

PARK DIRECTIVE
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Montgomery County Department of Parks

SUBJECT: Uniform Dog Park Rules No. MC-21-002
AUTHORITY: M-NCPPC Park Rules and Regulations, Chapter I, Section 3
RELATED: M-NCPPC Park Rules and Regulations, Chapter IV, Section 18.
EFFECTIVE: April 8, 2021 **EXPIRATION:** N/A

Pursuant to Chapter I, Section 3, of the M-NCPPC Park Rules & Regulations (2017) (the “**Parks Rules**”), the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Parks (“**Montgomery Parks**”) issues the following Park Directive:

1. The Commission adopted policies for dog parks for Montgomery County Department of Parks, adopted June of 2002, attached here to as Attachment One, is updated and replaced by the Uniform Dog Park Rules attached to this Park Directive as Attachment Two.
2. Except as described in this Park Directive, all other prohibited activities and conduct set forth in Chapter IV, Section 18 remain in effect.

Authorized and approved as provided under the Park Rules adopted on March 15, 2017 by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission:

SIGNATURE:

MGR

Michael F. Riley, Director
Montgomery County Department of Parks

DATE:

March 29, 2021

This Park Directive was published as public notice within the agenda of the Montgomery County Planning Board for its regular meeting held on April 8, 2021. Initials and Date: _____ 03/29/2021

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Commission Adopted Policies for Dog Parks:

Adopted June 2002

Montgomery County Department of Parks

- Dogs must display current license and rabies vaccination tags.
- Dogs must be over 4 months old.
- Dog-handlers must leash their dogs when outside the dog park.
- Dog handlers must be in control of and in visual contact with their dogs at all times.
- No pet handlers under age 13.
- Parents must be in control of their children.
- No more than 3 dogs per handler.
- Dog handlers must pick up after their dogs.
- No smoking or eating by dog handlers.
- No aggressive dog behavior.
- No female dogs in heat.
- Hours of dog exercise area are the same as hours for the remainder of the park.
- Dog owners are liable for any injuries or damage caused by their dogs.
- No professional dog training unless approved by the Park Managers.
- No glass or metal containers.
- Users of dog exercise areas do so at their own risk.
- Additional rules or amendments may be developed, as needed, and approved by the Director of the Department of Parks.

<u>UNIFORM DOG PARK RULES</u>	
	<p>VIOLATORS OF THESE RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, CIVIL CITATION, ARREST, REMOVAL, SUSPENSION, OR PERMANENT BANNING FROM ALL M-NCPCC DOG PARKS.</p> <p>FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, USERS SHOULD GO TO https://www.montgomeryparks.org/about/rules-and-regulations/dog-parks/</p>
1	USERS ASSUME ALL RISK OF HARM.
2	HANDLERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DOG AT ALL TIMES AND MUST HAVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO A LEASH.
3	HANDLERS MAY NOT HAVE MORE THAN THREE DOGS AT THE PARK AT ONE TIME.
4	ALL DOGS MUST BE CURRENT ON ALL VACCINATIONS AS REQUIRED BY STATE OR LOCAL LAW; LICENSED WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AND HAVE AFFIXED TO THEIR COLLAR AN IDENTIFICATION TAG AND CURRENT RABIES TAG.
5	AGGRESSIVE DOGS, DOGS IN HEAT, OR DOGS THAT BARK PERSISTENTLY, ARE PROHIBITED.
6	USERS MUST PICK UP AND DISPOSE OF THEIR DOG’S WASTE.
7	USERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAIRING/REPLACING ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THEM OR THEIR DOG.
8	ALL DOG OR HUMAN FOOD AND GLASS CONTAINERS ARE PROHIBITED.
9	ALL COMMERCIAL USE OF ANY M-NCPCC DOG PARK IS PROHIBITED, UNLESS GIVEN PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL BY THE PARK’S DIRECTOR.
10	SMOKING OR VAPING IS PROHIBITED.
11	CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
12	UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED, THE DOG PARK IS OPEN FROM DAWN TO DUSK.