

Put Your Bark in Our Park



Have a dog-gone good time

Operating a successful dog park is achieved through the joint efforts of staff and dog park guests, both human and canine. Through proper maintenance and attendance to user needs, staff can provide a comfortable facility. Guests can enhance everyone's dog park experience by alerting staff to needs and by helping new users understand and follow rules and proper dog park protocol. For dog park information – dial 888-OCPARKS or visit OaklandCountyParks.com.

THREE PLACES TO PLAY



52251 Pontiac Trail, Wixom MI 48393

Features 13 acres with a small dog area, canine drink-filling stations, benches, shelter, picnic tables and field training area.



Lyon Oaks Dog Park



Orion Oaks Dog Park



1200 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion MI 48360

Dog Park entrance is on Joslyn Road between Clarkston and Scripps roads

Dogs and owners enjoy 24 acres with a separate small dog area, canine drink-filling stations, modern restrooms, field training area, two trails and access to 80-foot dock and Lake Sixteen for dogs only to swim. If you would like to reserve a dog park area for a special occasion, call 248-625-0877. Visit OaklandCountyParks.com for details and pricing.



31353 Dequindre, Madison Heights
Enter on Dequindre just north of 13 Mile Road

Adjacent to Red Oaks Waterpark, this 5.2-acre parcel includes a shelter, small dog area, canine drink-filling station during warmer months, paved parking lot and limited street light illumination for extended hours in fall and winter.

Be a Dog Park Ambassador!

Personable, polite and enjoying the company of dogs, volunteer Dog Park Ambassadors monitor dog park activities and events. They serve as on-site resources, marketing and enhancing the dog park experience. Call 248-975-9717 for details.

Did Someone Say Events?

Yes – dogs (and their owners) just wanna have fun! From Vaccination Clinics to the popular Dog Swims, we keep those tails wagging. For details, visit OaklandCountyParks.com or contact Kelley Marcaccio at 248-858-7759 or Dogs@oakgov.com.



Red Oaks Dog Park

DOG PARK ENTRY

Oakland County Parks and Recreation
Daily or Annual Vehicle Permit required.

Pay stations for Daily Permits are available at all three dog parks.

Annual Permits may be purchased on site when contact station is staffed, online at OaklandCountyParks.com, or at the following locations:

Bass Pro Outdoor World
Auburn Hills 248-209-4200

Catalpa Oaks County Park
248-424-7081

Independence Oaks County Park
248-625-0877

**Independence Township
Treasurer's Office**
248-625-5115

Lyon Oaks Golf Course
248-437-1488

**Oakland County Parks
Recreation Programs
and Services Building**
248-858-0916

**Orion Twp. Treasurer's
or Parks & Recreation Offices**
248-391-0304

Red Oaks Golf Course
(in season)
248-541-5030

Red Oaks Nature Center
248-585-0100
Building open for walk-ins
Mon.: Closed
Tues. - Fri.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;
(Open until 8 p.m.
Memorial Day-Labor Day)
Sun.: Noon-5 p.m.

**Madison Heights
Recreation Department**
248-589-2294
Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

**City of Wixom
Community Center**
248-624-2850

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PLAYGROUNDS FOR DOGS



Lyon Oaks Dog Park, Wixom
Orion Oaks Dog Park, Lake Orion
Red Oaks Dog Park, Madison Heights

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TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL DOG PARK EXPERIENCE

Dog owners love their pets – that’s one reason they visit the park. Love of their companion is second nature, and it is sometimes difficult to understand why other people might not love their dog too.

Some park users may have had a bad experience with a dog, resulting in a fear they cannot overcome. It is important to keep your dog on a leash at all times when outside the fence of the dog park. One cannot assume that all park patrons are dog lovers.



You’re the boss

It’s up to you to keep your furry friend under control. Owners bear full responsibility and liability for their dog’s actions and behavior.

Super-scoopers welcome

Dog owners must monitor their dogs at all times, picking up waste as needed. If an owner is distracted, it is proper protocol to alert the owner.

Great excavators

Some dogs love to dig. However, holes in the dog park may cause a human or another dog to sprain an ankle or injure a leg. Holes also create mud where grass will not grow, and make it difficult for staff to mow the grass. If your dog digs, fill in the hole immediately.



