If integrating Google Maps and creating a fully-featured mapping application seems too complex for now, you can start with a simpler approach to share walking routes among dog owners. Here are a few ideas that can be implemented with less complexity:

**1. Shared Photo Gallery of Routes**

Create a feature where users can upload photos of their walks, including paths and interesting spots. Along with the photos, they can describe the route, share tips, and provide a general location.

**2. List of Recommended Routes**

Allow users to submit their favorite walking routes as text entries. They can describe the start and end points, landmarks, terrain type, and why they recommend this route. Other users can then comment on these recommendations.

**3. User-Created Route Descriptions**

Instead of mapping the routes, ask users to describe their routes in detail with directions. For example: "Start at the corner of Park Ave and 24th Street, head north towards the river, and follow the trail that loops around the old mill."

**4. Link to External Map Services**

Users can create their routes using popular services like Google Maps or AllTrails and share the link to the route on your platform. This way, you bypass the need for direct integration.

**5. Route Rating and Reviews**

Users can post their walking routes and other users can leave reviews and ratings based on different criteria like scenery, difficulty, dog-friendliness, etc.

**6. Interactive Route Q&A**

Create a question-and-answer section where users can ask for route recommendations and others can respond with suggestions.

**7. Scheduled Group Walks**

Implement a feature where users can schedule and invite others to group walks. They can provide the meeting point, time, and expected route.

**8. Route Challenges**

Create walking challenges, like a scavenger hunt, where users can post when they've completed a specific route or found a particular spot. This can be moderated by admins or trusted users who verify and post the routes.

Any of these ideas can be implemented as a new component in your application with a form for submission, a database collection to store the data, and a list to display the submitted routes and information. They would be less interactive than a map-based solution but could serve as a starting point to build a community around shared interests and locations.

Once you have one of these simpler features in place and working well, you might then consider more advanced implementations, including maps integration, as your application and user base grow.