

DOG PARK RULES

Monroe County Dog Park Rules and Regulations - (Monroe County Parks Law § 323-20)

- All dogs in an off-leash area must be licensed.
- All persons bringing a dog to a designated off-leash area must carry and have available for inspection a permit issued by the Parks Director.
- No animal other than dogs are permitted in off-leash areas.
- Any person who takes a dog into a designated off-leash area:
 - *must have physical control of the dog by means of a leash when entering and leaving the off-leash area;*
 - *must maintain voice control over the dog and keep the dog in sight at all times while in the off-leash area and shall be responsible for the conduct of such animal and shall be responsible for all injury to person or property caused by the dog;*
 - *shall carry the proper equipment for removing feces from the designated area and dispose of same in a sanitary manner by placing the feces deposited by such dog in an appropriate receptacle. Dog feces must be removed immediately and deposited in the receptacle;*
 - *must immediately leash and remove from the off-leash area a dog showing aggression toward persons or other dogs.*
- Professional dog trainers may not use an off-leash area for the conduct of business.
- No person shall bring more than three dogs to an off-leash area at one time.
- The Parks Director may temporarily ban dogs or a specific dog from any off-leash area where the Director determines that same may be a nuisance or is necessary to maintain peace and order, or necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.
- All dogs entering the off-leash area must wear a tag issued annually by the Parks Director.
- No children under ten (10) years of age are allowed inside the off-leash area. Children over ten (10) and under eighteen (18) must be accompanied by an adult person eighteen (18) years of age or older and be under that adult's supervision.
- A Small Dog area is for dogs weighing twenty-five (25) pounds or less; a Large Dog Area is open to dogs of all weights.
- All dogs brought by one person must remain in the same area (Small Dog Area or Large Dog Area) with that person.
- Gates to the off-leash area must be kept closed and latched at all times, except when entering or exiting.
- Each person bringing a dog into the off-leash area should discourage digging and must immediately fill-in any holes.
- No dog or person is to climb on or over the off-leash area fences.
- The following are NOT PERMITTED within the off-leash area: Dogs in heat; Dogs that are ill or injured; Pinch, spike, prong, and choke collars; Puppies under six (6) months of age; Alcoholic beverages, smoking, food, or glass; Dog treats and rawhide chews; Bicycles, scooters, skateboards or any other wheeled or motorized devices (except wheelchairs).
- There shall be no soliciting.
- Nonobservance of these rules and regulations constitutes a violation of the Monroe County Park Law. Under Parks Law, violators are subject to penalties for the offense. Penalties range from civil penalties of \$25 to \$100, fines from \$50 to \$750 and/or imprisonment up to 30 days.

To report a violation or emergency situation, call 911.

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