

Dog Park

Detailed Information

Park District of Highland Park

Two dog parks and one dog beach are available to registered members:

- **Debbie Gottlieb Beitler Dog Park at Larry Fink Memorial Park – open year round** (701 Deer Creek Parkway) a relaxed park-like atmosphere with two off-leash exercise areas, depending on the size of your dog.
- **Moraine Beach – open mid-April through mid-November*** (2501 Sheridan Road) a beautiful view and opportunity for your dog to cool off in Lake Michigan.
- **Highland Park Golf Learning Center – open mid-December through mid-March*** (2205 Skokie Valley Highway) a large venue for your dog to run off some of that cabin fever energy. There are two off-leash exercise areas available, depending on the size of your dog
**Opening and closing dates are weather dependent.*

Membership Registration

- Membership is required for admittance in the dog parks and beach. You will receive a key fob membership card within then business days of registration. You must carry this key fob membership card with you when visiting all off-leash dog park areas.
- Registration can be completed **online** or in person at **Heller Nature Center**.
- Membership is valid for a 12-month period from date of purchase.

Membership Fees

- Resident: \$50 first dog (\$25 each additional dog). Must provide 2016-17 City of Highland Park dog tag number.
- Nonresident: \$150 first dog (\$75 each additional dog). Must provide current rabies vaccination tag number. A parking sticker will be provided for use of Moraine Beach dog park.



Hours of Operation

Dog parks and beach are open from dawn until dusk 7 days a week.

The parks and beach will close periodically for cleaning and maintenance.

Amenities

- Locked off-leash exercise area, accessible only with key fob membership card at Debbie Gottlieb Park.
 - Wash station available mid-April through October at Moraine Beach and Debbie Gottlieb Park.
 - Picnic tables & benches at Debbie Gottlieb Park.
 - Pickup bag dispensers and trash receptacles.
- The dog parks and beach are the **ONLY** Park District locations that dogs are allowed off-leash. We want all of our guests to have fun and be safe; rules and regulations will be strictly enforced. Dog owner cooperation and compliance is the key to the success of this program.

Rules and Regulations

- Presentation of your key fob membership card is required for use of the parks and is not transferable.
- Owners/handlers are solely responsible for damage or injury caused by their dogs to another dog, person or park property.
- Dogs must be fully immunized and display City of Highland Park and rabies tags.
- Maximum of two dogs per person on any single visit.
- Dogs known to be aggressive are prohibited. Be prepared to leash your dog if it becomes aggressive.
- Dogs must wear collars at all times. Spiked or pinch collars are prohibited.
- Owners are responsible for immediately cleaning up and properly disposing of waste.
- Children must be at least 10 years of age to enter the off-leash area and must be closely supervised.
- Appropriate dog park behavior: no running, no chasing dogs, and no petting of other dogs unless permission is requested from owner first.
- Food is prohibited in the off-leash area.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times when outside the off-leash area. Fines up to \$500. City Ord. 61-09, J.35, p. 193-219 (Passed 10/26/09), Park District Ordinance No. 01-04, SECTION 2.03.

Northbrook Dog Park



Location	Coast Guard Park
Address	2490 Dundee Road Northbrook IL 60062
Phone	847-291-2980
Hours	Sunrise-Sunset
Location Type	Facility
Amenities	Benches, Dog Park, Dog Wash, Drinking Fountain, Fenced-in Grounds, Gated Key Access

The Northbrook Park District operates a dog park where your pooch can play, socialize and exercise. This is the only public area in Northbrook where dogs are allowed to run and play off-leash in a completely fenced in area. There is an enclosed 2-acre area for all dogs and a .5-acre area for small dogs. Access to the park requires an annual membership which is available for purchase at any [Park District Registration Office](#).

Membership

The Dog Park is only open to Northbrook Residents.

Yearly fee is \$49 for first dog, \$25 for additional dog.

- Membership season runs from July 1-June 30 (no prorating)

Winnetka Park District Centennial Dog Beach



225 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, IL 60093

- Dog beach, membership required
- Swimming prohibited
- Off-street parking

Centennial dog beach is an off-leash swimming beach located on Lake Michigan. It's the perfect place for your four-footed friend to get some exercise, go for a swim, or just have some fun. The beach is open dawn to dusk throughout the year, weather permitting. All patrons must have a valid pass to enter the dog beach.

Please remember that Centennial Park is not part of the dog beach. All dogs must be leashed within Centennial Park limits. Violators of the village leash law are subject to a fine or may have their dog pass revoked.

2018-19 Dog Beach Season Pass (available for purchase March 1)

Passes are valid April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

Season Pass Type	Resident	Non-Resident
First Dog	\$40	\$180*
Additional Dog	\$20	\$40

*Fee includes a mandatory \$100 village parking pass.

The dog beach season pass form is available at the Winnetka Park District office (540 Hibbard Road) or it can be [downloaded here](#).

Completed applications must be submitted in-person at the park district office and must be accompanied by the following information (as required by the Cook County Animal and Rabies Control Ordinance).

