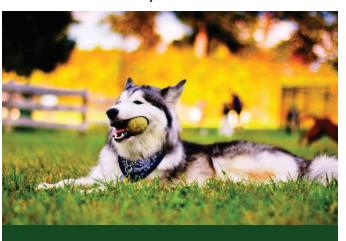


Off-Leash Area Permit Application And Informational Guide

\$40 per household (up to 3 dogs) Valid: January 1 - December 31



410-313-7275 | www.howardcountymd.gov/rap 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046

WORTHINGTON PARK



Worthington Park is located off New Cut Road at 8170 Hillsborough Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043. The Off-Leash area is open from 7am to dusk (except for scheduled maintenance). You can call 410-313-4455 for an inclement weather/program status recording.

The 2.7-acre lower area is near the park entrance, has a separate section for smaller, timid or elderly dogs, and has ADA-compliant access from the adjacent parking lot. There is also an upper area on the other side of Hillsborough Road. Look for signs telling you which area is being used.

To provide a safe environment for all dogs, the off-leash areas are surrounded by 6-foot high, vinyl-clad, chain-link fences with double gates. Water may be available in the lower areas during summer openings. The upper area does not have water.

For your convenience, you'll find Mutt-Mitt dispensers and containers for waste material. Please bring a water container (no glass) for your dog.

Area use is not restricted to Howard County residents. However, all users must purchase an annual or daily permit. (Daily permits available on-site.)

RULES & REGULATIONS

There is a maximum of two dogs per handler in the Off-Leash Area. Dogs must be leashed when not in the Off-Leash Area.

Handlers must...

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Enter the park at their own risk.
- Have proof of rabies shot.
- Remain in the Off-Leash Area with their dogs at all times.
- Maintain sight of and control over their dogs.
- Pick up and properly dispose of their dogs' feces.
- Render first aid if their dogs are injured, and notify other handlers if their dogs inflict injury.
- Speak up if concerned about another dog's behavior.
- Keep dogs on leash and in hand until you have entered the park.

Not permitted in the Off-Leash Area...

- Glass containers
- Children less than 12 years old no exceptions
- Smoking or eating
- Dog treats or training treats
- Aggressive dogs
- Dogs in their heat cycle
- Dogs less than four months old
- Professional training or grooming
- Animals other than dogs
- Injured or sick dogs
- Digging by humans or dogs
- **Prona Collars**

Please visit kiosk for updates and other valuable information. For your safety, please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

Worthington Dog Park 8170 Hillsborough Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Photos courtesy of Lia Joell (Photographer)/ Maryland Dog Park Community (Facebook).



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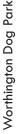


7120 Oakland Mills Road,









PERMIT/LICENSE INFO

This permit is valid January 1 - December 31. The fee is not prorated. Make check payable to **Director of Finance, Howard County**. We accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. For registration information, call 410-313-7275 or visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rap.

Note: While the permit registers up to three dogs per household, there is a maximum of two dogs per handler in the Off-Leash Area.

To Register or Renew: Registration fee is \$40 per household, up to three dogs. Dog tag replacement fee is \$5. You may register by mail at the following address:

Howard County Recreation & Parks 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia or in-person (8am-4:30pm) at:

Roger Carter Community Center 3000 Milltowne Drive, Ellicott City

6am-10pm, Monday-Friday 7am-10pm, Saturday 7am-9pm, Sunday

Call 410-313-2764 for directions and hours. Include proof (copy) of a valid dog license and current rabies certificate (all renewing applicants must provide copies of a valid dog license and rabies certificate) for each dog being registered with the completed registration form. Howard County pet owners can obtain a dog license at www.myHoward.info when a user account is created. It is your responsibility to maintain a current license and rabies certificate during the permit period. Failure to do so will result in expulsion from the park and suspension of your permit.

Daily Permits: You may purchase a daily permit on-site for \$5 per visit. You must present proof of a valid dog license and current rabies vaccination while at the park using a daily permit.

You may apply up to three daily permits purchased within a 15-day period toward an annual permit by returning the stubs with your application.

DOG BEHAVIOR 101



Dogs have very different styles of play. Some are rough-and-tumble, some like to chase, bark or nip, and others prefer limited physical contact.

Common types of potentially aggressive behavior include:

- Bullying domineering dog does not relinquish control over a submissive dog.
- Mounting common behavior, escalates into more combative actions.
- Ambushing threatening behavior between unfamiliar dogs, often at entrances.
- Provoking dog treating another dog as prey by chasing, stalking and nipping.
- Possessive defending of property; barking, snapping and growling to prevent other dogs or people from approaching.
- Packing more than four or five dogs packed and grouped can lead to trouble. Break it up before it starts by leading your dog to a neutral area at least 30 feet away.

Dog fights - What to do:

- Remain as calm as possible.
- Exchange information with all involved.
- If personal injury is incurred, contact the Health Department at 410-313-2640.

DOG PARK CLOSURES

Please be aware that there may be occasions where the Dog Park may have to close for safety reasons. We will make every attempt to utilize two of the three areas whenever possible, however there may be circumstances out of our immediate control such as extreme rain events that may saturate the grounds beyond normal wet turf which may create deep mud areas that would be considered unsafe for your pets. In these rare occurrences, we will make every effort to re-open as soon as possible.

Please keep in mind to accommodate all of our patrons, we must be able to have two areas available in order to open. Any closures for an extended period of time will be posted and updated on the Howard County Recreation & Parks website.

RENTALS

Rental space is available. Permit availability is dependent upon condition of the park and scheduled maintenance.

There is a 30/hour fee for special event rentals and 15/hour for training.

Contact Registration at 410-313-7275 (voice/relay) for additional information.

APPLICATION FORM: RP0072

New Permit	Permit Renewal			
Owner's Name			Date of Birth	
Address				
City/State/Zip				
Email				
Home Telephone	Work Telephone			
Dog 1				
Name	Breed		M/F	Birth date
License #		County	Exp. Date	
Rabies Certificate #	Exp. Date		Altered (Y/N)	
Dog 2				
Name	Breed		M/F	Birth date
License #		County	Exp. Da	te
Rabies Certificate #	Exp. Date		Altered (Y/N)	
Dog 3				
Name	Breed		M/F	Birth date
License #		County	Exp. Date	
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I agree to abide by all & Parks. I agree to hol harmless from any and negligence of the Cour	d Howard Co I all claims f	unty, its emp or damages i	loyees, o Inless du	officials and agents
Signature				Date
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