Safety First

Shock collars and metal choke chains are not allowed inside the dog park. Using a shock collar while inside the enclosure could cause a dog to make wrong associations between the shock and the nearest animal or person. Additionally, metal choke collars or any collar with metal links can cause damage to dogs’ teeth when playing, or become entangled or caught on objects. A soft material collar is recommended. Should your dog need restraining, the soft collar will allow a handle hold.

While “sharing” is considered a kindly act for humans, community drinking bowls and dog pools are not allowed in the dog park, as the water becomes contaminated easily and could cause illness or parasites in your canine friend.

Dogs are like children...

In that respect, it is difficult to monitor the behavior of canine friends and small children at the same time. Additionally, younger children are more susceptible to illness from waste fragments on the ground. An exuberant child may spook a dog or become a bite target. For this reason, children 12 and younger must be under close supervision at all times.



Not a sparring spot

Dogs may fight to protect themselves or something/someone else. If dogs begin to spar, do NOT reach between them with your hands! Try to get your dog’s attention with voice commands, loud noises or better yet – a shower of water. Pulling a dog by the tail is better than reaching towards erratically moving heads and teeth! Once separated, dogs should be taken to a neutral area to calm down. If this happens more than once, the dog may be too aggressive for the dog park and should leave the enclosure. Incidents should be reported to park staff or the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center at 248-858-1090.

Pursuant to Section 25, subsections 6 and 7 of the indicated Rules & Regulations:

Dog Parks have been designated by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission for the purpose of exercising dogs off leash. While in the dog park areas, all dogs and their owners or caretakers must obey all Park rules, including:

- Dogs must be on leash when entering and exiting the dog park. Owners must carry leash with them at all times while in the dog park.
- Maximum of two dogs per patron.
- Dogs must have current license, up-to-date vaccinations, and respond to voice commands.
- Shock collars, metal pinch/choke collars or collars with metal links are not allowed in the dog park.
- No dogs under four months of age allowed in the dog park.
- Small dog area is for dogs 25 pounds or less.
- Owners or caretakers assume full responsibility for all dogs brought onto Commission property.
- Dogs must be accompanied and supervised by an adult (age 18 or older) at all times. Dogs must never be left unattended in the dog park.
- Children, ages 12 and under, must be accompanied and closely supervised by a parent or adult present inside the dog park, at all times.
- No food, human or animal, is allowed in the dog park.
- Dogs in heat may not enter the dog park.
- Owners or caretakers must clean up dog droppings; bags are provided on site.
- Lake Sixteen Dog Dock access at Orion Oaks is for dogs only. Lake Sixteen Boat Launch is not part of the Dog Park.
- Dogs are not allowed to dig in the dog park. Owner must fill in any holes.
- Community bowls or pools may not be brought to or left at the dog park.
- Unruly dogs are prohibited on Commission property. Unruly dogs are defined as dogs that are not controllable by their owners or caretakers, dogs which physically attack or bite another dog or human (when not provoked), or dogs which physically pin other dogs to the ground (when not provoked).
- All dog bites must be reported immediately to the Park Supervisor or an Oakland County Sheriff’s Office deputy, who will contact Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center. The dog must then be confined until the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office or park personnel arrive at the scene.
- Failure to obey these rules is a violation of Public Act 261 and may result in a misdemeanor citation issued by Oakland County Sheriff Office deputies.

DOG PARK RULES



Michigan State Law (MCL 287.268) requires all dogs older than four months to have a current Michigan dog license, which can be purchased at either the city or county in which the dog resides. To be licensed, proof of current vaccinations must be shown for the dog.

Michigan Law requires the dog owner to display a current license on the dog and is required for use of the dog park. This helps keep all dogs safe and reduces the chance of spreading disease among dogs.



Maximum of two dogs per park guest can be in the park at any one time.



No dogs younger than the age of four months.

Use of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Dog Parks is governed by the parks system’s Rules and Regulations enacted by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission Feb. 8, 1966. Current rules can be viewed on OaklandCountyParks.com, or a printed copy can be requested by calling 248-858-0906.