Application Checklist

- Rabies tag number
- Village tag number
- Proof of current Bordetella, Distemper, Hepatitis, Para-Influenza, Parvovirus, and Leptospirosis

Proof of current vaccinations/inoculations can be submitted in the form of a document from your vet's office. Alternatively, your vet can sign the application to confirm all are up-to-date.

About the Cook County Animal and Rabies Control Ordinance

In July 2005, Cook County passed an ordinance requiring all communities that operate dog parks to have each dog owner show written proof of:

- Current vaccinations or titers for distemper, hepatitis, para-influenza, parvovirus, bordetella, leptospirosis, and rabies
- The dog's current village tag number

If you have any questions pertaining to these Cook County rules, you may contact Donna Alexander, VMD at her Cook County office at (708) 974-6147.

Beach Rules & Regulations

Free Run Area — Beach

- You are solely responsible for the actions of your dog.
- You must bring your pass each visit. Attendants are not allowed to let anyone through the gate without a pass.
- Keep an eye on your dog and keep your dog's leash with you at all times.
- Leash your dog immediately if aggressive behavior is observed.
- For safety reasons children must be at least 10 years of age to use the park and they must be closely supervised.
- Children will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner: no running, no chasing dogs, no petting of other dogs unless permission is granted from the owner first.
- Be polite: pick up dog feces and dispose the dog feces in the waste receptacles, which are available throughout the park.
- Dogs must wear current license tag and be up-to-date on shots.
- Cover any holes your dog digs.
- No more than 2 dogs per person on any one visit.
- Check with your veterinarian before bringing a puppy under the age of four months to the park.
- Dogs must be on a leash until they reach the beach gate.
- No dogs known to be aggressive toward other dogs or people may enter the area.
- Owners/handlers are asked to closely supervise their dogs and at no time should anyone leave the area without his/her dog(s).
- Do not bring rawhide or food into the dog area as dogfights may result.
- Please remove pinch and spike collars from your dog prior to entering the dog run.
- Hours are sunrise to sunset.

Leashed Area — Park and Parking Lot

- You are responsible for the actions of your dog.
- Keep your dog leashed at all times.
- Leashes must not exceed 8 feet.
- No dogs known to be aggressive toward other dogs or people may enter the area.
- Be polite: pick up dog feces and dispose the dog feces in the waste receptacles, which are available throughout the park.

- Dogs must wear current license tag and be up-to-date on shots.
- No more than 2 dogs per person on any one visit.
- Hours are sunrise to sunset.

Wilmette Park District: Gillson Dog Beach

Wilmette's dog beach, located at the south end of Gillson Park, is a popular off-leash destination for many four-footed friends and their owners. Dogs must have a permit to use the Dog Beach.

Please note: Dogs must be on leash at all times in Gillson Park while on their way to the dog beach. The dog beach has specific hours (see below) and will be closed on July 3 & 4 for Independence Day activities.

Dog Beach Hours

May 26 - June 17, 2018:	Daily, 6am-10:30pm
June 18 - August 10, 2018:	Monday - Friday: 6-10am & 3:30-10:30pm Saturday & Sunday: 6am-9:30pm
August 11, 2018- June 17, 2019:	Daily, 6am-10:30pm

Permits

To use the dog beach owners must purchase a permit for their dog. The 2018 fees are \$35 for residents (\$6 for each additional dog), and \$196 for non-residents (\$65 for each additional dog). Permits may be purchased at the Park District Administrative Office in Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Ave. Permits are good for one year.

Policies

The Cook County Animal and Rabies Control Ordinance requires written proof of current vaccinations and an examination within the past year for any communicable diseases. Proof of a current rabies certificate is also required for permit purchase. The following inoculations/vaccines are required:

- Rabies
- Distemper
- Hepatitis
- Leptospirosis
- Parainfluenza
- Parvovirus
- Bordetella
- Negative fecal test

Dogs are also welcome to play off leash in the large open area adjacent to West Park, located south of Lake and west of Laramie Avenues.

In ALL Wilmette parks, dogs must be on leash and owners are expected to clean up after their pet. Dogs are not permitted in tot lots, at the Wilmette Golf Club, in building interiors, at the outdoor pools, on the public swimming or sailing beaches, or in Gillson Park during special events such as Independence Day.

By Ordinance of the Wilmette Park District the following rules apply:

1. Dogs are permitted in all Wilmette parks during regular park hours. Dogs must be on leash at all times. They must be under the control of a competent person and their leash may not exceed 10 feet. Owners are responsible for clean up.
2. All dogs using designated off-leash play areas must have and wear a proper tag assigned to that dog.
3. Dogs are NOT permitted in tot lots; at the Wilmette Golf Club; in building interiors; the outdoor pools; the public swimming or sailing beaches; or in Gillson Park during special events such as the Independence Day Celebration.
4. The Cook County Animal and Rabies Control Ordinance requires written proof of current vaccinations including distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, parvovirus, bordetella and a negative fecal test, along with an examination within the past year for any communicable diseases. Proof of a current rabies certificate is also required for permit purchase.
5. Owners who fail to clean up after their dog(s) are subject to fines and loss of access privileges.
6. Dogs who exhibit aggressive behavior will lose access privileges to the play areas.
7. Dog owners/handlers must be at least 14 years old or a freshman in high school.
8. Daily access hours for dog play area adjacent to West Park are sunrise to sundown year-round.
9. Failure of dog owners to follow any and all rules, including keeping the designated areas clean, may result in loss of privileges for all users.
10. Swimming at the Dog Beach is for DOGS ONLY. Owners are not allowed to swim with their pets.

