimidating close up to myself and I do not feel safe when they are near me.

Scary is how I feel as I step out to drop my child to school via the park. I never let my 13 year old go alone on her own due to dogs not being on a leash for 90% of the times (between 8 AM-9AM). Rude owners add to the charm each morning, especially those who have 4-5 dogs each (I am assuming are professional dog walkers). Little or no consideration to the elderly who choose to exercise in British weather by mainly dog walkers on tarmac lanes. Dog-only areas are not flag posted in the park leading to confusion by daily runners/walkers.

It was wonderful. Now, less so. Not being maintained by the Council. Other users are not always polite. Quite a few aggressive dogs and owners). The problem isn't the dog walkers. It is with other users. The dog walkers keep to themselves.

Very bad . I have stopped coming to Nonsuch park because of the number of dangerously out of control dogs. Each time dog owners let them approach my toddler and in several occasions whilst he is in the pram.

i visit less than i did as the number of dog walkers with groups of dogs, not on leads., make me nervous particularly if i am dog walking

They are a nightmare. The owners do not control them properly and think its OK to have a dog on a extendable lead to run around you and trip you up.
You should have restricted areas for dogs.

Good, all very friendly. Our dog has fun

Generally ok.

I was once prevented from moving forward for some minutes by a large aggressive dog in the middle of the pathway. I had to shout out to the owner who was at least 50 yards ahead. Her attitude was too casual and dismissive.

I don't like

one person looking after large groups of dogs, especially off the lead
when two walkers stop to chat - sometimes doubling the number of dogs in a small area
dog walkers not picking up dog's mess

I absolutely adore Nonsuch park and have been visiting almost daily for the past twenty+ years. My experience of dogs and dog walkers in the park has always been positive. It is a joy to see fellow dog walkers and a community take place in Nonsuch. We often know each other, talk and look out for one another.

Dog walkers in Nonsuch are generally a positive asset with good control over their charge, I have always seen them to pick up the poo, and keeping a good eye and ear over the place which means so much to them and us all.

I'm very supportive of continuing dog walkers across Nonsuch park without any further restrictions. I've never seen any problems as part of my daily routine and the community of dog walkers, both private individuals and professionals, enjoying and caring for this shared space is just lovely.

I find some owners allow their dogs to run at me, bark or jump up on me. When I complain they make me feel like I am the one with a problem!0

Many dog walkers have dogs that they are unable to recall when off the lead. The issue isn't specific to those with more than one dog, although it can become more pronounced. There have been too many times when dogs have come bolting towards me or my children which can be terrifying. The owner or walker seldom seems to appreciate this emotion. My children have also had a football seized and punctured by a dog, and fallen off their bicycle to avoid collisions with small dogs leaping out on to the footpath. Walkers with multiple dogs also are not aware when one has pooped unless it happens to be a dog in their immediate vicinity.

I think that a lot of dog owners think the park is for dogs. My husband when riding considerately through park the was bitten on the heel. The dog owner claimed her dog did not like bikes!! There are more dog walkers now than there has ever been, They can be very rude and some times aggressive if you ask them to let you get passed there 6/7 dogs. They walk on the path with the dogs running around along side and sometimes the dogs disappear into the bushes. The dog walkers carry on walking and don't check if the dog has fouled the area.

We have lived for 40 years backing on to the park, until COVID professional dog walkers were not a big problem. Now that we know that even professional dog walkers can get attacked by their dogs (and killed) you feel even more nervous when faced with 2 or more groups of dogs. The park is very important for the whole community it such a shame that there are only 2 small areas that are suppose to be dog free. Maybe think of having areas that are only for packs of dogs so small children can play in the park, roll around on the grass without fear of rolling in excrement. Has any dog owner been fined for not picking up!!?

Mostly positive but there are more and more packs of dogs, I often see one walker with up to ten dogs

Mostly good. My biggest beef is dog owners walking their dogs, using their mobile phone all the time, completely ignoring their dogs.

