

Monmouth County Park System

Off-Leash Dog Areas & Guidelines



Thompson Park, Lincroft, NJ
& Wolf Hill Recreation Area,
Oceanport, NJ



www.MonmouthCountyParks.com

Guidelines For Use

Users must abide by all rules and regulations governing the use of Monmouth County Park and Recreation Lands and must comply with the directions of Park System personnel.

Children under 8 years of age are not permitted within the off-leash dog area. Children 8 years of age and older must be closely supervised by an adult.

There is a limit of 2 dogs per person. At Thompson Park Off-Leash Dog Area at no time should the number of dogs exceed 20 and the number of people exceed 25. At the Wolf Hill Recreation Off-Leash Dog Area at no time should the number of dogs exceed 25 and the number of people exceed 35. When others are waiting, please limit your use to 30 minutes.

Users are responsible at all times for the behavior and safety of their dogs and should be considerate of other users.

Dogs with a history of dangerous or aggressive behavior are prohibited. Puppies under 4 months old are prohibited. Dogs over 6 months old must be spayed or neutered.

Dogs must wear collars displaying licenses at all times and have current vaccinations.

Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving. Users must remain with their dogs at all times and must carry a leash for each dog at all times.

Users must properly secure access gates upon entering and leaving the off-leash area. Once within the area, users must momentarily restrain their dogs when others are entering or leaving in order to prevent dogs from leaving the enclosure.

Users must remain within the off-leash dog area with their dog(s) at all times.

Users must clean up after their dogs.

A complete list of guidelines are available on our web site: www.MonmouthCountyParks.com.

Also, enjoy the Monmouth County parks while keeping your dog leashed:

- There are more than 140 miles of multiuse trails at popular sites including: Holmdel Park, Dorbrook Recreation Area and Manasquan Reservoir. Even some golf courses have trails!

- Enjoy a picnic with your entire family.

- Take a Canine Class with us. See the **Parks & Programs Guide**, available in the parks or online.



Avoiding Tick Bites

Ticks that may cause illness can be active year-round (highest risk Apr.-Jul.). Take precautions: use insect repellent; wear light-colored clothes, long sleeve shirt tucked into pants/pants tucked into socks; check yourself for ticks during and after park visits; shower soon after being outdoors. To minimize contact, keep to formal trails; walk in the center of trails; and stay away from tall grasses, brush/shrubs, leaf litter, branches and woodland edges next to lawns and athletic fields. Protect your pets. Read more at www.cdc.gov/ticks.

Dogs can get tick borne illnesses and transport ticks inside. Ask your veterinarian how best to protect your pet.

For more information call 732-842-4000, ext. 4312, or visit us www.MonmouthCountyParks.com.



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Welcome...

Our off-leash dog areas have been specially constructed for dog-owners and their canine companions.

It is helpful to understand your dog's behavior prior to visiting the park. Your dog is off-leash ready if he is friendly and responds to voice commands. Understanding

that dogs growl and bark to set limits, and knowing whether your dog tends to be dominant or submissive (and other postures), can help you prevent negative dog contact before it occurs. Before entering the off-leash area, determine the atmosphere and whether it is right for your dog that day. If this is your first visit, stay only a short time or visit at a quiet period.

Thompson Park Off-Leash Dog Area

(7 a.m to dusk) There is one area for dogs of all sizes, and another for smaller dogs weighing 35 lbs. or less. A concrete walkway and patio at the entrance features a water fountain with two levels, one for humans and one for dogs. Dog waste bags and waste/recycling cans can be found in both dog areas.

Thompson Park's 667 acres serve as administrative headquarters for the Park System, and the following amenities are nearby: Visitor Center, restrooms, vending machines, playground, lake, tennis courts, reservable picnic areas, and almost 14 miles of beautiful, multi-use trails including the 4.2 mile Thompson Loop.



Wolf Hill Recreation Area Off-Leash Dog Area

(7 a.m. to dusk) This area has a unique oval design with a natural area in the center. It features two areas for dogs of different sizes. The all-dog area features two concrete patios, each with a sheltered bench. The small dog area (35 lbs. or less) has a concrete patio with sheltered picnic area. Dog waste bags and waste/recycling cans can be found in both areas. Water is **not** available on site; be sure to bring water for your dog.



This 92-acre site also features portable toilets near the parking lot, open areas where you can take a stroll (dogs must be leashed), and an 18-hole disc golf course. Softball fields are available for a fee, by reservation only.

Please report all incidents/injuries to the Park System immediately:

Call the Monmouth County Communication Center at 732-577-8700 who will immediately contact a Park Ranger.



Does Your Dog Need Obedience Training?

Check out the Canine Classes offered throughout the year in our **Parks & Programs Guide**.

**Follow the rules and be considerate!
It will help make sure these areas remain open.
Please clean up after your dog... it's the law.**

Basic P'etiquette

- Please remember, use of the off-leash dog areas are a privilege.
- Keep your dog leashed when approaching the area.
- Do not crowd the entrance gates – it may put new visitors on the defensive.
- After you enter, remove the leash immediately (dogs may become protective if leashed while surrounded by unleashed animals).
- Remain with your dogs at all times. Owners are responsible for all actions of their dogs.
- Respond immediately to any aggressive behavior towards humans or other dogs. Aggressive animals should be leashed and removed from the off-leash dog area. If a dog remains aggressive and is not removed, you will be asked to leave by park staff. Repeat offenders will be asked not to return to the site.
- Fearful dogs may become dangerous. Anxiety may cause them to bark and/or growl at other animals, which may cause other animals to respond aggressively. If your dog appears to be fearful of the situation, please leash and remove him from the area.
- Clean up after your dog and encourage others to do so. Pet waste bags and waste/recycling cans are available within the fenced area. Keep the off-leash area clean for a healthy and enjoyable environment for all owners and their pets.
- If your dog begins digging on the grounds, please stop it immediately, and then fill in the hole.
- Food and toys can cause possessive behavior and are not recommended in the off-leash areas. Any items left in the area will be removed by park staff.
- Respect other visitors and their pets by controlling your dog. Leave the area if your dog seems to be having a bad day.
- If your dog is bullied, remove him from the situation immediately.