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Parks Properties Dog Regulations

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The Lunenburg Parks Commission welcomes dogs in all parks and forests under the care and custody of the Commission. We ask all dog owners and their dogs to be respectful of other park users and neighbors. To this end the Lunenburg Parks Commission has adopted the following policies. Please view the list below for specific locations covered under this policy and restrictions where dogs are not allowed for public safety, public health, habitat concerns or deed restriction purposes.

Join us in the stewardship of our parks by being a responsible dog owner and park partner.

List of Properties Covered By This Policy

Fitzgerald Field
Marshall Park
McNally Field
Northfield Park; **##See off leash requirements below**
Veterans Park
Wallis Park
Whalom Lake Beach; **dogs not allowed**

Restricted/Prohibited Areas

- All sections of parks fenced or not, maintained for athletic use. To include: all ballfields and courts
- Marshall ParkTrack (during scheduled games)
- Playgrounds
- Restroom Facilities
- All Swimming and Beach Areas
- Any and all open areas and public buildings where Parks programming is taking place

Service animals

Service and medical support animals, when acting within their service capacity, are welcome at Parks properties, even those where pets are otherwise prohibited.

Rules and Etiquette

To ensure an enjoyable parks experience for all visitors, The Parks Commission requires that all dog owners observe the following rules and etiquette while recreating with dogs on Parks properties where dogs are allowed:

- Except as noted below ("Off Leash Areas"), make sure your dog is on leash and wearing a collar with current tags for license and rabies vaccine.
- Bring no more than four (4) dogs per person at one time.

- Always clean up after your dog(s) and carry out waste and dispose of it in an appropriate receptacle off site. Do not leave it on the ground or within the park.
- Dogs must be on-leash in all parking areas.
- Make sure that dogs do not damage parks facilities and land.
- Unless invited, do not allow your dog, even if friendly, to approach other dogs or people, who may not desire such contact.
- Keep dogs under effective control at all times and make sure they do not engage in aggressive behavior.
- In on-leash areas, dogs must be tethered individually on a leash of no more than ten feet in length

Visitors who do not abide by these rules may be subject to eviction from the park and/or may receive a fine in accordance with G.L.c.40, § 21D (First offense: \$50

Second offense: \$75, Third offense and subsequent offenses: \$100). The Commission may also issue a No Trespass Order in accordance with G.L. c. 266, §120 and may seek enforcement of such orders as may be appropriate.

Off Leash Areas

Northfield Park Only

***Designated off leash area begins 50' into park from the main Northfield Park sign along Northfield Road.*

Dogs must be leashed while in all parking areas or when entering or exiting unleashed areas.

In designated off-leash areas, dogs must be under control either through voice control or electronic training collar. This means your dog:

- is within sight at all times
- comes immediately when called
- stays at your command
- does not charge or chase people, dogs, horses, or other domestic or wild animals.
- Owner shall have one leash in hand for each dog when leashed in all parking areas and when entering or exiting an off-leash area.

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These Regulations are in addition to, and do not supersede or replace, the requirements of any otherwise applicable local Bylaw or Regulation including, e.g., Section 110-1 of the General Bylaws, entitled "Dog Control."