

# NORTHBROOK DOG PARK

*at Coast Guard Park*



Coast Guard Park is the only public area in Northbrook where dogs are allowed to run and play off-leash.

Please be responsible by following the rules contained in this packet and posted at the park.

With respect and good behavior, you can help keep this park clean, safe and attractive—an inviting place where you and your dog are welcome.

**Sit, stay and enjoy your park!**

[nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org) · Coast Guard Park, 2490 Dundee Road, Northbrook

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## Features



- **Completely fenced-in grounds**
- **Enclosed 2-acre area for all dogs**
- **Enclosed .5-acre area for small dogs (under 26 pounds)**
- **Shelter**
- **Dog wash**
- **Tables and benches**
- **Drinking fountain**
- **Soft walking path**
- **Parking for 37 cars**

The park opens at 7am and closes at sunset. Hours of operation may be modified on a seasonal basis. On Mondays and Thursdays, the park opens at 9:30am after maintenance. Park District staff will empty garbage cans daily.

The park may be closed without notice for weather concerns or maintenance.

To ensure a positive experience for members and dogs, the dog park will be monitored by Northbrook Park District staff and the Northbrook Police Department.

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## Membership



Access to the dog park requires an annual membership, which allows unlimited use of the park during daylight hours.

### Requirements to Join

- Northbrook or Glencoe residency
- Submit the following:
  - » Proof of current Village of Northbrook or Village of Glencoe dog license
  - » Completed Northbrook Dog Park Veterinarian Verification Form
  - » Completed Northbrook Dog Park Application
- Dogs must be at least 6 months old.

### Membership

- Annual fee is \$60 for first dog, \$30 for each additional dog
- Valid from July 1 through June 30 (no prorating) for Northbrook residents
- Valid from May 1 through April 30 (no prorating) for Glencoe residents

Membership may be revoked without refund for failure to comply with the rules or for allowing owners and dogs without a membership into the park. The rules are subject to change, and the Park District can remove a dog owner at any time.

Northbrook Park District and Glencoe Park District have a reciprocal agreement to provide select recreation services to residents of each community. Northbrook residents are provided the opportunity to purchase a pass to the Glencoe Beach at Glencoe resident rates. Glencoe residents are eligible to receive Northbrook resident rates for the Northbrook pools and dog park. This cooperation provides expanded opportunities to residents of both Districts.

### Dog Park Tags/Member IDs

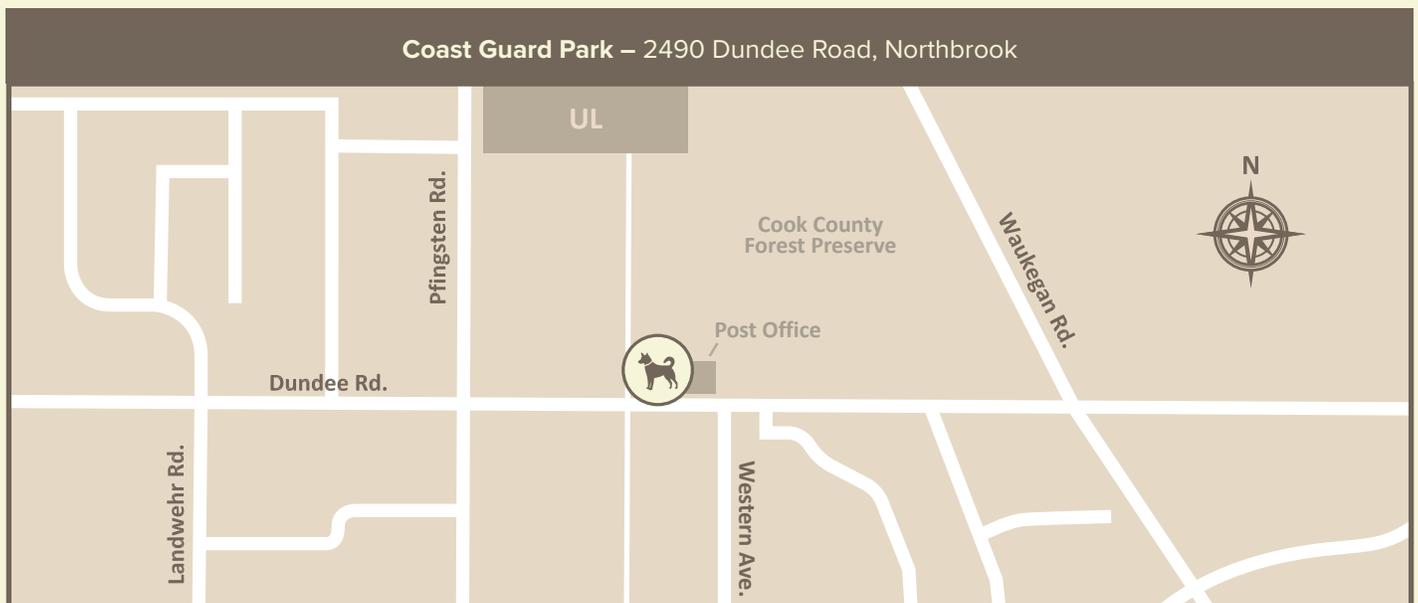
Members receive one dog park tag per dog and one membership ID for entry. Tags must be on the dog's collar, and owners/handlers must wear their ID. (Replacement tags are \$5 each; IDs are \$10.)