Fines for violating these rules:

- \$75 Dog off-leash in non-designated areas or designated areas off hours.
- \$50 Dog on leash in non-designated areas or designated areas off hours.
- \$50 Failure of owner to clean up after dog.
- \$50 Dog on leash exceeding 10 feet in length.
- Loss of Privilege: Aggressive or violent behavior by dog.
- **(Ordinance 2004-0-3 adopted 6/14/04)**

Forest Preserve of Cook County: Off-Leash Dog Areas

We are Going Keyless!

Members will now use a membership card with an embedded electronic chip to gain access to all three off-leash dog areas. These new cards will be available for use starting October 15, 2018. Physical keys from the 2017-2018 season will still allow current members to access off-leash dog areas until the launch of the new keyless system.



These large open spaces allow your dog to run, fetch and play uninhibited and unrestrained.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County currently operates the Beck Lake, Bremen Grove and Miller Meadow Off-Leash Dog Areas for visitors to let their dogs enjoy the preserves without a leash. Please note that these are the only locations within the Forest Preserves where off-leash dogs are allowed.

Locations



Beck Lake

*East River Rd & Central Rd
Cook County, IL 60016 ([map](#))*

40 acres
Large pond
Outdoor shelter
Connected to 9 miles of trails (leash required)



Bremen Grove

*Oak Park Ave, south of 159th St
Cook County, IL 60477 ([map](#))*

7 acres
Separate areas for large and small (under 25 pounds) dogs
Water fountain
Connected to 33 miles of trails (leash required)



Miller Meadow South

*1st Ave, south of Roosevelt Rd
Cook County, IL 60130*

([map](#))
3 acres
Outdoor shelter
Connected to 2 miles of trails (leash required)

Registration & Rates

Dog owners wishing to enter the Off-Leash Dog Areas must first purchase an annual membership. The annual membership includes one membership card to enter *any* of the Forest Preserves' Off-Leash Dog Areas. **Annual memberships are valid from October 1 through September 30 of the following year.**

Cook County Residents \$60/dog Non- Resident \$120/dog

In addition to an application, all dog owners are required to submit a Veterinarian Health Report. A membership card will be mailed to the address you provide only after this report has been approved. Members will now use a membership card with an embedded electronic chip to gain access to all three off-leash dog areas.

Lake County Forest Preserve: Off-Leash Dog Parks



We offer four uniquely different and pawsitively popular outdoor parks (**we call them Dog Exercise Areas**) where dogs can exercise, play, swim and socialize off-leash.

Permit Required

An [annual](#) or [daily permit](#) and a dog are required for entry.

Annual Permits

An annual permit allows access to all four of our popular Dog Parks. Annual permits are valid for the calendar year only, and are not prorated. When purchased from September 1–early December, fees are reduced and permit is valid through the end of the current year. Annual permits for the next calendar year go on sale in early December. During our busiest sales months of December and January, it may take longer than usual for you to receive your permanent vehicle sticker in the mail. Continue to use your temporary pass until it arrives.

Annual Permit Fee

\$50 for the first dog, \$20 each additional (up to 3), Lake County residents

\$150 for the first dog, \$75 each additional (up to 3), nonresidents

Annual Permit Fee: Reduced price Sep 1–early December (valid through the end of the current year)

\$25 for the first dog, \$15 each additional (up to 3), Lake County residents

\$75 for the first dog, \$20 each additional (up to 3), nonresidents

To purchase a \$5 replacement sticker, call or visit our [General Offices](#) in Libertyville, 847-367-6640, 8 am–4:30 pm, weekdays, or our [Operations and Public Safety Facility](#) in Lake Villa, 847-968-3411, 6:30 am–3 pm, weekdays.

Daily Permits

To check out our Dog Parks, or for spur-of-the-moment visits, a daily permit allows you and your canine companion one day's access to all four Dog Parks.

Daily Permit Fee

\$10 per dog (up to 3), Lake County residents

\$20 per dog (up to 3), nonresidents

LOCATIONS

Duck Farm Dog Park »

Entrance is on Grand Avenue, east of Deep Lake Road in Lake Villa. This 48-acre fenced area features open fields and grass trails.

Independence Grove Dog Park »

Entrance is on Milwaukee Avenue (Route 21), north of Buckley Road (Route 137) in Libertyville. This 30-acre fenced area features open fields, wooded areas and a large pond for dogs to swim. [Learn more »](#)

Lakewood Dog Park »

Entrance is on Fairfield Road, north of Route 176 in Wauconda. This 66-acre fenced area features open fields and a shade shelter.

Prairie Wolf Dog Park »

Entrance is on Waukegan Road (Route 43), north of Half Day Road (Route 22) in Lake Forest. This 44-acre fenced area features open fields and a large pond for dogs to swim.