



# Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation City of Ann Arbor Dog Park Registration



**Dog owner information:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check box: City of Ann Arbor resident \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Home/Cell/Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dog information & evidence of current dog license required:

Dog #1 name \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Male/Female (circle) | Spayed/neutered \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

*\*You must provide verification that your dog has a current license*

*\*To receive the spayed/neutered discount, you must provide documentation that your dog has been spayed/neutered.*

Dog information & evidence of current dog license required:

Dog #2 name \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Male/Female (circle) | Spayed/neutered \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

*\*You must provide verification that your dog has a current license*

*\*To receive the spayed/neutered discount, you must provide documentation that your dog has been spayed/neutered.*

*I have carefully read and understand the release of liability information and I agree/accept its terms and conditions. I also acknowledge I received a copy of the Dog Park Rules and agree to abide by them. This permit shall be valid only until the specified expiration date. Issued color-coded tags will include a registration number and year registered for each tag. This tag must be visibly attached to your dog's collar at all times.*

Owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE:

*• Prorated fee on July 1, goes to 50%. Sale of passes begin Dec. 01 for the following year.*

Registration valid to Dec. 31, \_\_\_\_ (insert year) *• Replacement tag fee, \$15.*

Dog #1 verified spayed/neutered  Dog #1 verified license License # \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing municipality \_\_\_\_\_

Dog #2 verified spayed/neutered  Dog #2 verified license License # \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing municipality \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by \_\_\_\_\_ Total fee paid \_\_\_\_\_

**BROADWAY & OLSON OFF-LEASH DOG PARK:**

Dog #1: \$25 (\$15 spayed/neutered with documentation)

**SWIFT RUN OFF-LEASH DOG PARK:**

Dog #1: \$50 (\$35 spayed/neutered with documentation)

**ALL CITY-DESIGNATED DOG PARKS:**

Dog #1: \$60 (\$45 spayed/neutered with documentation)

**Dog #1 Tag number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog #1 Tag shape & color** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date issued** \_\_\_\_\_

**BROADWAY & OLSON OFF-LEASH DOG PARK:**

Dog #2: \$10 (\$5 spayed/neutered with documentation)

**SWIFT RUN OFF-LEASH DOG PARK:**

Dog #2: \$10 (\$5 spayed/neutered with documentation)

**ALL CITY-DESIGNATED DOG PARKS:**

Dog #2: \$20 (\$10 spayed/neutered with documentation)

**Dog #2 Tag number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog #2 Tag shape & color** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date issued** \_\_\_\_\_





## City of Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation and Washtenaw County Waiver and Release



*Please read this form carefully and be aware that in consideration for permission to use these facilities, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your dog might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with use of these facilities and the surrounding areas.*

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use with my dog(s) dog parks and offleash play areas ("Parks") owned and operated either separately or jointly by the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County in conjunction with its Parks & Recreation Department. I understand that the act of unleashing my dog and being physically present within the Parks necessarily involves risks of injury to me, persons that accompany me, other people using the Parks, my dog(s), and other dogs. I understand that the aforementioned risks are entirely my responsibility and I expressly assume that responsibility knowingly and voluntarily. When this Waiver and Release refers to "my dog", it includes me whether or not I am the legal owner of the dog, since I am the person responsible for the dog while using the Parks.

I understand that the permit/license system is not established to guarantee that dogs in the Parks are safe or healthy. I also understand that dog activities are intended to provide a fun and rewarding experience for a dog and its owner/handler. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death, to the dog, its owner/handler or other persons or animals. I further understand that dogs, irrespective of their training and usual past behavior or characteristics, may act or react unpredictably at times based upon instinct or circumstances, and that not all hazards and dangers associated with dog activities can be foreseen. I agree to assume the risk of any injury to me, any individuals (including children) that accompany me in the Parks, and my dog(s). I understand that this risk may result from fierce, aggressive, vicious, and dangerous dogs which may be present in the Parks.

I further understand and assume the risk that not all dogs in the Parks may have been vaccinated for distemper, parvo, or rabies, all of which could result in injury to me, any individuals (including children) accompanying me, and my dog(s). I also understand that there are certain inherent risks including the propensity of a dog to behave in dangerous ways. Additional risks include, but are not limited to: the inexperience or irresponsibility of a dog owner/handler, the inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movement, objects, persons or other animals, dog fights, dog bites, and injuries to humans and other dogs; dog theft or unlawful capture; dog escape over or under fences; plants in the area that may be poisonous to dogs or people; mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas, or other insects may be present; and wild animals such as skunks, raccoons, opossums, or stray dogs that could be present in the Parks, all of which might injure or infect my dog(s), as well as slip and falls, premises defects, equipment failure, failure in instruction/supervision, as well as all other circumstances inherent to dog and/or outdoor activities. I knowingly and voluntarily accept responsibility for all of these risks in exchange for the privilege of using the Parks.

It is my understanding that no agents or employees of the City of Ann Arbor or Washtenaw County will supervise the Parks at any time and I therefore expressly assume responsibility for all risks associated with the Parks as well as fixtures and equipment that may be located there in an unsupervised manner.