Great place for dogs to socialise

It is lovely to see so many dogs in the park

Generally good, however we have lots of young children exploring the park and dog mess is a real issue. Dog faces is dangerous an toxic. Also people walking large numbers of dogs is intimidating and a worry that such a large number (more than 4) is hard to control. Dog walkers walking big packs of dogs should contribute to our parks up keep if using it for own financial gain

Brilliant

Good, never had any trouble

They are ok, the park is big enough for them not to bother me.

Lovely and friendly!

Very friendly

Lovely never had problems

No problems

When dogs are correctly managed, as I see with other professional dog walkers, there are no issues. W

Lots of dogs about.

The dogs are well behaved and well looked after for by the numerous dog walkers.

I have no issue with them and I've never seen any issue with dogs / dog walkers in the last 5 years.

During the course of my weekly walks with a walking group, I have seen the number of commercial dog walkers rise dramatically in the past 2 years. Many commercial dog walkers walk 6 dogs at a time, most of them not on a lead. I have often seen 2 dog walkers meet up and chat so there could then be around 12 dogs running around together.

I have frequently been approached by dogs off leads who bark and try to jump up at me.

I have seen a commercial dog walker in an unmarked van reverse into a parking space in the car park and then let 8 untethered dogs jump out and mill around before being ushered off into the park.

There is frequently a large amount of dog poo left on the grass near the lower London Road entrance.

Last year I was confronted by a young, male dog walker when I was cutting across the park on the London Road side. He had 8 dogs all off the lead who suddenly surrounded me. When I froze he rather aggressively said that the park was for dogs as well and I should have thought of that before I set off that morning. When I replied that he had 8 dogs all off the lead so it wasn't surprising I felt intimidated, he just laughed at me and said they were all completely under control. In the light of what happened to the poor dog walker in Caterham, I don't believe any group of dogs running free could be considered 'completely under control'. That part of the park is now a no-go area for me.

Just a couple of weeks ago my walking group saw a group of 4 dogs attack a puppy being walked by its owner who had to rush in and rescue it.

I enjoy seeing dogs in the park and haven't experienced any issues

I've only had positive experiences with dogs at Nonsuch. I think they bring a sense of community to the park as well as a means to socialize with others.

Always pleasant it's lovely seeing dogs in the park.

I am a dog walker myself, and have never had a problem with the dogs I walk, neither have I had any problems with other dog walkers dogs. Dog walkers don't tend to take on problematic/aggressive dogs, due to the fact we are walking in groups in a public place. The only problems I have incurred are with members of the public walking their own dog. Although, these are few and far between. Most public encounters are always lovely, as people love to greet the dogs I walk, as the dogs are always friendly and approachable. I would agree that walking more than 6 dogs at one time is not acceptable. Its not something I would personally do, as this can be unsafe and intimidating for members of public. There are a couple of dog walkers in Nonsuch that do, and I think they are giving other dog walkers a bad reputation. I use the park on a daily basis, the park is my office and I am there everyday come rain or shine. I always clean up after the dogs I walk and am always respectful and considerate of other members of the public. It would be really gutting if myself and my dogs were unable to come to this park that we love so much. Myself and the dogs have as much right to be there as any other members of the public.

It's a lovely park with lovely dogs and owners.

Dogs mainly well behaved and kept under control by owners. I try to avoid dog walkers with large numbers but have had no problem. I am much more concerned about cyclists riding too fast near pedestrians.

Love them

No problems on the whole

Generally all very well behaved and controlled dogs

Always friendly

Generally very good. Everyone is very helpful and if dogs get lost/go missing everyone helps. Been walking dogs in Nonsuch since 1980s and, apart from the very rare bad experience over the years, all very positive.

Always very good - it's lovely to see so many dogs off the lead enjoying the park. I have never had a bad experience and hope that dogs are continued to be allowed to use the park.

I enjoy walking and running around the park and seeing all the lovely variety of dogs having fun.

It's always lovely seeing the dogs happily getting their exercise and fresh air for the owners. All handlers seem respectful of each others dogs needs and pick up their waste as they should.

It's such a great park for dog walking and my dog loves it

All good, but sometimes is problem with dogs poo 🐕. Some owners don't picking up

Lovely park, well maintained, friendly people

No problems so far

Mostly positive, some large groups of dogs can be intimidating

I take my grandchildren scootering there and have never had a problem. In fact, it's nice to see different breeds of dogs in the park. Some are on leads and others are off the lead - but from what I have seen the dogs do not represent a problem even off the lead. They need exercise too!

