Worthington Park Off-Leash Area Permit Application

2010 - 2011

Howard County
RECREATION & PARKS

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 currently 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 is available on-site at the lower area April 15 - November 1. 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).

ABOUT HoCoDOG

The Howard County Dog Owners Group (HoCoDog) is an all-volunteer group whose members work hard to ensure that your visit to the Off-Leash Area is a safe for you and your dog.

The group serves as an advisory committee to the Recreation & Parks Department. Users of the Off-Leash Area are welcome to attend meetings held at the Department headquarters at 7120 Oakland Mills Road in Columbia. Visit **www.howardcountymd.gov/rap** for more information; your comments are welcome.

To learn more about HoCoDog and its volunteer activities, see their Web site at **www.hocodog.org**.

HoCoDog is a private organization. Howard County does not necessarily endorse it's activities or services.

Howard County
RECREATION & PARKS
7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21046

2010-2011 Permit

The 2010-2011 Off-Leash permit is valid 7/1/10 - 6/30/11. The fee is not prorated. Make check payable to **Director of Finance**. We also accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. For registration information, call **410-313-7275** or visit **www.howardcountymd.gov/rap**.

Please note that 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.

You may register in person or by mail at Howard County Recreation & Parks, 7120 Oakland Mills Rd, Columbia, MD 21046, 8am to 4:30 pm.

Include proof (copy) of a valid dog license and current rabies certificate (renewing Howard County residents only need to provide expiration dates) for each dog being registered with the completed registration form. 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.

Application Form: 0072.501

☐New Permit ☐Permit Renewal

Owner's Name Total Fee

Address

City/State/Zip

E-mail

Home Telephone Work Telephone

Dog 1

Name Breed M/F Birthdate

License # County Exp. Date

Rabies Certificate # Exp. Date Altered (Y/N)

Dog 2

Name Breed M/F Birthdate

License # County Exp. Date

Rabies Certificate # Exp. Date Altered (Y/N)

Dog 3

Name Breed M/F Birthdate

License # County Exp. Date

Rabies Certificate # Exp. Date Altered (Y/N)

I agree to abide by all the rules & regulations of Howard County Recreation & Parks. I agree to hold Howard County, its employees, officials and agents harmless from any and all claims for damages unless due to the sole negligence of the County, its employees or agents.

Signature Date

Credit Card Payment:
☐Mastercard ☐VISA ☐American Express ☐Discover Exp Date:_____

Card #

Cardholder Signature Date

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
- 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

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

Aggressive Behavior

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.

It is important to know your dog's style and be sensitive to other dogs and their owners. Always watch your dog closely and be prepared to intervene if your dog's play is making other dogs and their owners uncomfortable.

The solution may be to go to another area of the dog park or remove your dog and return another day. Conversely, if your dog is not used to exuberant contact with other dogs, please consider using the area reserved for young or timid and shy dogs.

Howard County
RECREATION & PARKS

7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21046

410-313-4700
www.howardcountymd.gov/rap