



Parks & Recreation
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Dog Park Rules

- The Dog Park is for dogs and those people accompanying them. No other use is allowed without permission from the Board of Park Commissioners.
- All dogs must have an up to date license by their city/town and current rabies vaccination. Tags on collar or other proof of license/vaccination must be available at all times.
- *Dogs must be on leash when entering the park. When in the off-leash areas, they must be off-leash except in the case leashing is required to command and control your dog(s) to the exit. Leashes must be with you at all times. For your dog's safety, No slip, prong, or choke collars will be permitted within the park.*
- Dog handlers must be 16 years of age or older. Children younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Children under the age of 8 are not permitted in the park.
- No Large Dogs (greater than 30 lbs.) are permitted in the small dog enclosure.
- Each handler may have no more than three (3) dogs at a time in this area.
- At all times while dogs are using the park, their handler shall be in the designated area with their dog. The handler must maintain visual contact with their dog(s) and maintain voice control over their dog(s) within the area.
- Aggressive Dogs are prohibited in the dog park. Any dog showing signs of aggression must be immediately removed from the dog park.
- No Excessive Barking. Handlers should allow only MINIMAL barking. Dogs barking excessively must be removed from the park.
- Handlers must clean up after their dogs; Fill any holes dug and pick up any dog waste and seal in the provided bags before disposing into designated receptacles.

The Following are not permitted in the Dog Park:

- No Dogs determined to be a "Dangerous Dog" pursuant to MGL ch.140 § 157 or Fitchburg City Code ch. 84.
- No female dogs in heat.
- No Puppies under 6 months of age.
- No dogs wearing prong or choke collars.
- No Food or glass containers are allowed in the Dog Park.
- Dogs cannot be fed while in the Dog Park.
- No Dog Toys
- No Brushing or Grooming dogs inside the park.
- No Smoking
- No Alcohol
- Dog Training may be permitted only with prior authorization from the Board of Park Commissioners

Users of this facility do so at their own risk. Handlers are legally responsible and liable for their dogs and injuries caused by them. The City of Fitchburg shall not be liable for any injury or damage caused by any dog, or their handler.

Any violation of the above rules could result in a suspension of a handler's right to utilize the dog park.

Dog Park Hours:

8:00 AM – Dusk.

The Park will be closed during regular maintenance by the City of Fitchburg DPW.