There are too many dog walkers with multiple uncontrollable dogs. There are also many incidences of not picking up dog mess afterwards.

Never experienced any concerns. I find the behaviour of park run and drivers parking in the park for this more inconvenient.

Whilst the majority of dog walkers are responsible a noticeable minority fail to supervise their dogs properly. On several occasions when exercising I have been tripped, jumped at, or chased by dogs whose owners are unaware. There are some who walk large groups of dogs, some off the lead. This can be very intimidating.

I have witnessed many occasions of dogs being out of control and bothering other park users. I have also witnessed one occasion when a walker was tripped up by an out-of-control dog and suffered serious injury.

Too many dog walkers walking 6 or more dogs. Often 2 dog walkers walk together then you have 12 or more. The vast majority of dogs and owners are respectful. Dogs on lead should be enforced in the cafe area.

Dogs are usually off leads, which is fine if they respond to their owners' commands. However, unfortunately they are often disobedient especially if they're being walked with other dogs or meet other dogs. This leads to them bothering other park users by such actions as jumping up uninvited. I'm fed up of being told by their owners, "They're only being friendly, they wouldn't hurt a fly."

Some 8 years ago I was tripped up by a dog running after another dog and not responding to its owner's commands. I was seriously hurt and spent many

weeks in bed as a result.

This has also happened to a neighbour on two occasions. But, unlike myself, she had the sense to take the owner's insurance details.

There are too and spoil the relaxing atmosphere of the park. I always go to the dog free area next to the mansion to relax and enjoy nature.

Unfortunately there are not more of such areas, especially since the explosion of dog ownership since the pandemic. Even though a large number of owners take keep their dogs under control and pick up poo, very many do not! Virtually all of the owners/minders with several dogs do not keep them on a lead and hence cannot, or are not interested in, picking up their dog's faeces.

Most dogs are friendly & well behaved

Very friendly well behaved

A positive experience

There are people enjoying the park and people enjoying the park with their dogs.

The walker not always pick up dog poo.

Not a problem but don't like to see more than six in a pack

Friendly with responsible owners.

Such a pleasure, very friendly owners & dog walkers and 99.9% well behaved dogs

There are multiple dog walkers particularly in the afternoons. Some I've seen are walking up to ten dogs with only one handler. I have found that some of these dogs run at you barking which I find very intimidating and frankly on occasion, frightening. Often the dogs do not respond to the handler and on many, many occasions the handler has absolutely no control over the dogs at all. When you ask them to call the dogs back, you are often met with really bad language. On one occasion recently, I had to warn the handler that I would call the Police as two dogs were completely out of control. They said the dogs were only playing... they were not!. In the end I took a photo of their van which as you can imagine was not appreciated!

Many of these multiple dog walkers make no effort to pick up after the dogs they are responsible for. The Park is often described by fellow dog walkers and others persons using the park as a 'dirty park'. It cannot be nice for people with young children and child buggies when they come into contact with dog poo.

These dog walkers who are running a business should be licensed by the council as they do in other local authority areas. They should have appropriate insurance and be limited to no more than four dogs per person. This can and should be enforced by the council and fixed penalties issued. There have been initiatives run in the past to educate dog walkers and owners with limited success. Enforcement doesn't have to be every day as word will soon get around that unruly dog behaviour will not be tolerated in Nonsuch Park.

Whatever the outcome of this consultation, something must be done about this problem before we have a repeat of the Caterham incident!

Never a problem all well behaved

Lovely friendly place for meeting other people and lovely dogs

Excited dogs approaching me, very wary of dogs in the park now

Most dogs are not properly supervised and many are not on leads especially those with more than one dog , some dogs should wear masks because they bark at people using the park

There are always lots of dogs off the lead. I find seeing large groups of dogs off the lead very scary as I was bitten by a dog as a child.

No problems with any dogs

We walk our dogs there almost daily and we have not had any problems with ours or other dogs.

