

Monroe County Dog Park Rules and Regulations County of Monroe, State of New York

Monroe County Code provisions regarding Dog Parks or off-leash areas:

§ 323-20. Dogs, cats and other household pets.

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C (2) Licenses and permits. All dogs in an off-leash area must be licensed as required by this chapter and all applicable laws or rules. 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 which shall be produced upon request. The application for an off-leash permit shall be provided by the Parks Department and shall be filed by the applicant with a copy of a valid dog license, a current rabies vaccination certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian if vaccination information listed on the dog's license is missing or the vaccination has expired, proof of county residency and such other proof or information as may be required by the Parks Director, together with payment of the applicable fee. The Parks Director may deny an application as he deems advisable. If an application is granted, such permit shall identify the name and address of the dog owner and the name, sex, breed, color and markings of the dog. Once issued, the permit is not transferable to another dog and shall expire one year from the date of its issuance.

C (3) Dogs only. 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, and must maintain voice control over the dog and keep the dog in sight at all times while in the off-leash area. Each person bringing a dog into an off-leash area shall be responsible for the conduct of such animal and shall be responsible for all injury to person or property caused by the dog. Dogs showing aggression toward persons or other dogs must be immediately leashed and removed from the off-leash area. Each person bringing a dog into the off-leash areas 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. Professional dog trainers may not use an off-leash area for the conduct of business, and no person shall bring more than three dogs to an off-leash area at one time.

C (4) Rules and regulations. The Parks Director may adopt such rules and regulations as he deems advisable for the safe use and operation of the off-leash areas. 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. If a dog is repeatedly permitted or allowed to commit acts in violation of this chapter, the Parks Director may revoke the permit issued to the dog upon written notice to the owner either personally delivered or by regular United States mail.

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Please contact Monroe County Parks Department by phone at 585-753-PARK or by mail at 171 Reservoir Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620 to apply for a Monroe County Dog Park registration tag and permit.

The Parks Director has adopted the following rules and regulations for the safe use and operation of Dog Parks or off-leash areas:

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 provisions, rules and regulations constitutes a violation of the Monroe County Parks Law. Under the 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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