By signing this Waiver and Release and using the Parks, I fully release and discharge the City of Ann Arbor, its Parks & Recreation Services Unit, Washtenaw County, and its Parks & Recreation Department, and their employees and agents as well as any private citizen volunteers serving as Parks stewards which have been

sanctioned by either the City or the County from any claims, demands, damages, rights of action, present or future, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from, or arising out of, my use or intended use of the Parks. I fully and forever release and discharge the City of Ann Arbor, its Parks & Recreation Services Unit, Washtenaw County, its Parks & Recreation Department, and their employees and agents, as well as any sanctioned volunteers from any and all negligent acts or omissions with regard to the Parks and intend to be legally bound by this Release. I assume sole responsibility for, and agree to indemnify and save harmless the City of Ann Arbor, its Parks & Recreation Services Unit, Washtenaw County, its Parks & Recreation Department, and all of the employees, agents and volunteers of each for any damages from bodily injury, death, or damage or loss to property including legal and expert witness fees caused by the previously described parties.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A COPY OF THE DOG PARK AND OFF-LEASH PLAY AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE BY AFFIXING MY SIGNATURE BELOW TO COMPLY WITH THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TO INFORM OTHERS THAT I MAY BRING TO THESE PARKS (INCLUDING CHILDREN) OF THESE RULES AND WILL ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE WHILE USING THE PARKS. MY SIGNATURE CONFIRMS THAT I AM ALSO NOT AWARE OF ANY INCIDENTS IN WHICH MY DOG HAS SHOWN AGGRESSIVE, FIGHTING, OR BITING BEHAVIOR TOWARDS OTHER ANIMALS OR PEOPLE.

Dog Owner  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Handler  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If Dog Owner, or Handler is under age 18, the name and signature of a parent or legal guardian is required:

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_



# Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation City of Ann Arbor Frequently Asked Questions



## **What is a dog park?**

A. A dog park is a location set aside for dogs and their owners to exercise and play off-leash in a controlled (i.e., fenced) environment.

## **Why is there a fee for the dog park and what will the monies be used for?**

A. An annual off-leash dog permit will be required for access to the designated off-leash dog play areas. The permitting requirement will enable the City to provide safe environments in offleash dog play areas for users and their pets.

## **What are the hours of the dog parks in Ann Arbor?**

A. Park hours are dawn to dusk (subject to closures for required maintenance operations). Under no circumstances are you permitted in the park before 6 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

## **If I observe a problem at the park, what should I do?**

For an emergency, please call, 911. For disruptive animals, dogs lacking the proper tags, etc. please call the Police non-emergency number, 734.994.2911. For maintenance at any dog park please call 734.794.6320 or visit [www.a2gov.org/A2FixIt](http://www.a2gov.org/A2FixIt) to report an issue online.

## **How many dogs can I bring to a dog park?**

A: There is a two-dog maximum per handler at the dog park. Professional dog trainers are not permitted to conduct training on site.

## **In addition to the new dog park tag my pet will need to display, what else should I have?**

A. Dog owners must have their dog licensed with the City, County or other municipal jurisdiction to apply for an off-leash dog permit. Current dog licenses must be displayed.

## **Am I responsible for cleaning up after my dog?**

A. Yes. A receptacle for waste will be located on site; however, we will not be providing bags or scoops. A box will also be provided for dog owners to donate bags for other park users.

## **What should I bring with me to the park?**

A. Please remember to have your dog(s) license and permit tags visible at all times and that they are current. Also, water and bags.

## **Will the dog parks be policed or monitored by the Parks and Recreation Services Unit?**

A. There will not be a park staff person stationed at the dog parks, however, staff and police will monitor the areas periodically.

## **When does my dog have to be on a leash at the park?**

A. Until you and your dog enter the fenced dog play area, your dog(s) has to be leashed.

## **If my pet is a service dog, do I need to purchase a dog park permit in Ann Arbor?**

A. The fee for the permit will be waived, however, you will still be required to fill out the appropriate paperwork for an application and have the tag displayed.

## **Who should I contact for information about volunteer opportunities in the dog parks?**

A. Adopt-a-Park Program at [adopt-apark@a2gov.org](mailto:adopt-apark@a2gov.org) or 734.794.6627.

## **Do I need to be a resident of Ann Arbor to obtain a dog park permit?**

A. No, anyone can use the dog parks once their pet meets the requirements to obtain a permit.



# Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation

## City of Ann Arbor

### Dog Park Rules



Please observe the following rules to help make our dog parks a safe and enjoyable places. Thank you very much.