Commercial dog walkers walk too many dogs at once and often walk with other colleagues so that the total number of dogs exceeds 12. These numbers are intimidating to those of us who walk our at most two dogs. A cap needs to be placed on the maximum number of animals each walker can bring.

Only good, never had any issues with my dog or anyone else's dog. Everyone seems very pleasant.

As a nervous owner of one dog I feel safer with other walkers around as they are very knowledgeable to help with any issues or concerns . They are very responsible

There are more dogs than ever now in the park. It is quite usual to see about 50 dogs during the day. Many of these are with professional dog walkers.

Generally ok

I have been a daily user of Nonsuch for over 20 years. Its popularity has grown immensely and can be extremely busy sometimes. The park is generally very pleasant and peaceful to walk in and I regularly come across professional dog walkers. I have to say, I have found them to be no problem and they generally keep out of everyone's way. I feel the proposed restrictions are unfair although insurance should be law. I suspect a small number of people have made complaints about dogs barking/chasing/jumping up etc which has led to this debate. In my opinion, if you use the park, you have to allow a bit of give and take, for example, the park run. This winter has been particularly wet yet the park run was still allowed to go ahead. This caused huge damage to the pathways and car parks because the ground was so wet. The park run started off with around 200 runners and now over 800 runners take part which is too much for a public park to cope with. The park is basically closed on Saturday mornings as it is impossible to get a parking space in the overflowing car parks. Also, there is an issue of speeding cyclists, they fly past at high speed on public paths and can be very aggressive if you or your dog gets in the way.

I don't like the dogs in general. I can cope with them when they're on leads and have considerate owners. But I really don't like them coming charging up to me when they're not; I'm likely to lose the plot completely if two or more do it at the same time. I've seen two small children knocked off their little bikes by dogs whose owners can't control them. I want to eat a sandwich without a dog think it's theirs and I want to be able to have a coffee without them barking round me and getting their leads entangled in my table and chair.

Have been chased multiple times by dogs, when running (aggressive barking, charging, jumping up/clipping legs and almost falling over). Dogs never on a lead near the mansion house where there is clear signage.

No problem.

On the whole I find the dogs are very well behaved.

Very mixed. Some dog walkers are friendly, have nice dogs who mix well with others & enjoy playing with dogs who are not in their pack. Some dog walkers are militant, unfriendly & have a large group of dogs all on leads and shout over to me before my friendly, obedient, well-mannered dogs even go near.

Absolutely fine. No problems

Never had any problems with dogs. The dogs in Nonsuch are very well behaved.

All very friendly. Never had an issue.

I have encountered a commercial dog walker with 8 dogs. No one can control 8 dogs. I have had 'friendly' dogs jump up and wipe their paws on me. An elderly friend was knocked over by a 'friendly' dog, and was much shaken. Some dog walkers seem to feel entitled to allow their dogs to do as they please. Incessant barking at squirrels, for instance. Due to so many dogs I have drastically reduced the number of visits I make to Nonsuch Park.

Nonsuch park is hudge,I never felt unsafe there,dog owners And dogs are well behave

Dog walkers with one or two dogs are typically fine. Owners are generally able to control their dog and pick up dog poo. The issue is with commercial dog walkers. Some have upward of 5 dogs at a time. They may be on long leads but not always under control. Off the lead, they become difficult to manage and interrupt other people's enjoyment.

There are sometimes too many, they aren't kept on leads in areas where they are supposed to be

Too many dog walkers at all times of the day from 7am. Impossible to walk and avoid them.

Mostly well behaved and under control when one or two dogs are with their owners. BUT sometimes with commercial dog walkers I have observed many (6 - 10) large breed dogs with one walker. On one occasion two large dogs jumped into the back of my car and the walker had no control over them and didn't even seem to acknowledge that this was an issue. On occasion large out of control dogs with dog walkers have approached my dog aggressively. This seems to be particularly bad in the two car parks which are not close to the Manor House. My children have also been approached by large dogs barking and jumping up aggressively, again these dogs were with dog walkers.

I love the park, it big and open, it feels safer than other places. When my family travel up, they always want to go to Nonsuch. I have heard/passed one very angry engagement, they were not dog walkers. Generally its really nice, I love seeing the dogs playing, families with their kids.