# Applications



## How to Apply

1. Download the Dog Park Application and Veterinarian Verification Form at [nbparks.org](http://nbparks.org).
2. Submit completed forms via email to [customerservice@nbparks.org](mailto:customerservice@nbparks.org) or drop your forms at the following locations:
  - » Techny Prairie Activity Center, 180 Anets Drive
  - » Northbrook Sports Center, 1730 Pfungsten Road
  - » Northbrook Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Avenue
3. Applications submitted by email will receive an invoice when the application is processed.
4. If renewing, keep your dog park tag and membership ID.
5. All new members must apply in person, to receive a membership card.



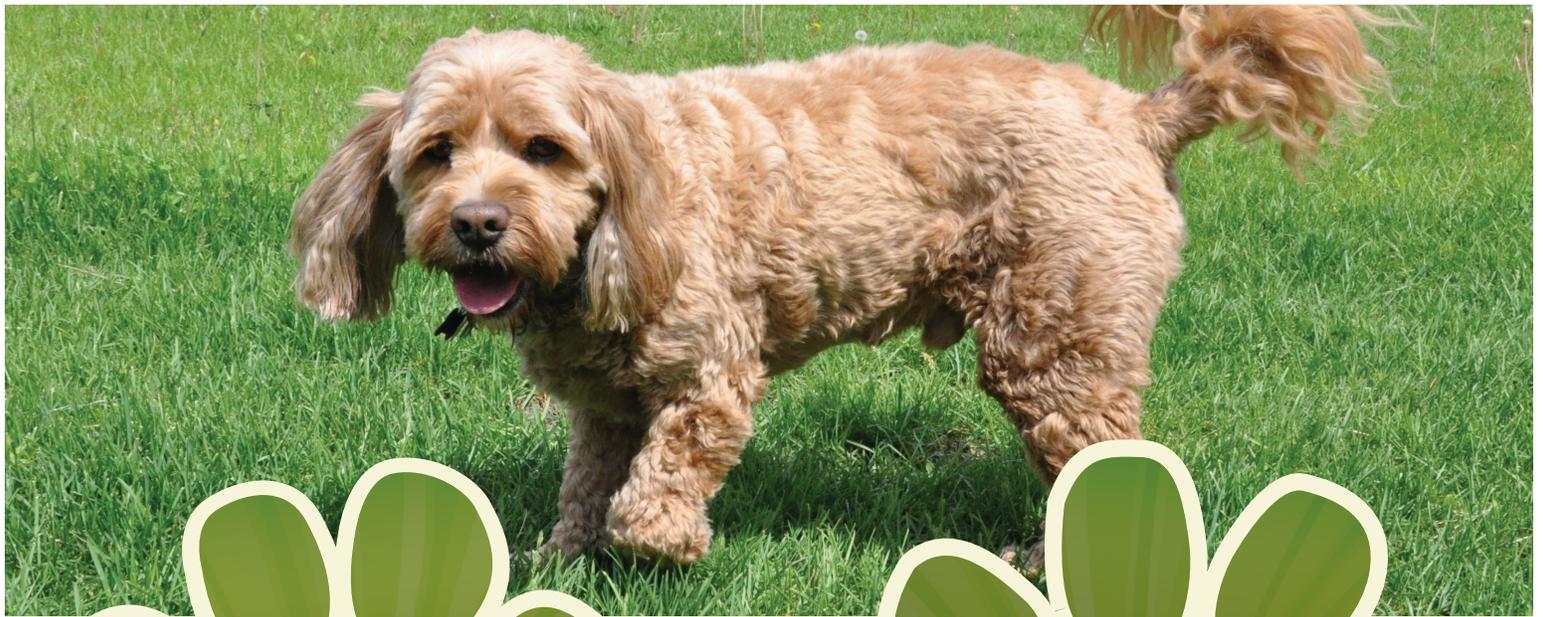


## Owner Responsibilities



Cooperation between dog owners is expected, including keeping order and enforcing dog park rules and applicable Park District Ordinances. Parking is allowed only in the Coast Guard Park lot. Cars may be ticketed and towed from the access drive along the west side of park and from the Cotswold neighborhood.

- Handlers must be at least 16 years old. Children ages 12–15 must be supervised by an adult.
- Children under 12 years old are not allowed in the dog park.
- Owners/handlers must wear their membership ID while using the dog park, and ID must be visible.
- Dogs must wear a collar with the Northbrook Dog Park tag and Village of Northbrook license visible.
- Owners/handlers must be in the same area as their dogs, with visual contact and voice control at all times.
- Two dogs per handler are allowed.
- Owners must clean up after their dogs. Bags are available, but owners should carry extras.



- Keep your dog on a leash while walking to and from the parking lot. Remove the leash as soon as you enter the gate.