1. A permit is required to use at city run dog parks. For registration information please call 734.794.6140.
2. All dogs must display current registration, license and vaccination tags. For registrations call 734.794.6140.
3. Users of this facility do so at their own risk. Dog behavior can be unpredictable around other dogs and strangers.
4. Dog owners and handlers are strictly liable for any damage or injury caused by their dog(s).
5. Dog handlers must be 16 years of age or older. Children under 16 are not allowed in the park unless accompanied by an adult.
6. All dogs must remain leashed until they are within the designated, fenced area.
7. Dogs must not be left unattended. Dogs must be in view and under the voice command of their owner at all times.
8. Dog handlers are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.
9. Dogs in heat and puppies under four months of age are not permitted in the park.
10. Dogs that fight or exhibit aggressive behavior must be immediately removed from the park by their owner.
11. No more than two dogs per handler are allowed at one time.
12. No smoking, food or alcohol is allowed within the park.
13. Professional dog trainers shall not use the park to conduct their business.
14. Individuals failing to comply with posted rules are subject to citation, expulsion, or arrest, as well as dog impound. Park hours are generally dawn to dusk unless otherwise noted. Use of the dog park is prohibited between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. per Chapter 39 of the Ann Arbor City Code or when the park is closed for required maintenance operations. For Police non-emergencies at the dog park, please call 734.994.2911. If you need emergency assistance, please call 911.

## DOG PARK FEE SCHEDULE

<b>Broadway &amp; Olson Dog Park permit only</b>	<b>Swift Run Dog Park permit only</b>	<b>All City-designated off-leash dog areas permit</b>
First dog/owner: \$25 (\$15 spayed/neutered with documentation)	First dog/owner: \$50 (\$35 spayed/neutered with documentation)	First dog/owner: \$60 (\$45 spayed/neutered with documentation)
Each additional dog/owner: \$10 (\$5 spayed/neutered with documentation)	Each additional dog/owner: \$10 (\$5 spayed/neutered with documentation)	Each additional dog/owner: \$20 (\$10 spayed/neutered with documentation)
Replacement Tag: \$15	Replacement Tag: \$15	Replacement Tag: \$15

Where to obtain and mail a dog park permit application:  
 City of Ann Arbor Clerk's Office, 301 E. Huron Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
 734.794.6140 | [www.a2gov.org/clerks](http://www.a2gov.org/clerks)

### Dog park locations:

- \* Swift Run, 2998 East Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI
- \* Broadway Park, 800 Broadway Street, Ann Arbor, MI
- \* Olson Park, Pontiac Trail at Dhu Varren Road (Northeast corner), Ann Arbor, MI

Visit [www.a2gov.org/parks](http://www.a2gov.org/parks) for online maps of Swift Run and the city-designated dog parks.

# Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation

## City of Ann Arbor

### Veterans Memorial Park Field #4 Temporary Pop-up Dog Park

#### **Why is the City of Ann Arbor piloting a pop-up dog park at Veterans Memorial Park?**

Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation staff often receives requests for an additional dog park, particularly on the city's west side. This temporary dog park at Veterans Memorial Park serves as a pilot program, allowing us to assess both the location and community usage.

#### **What is a pop-up dog park?**

A pop-up dog park is a temporary, off-leash area for dogs. By running a pop-up dog park, city staff will be better equipped to understand the needs and impacts of this type of this location before developing a permanent site.

#### **Why was Veterans Memorial Park Field #4 chosen?**

Veterans Memorial Park Field #4 is well-suited for an enclosed off-leash dog park, as it already has much of the necessary fencing infrastructure in place. Additionally, its proximity to the park and nearby neighborhoods ensures convenient accessibility.

#### **What are the hours of operation?**

The temporary dog park will be open daily from November 2025-March 2027, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lighting at Veterans Memorial Park Field #4 will extend usability during the winter months, with lights on from approximately 4:30-10 p.m.

#### **Why is the pilot being done again?**

Due to the popularity of the first pilot, Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation staff are using the longer pilot to identify additional opportunities and challenges of the space to determine if this location should be considered for a permanent dog park. Community engagement will take place in the fall of 2026.

#### **How will staff evaluate the response to the pilot?**

Staff plan to gather feedback in a variety of ways including:

- An online feedback survey (<https://url.a2gov.org/DogParkFeedback>)
- People counting sensor at the entrance gate
- Dog park permit data will be reviewed
- Onsite events will be hosted to gather in-person feedback

#### **Why is a year-round permit required for a temporary dog park?**

As this is a pilot program, we aim to make access as convenient as possible for dog owners while ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment. Requiring permits helps us understand the level of demand and interest in the facility. Additionally, permit fees help offset the costs associated with maintaining the temporary dog park. The permit process ensures that dogs using the park meet health and safety standards by requiring current rabies vaccination certificates, dog licenses and a signed waiver and release form, in line with established rules for off-leash areas. Please note that dogs must be licensed with the city, county, or a similar municipal jurisdiction to qualify for an off-leash permit.

#### **Do I need to clean up after my dog?**

Yes. Waste receptacles will be provided onsite; however, we will not supply bags or scoops. There will be a box where dog owners can donate bags for other park users. Respectful behavior and adherence to clean-up expectations are essential to the success of this pilot. Responsible use of the space, including cleaning up after your pet, will help us evaluate the site effectively. Staff reserve the right to close the park temporarily if issues arise with cleanliness or conduct. You can also report maintenance issues online at [www.a2gov.org/A2FixIt](http://www.a2gov.org/A2FixIt).

#### **What will happen to the dog park at the end of the pilot?**

Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation staff will utilize the information gathered through the pilot and community engagement to determine the future of the space.