As a dog walker...My maximum number is 4 dogs. 2 of which are my own family dogs. I walk in nonsuch once a week with 2 client dogs, who are well behaved. I try and stay away from large groups so my routes are mainly on the warren farm fields.

I do find myself counting other dog walkers! Sounds horrible, I know but anything more than 6 and you are asking for trouble. I do see dog walkers with more than 6 and they have all been well behaved and tho I don't agree with it, a small amount of dog walkers break the rules, like, walking dogs in the no dogs allowed field and not collecting dog poo. That boils my blood!

What I do see an awful lot, are dog owners not keeping an eye on their own family dog. Owners walking out of sight. Just last week, a dog went into panic mode because the dog did not see their owner, he was running all over the place, the owner was too busy chatting and bent down and her poor dog was scared. I hung around just to make sure the dog was ok and reunited with its owner.

I have seen plenty of dog owners recalling their animal and the dog not listens, one day it was 2 ladies walking, chatting away, no care in the world and their dog is pestering the kids because they had food. The owner made no attempt on getting hold of her dog and putting it on the lead. That is lazy behaviour. Ladies with coffee think they are too posh to pick up poo!

I think as a minimum 4 dogs but max' 6 dogs is acceptable. Anything lower than 4 seems a little harsh. I walk there once a walk (2 are mine, 2 are client dogs) and if I had more dogs over cheap/ewell area I would go to Nonsuch Park.

I like to think I am a sensible dog walker/dog owner (I will look for ages for poo but some poos just never like to be found, lol), my dogs are under control, I clean up after them, I stay away from the large groups. Thursday are bath day because both of mine love fox poo, lol.

Awful experiences with people with multiple dogs on several occasions. One in particular a women with blonde hair by Michaels cottage was very rude when a dog she clearly didn't have control went for my 5 year old son and made him very upset. She said he should grow up and stop being a baby. The dog was 3 times his size. If that were a human they would of been arrested. Wrong and strong.

Positive

Generally well behaved and under control. This is my experience both when walking my dog and running/playing with my daughter.

Never had a bad experience. My dog loves meeting other dogs

Mostly fine

Never had a problem walking my dog and interacting with other dogs and walkers I. The park

Excellent. We never seem to have any issues.

In general very good. I believe most owners and walkers are considerate to others.

Well behaved. Have never had an issue with dog off lead. When we see someone with their dog on the lead then we will put our dog on the lead so no issues.

I have come across some very unpleasant multiple dog walkers in the park and this has got worse since Covid. On my daily dog walks, it has been very alarming when suddenly three or four dogs from a large pack of dogs suddenly appear running at you barking. I have felt really anxious and fear that I or my dog will be attacked. The handler clearly hasn't got control which is difficult if you are walking eight dogs! When asking the handler to call the dogs back they are abusive. It ruins my walk and I know many other people that I see regularly (with or without a dog) who feel the same. Something needs to be done before someone gets hurt.

I love walking in this beautiful park with my dog. Unfortunately we often encounter dog walkers with 6 or more dogs. I am a very fit 80 years old but find this amount of dogs bounding around together intimidating and dangerous. The dogs are not controlled properly and poo is often missed and not picked up. I think there should be a maximum of 4 dogs with one person.

Nonsuch Park is over run by dog walkers be it Commercial dog walkers or non commercial dog walkers all to the detriment of this beautiful park. If you look at FB Pages, NextDoor, social media in general etc there are numerous incidents of irresponsible dog ownership, dog attacks on park users, dog on dog attacks, children being jumped on, people being bitten, cyclists clashing with dogs etc.. the list goes on. Dog mess is very common as dog walkers and owners just chat and let their dogs wonder in park, some dogs are absolutely terrifying and I stopped taking my children due to the very unfriendly nature of some dogs. Dog owners appear to think this is a dog walking park rather than a shared park. Mothers in my group no longer take their children to the park which is really sad. Warren farm suffers immensely from too many dogs when it's supposed to be a nature reserve but nature such as nesting birds cannot flourish with so many dogs.

Professional dog walkers are a nuisance and are not able to control the dogs in their possession.

To many packs of dogs 6 and above