- Owners/handlers must carry a leash for each dog while using the dog park; dogs are allowed off-leash only in designated, enclosed areas.
- Keep your dog away from the gate while other dogs are entering and exiting.
- Before approaching another dog, ask the owner for permission.
- Large dogs (26 lbs. and above) are not allowed in the small dog area. Small dogs that do not play well with large dogs should be unleashed only in the small dog area.

**The following are not permitted in the park:**

- Dogs in heat or injured dogs
- Aggressive dogs  
(Dogs that show any aggression over a toy or another dog must be removed immediately.)
- Excessive barking
- Spike, pinch and choke collars
- Tying a dog to a bench, fence or pole
- Digging holes (If your dog digs one, fill it.)
- Litter (Place trash and dog waste in garbage cans.)
- Smoking and alcoholic beverages
- Food, including dog chews, treats and rawhide
- Vendors soliciting for commercial services
- Bicycles



## General Safety



- Visit the dog park without your dog first to see the layout and read posted rules.
- The first few visits should be short, since dogs may tire quickly.
- Watch to see how your dog reacts with others. Not all dogs like meeting new dogs.
- **Respect other dog owners.** If they are not comfortable with your dog's interactions, move to another area of the park or the small dog area, if applicable.
- Supervise your dog. If your dog is bullying, stalking, mounting, misbehaving or displaying protective behavior around an object or person, remove your dog from the park immediately. Safety should be your primary concern.
- If a dog fight occurs, stay calm. Do not reach out to separate the dogs. Distract the dogs (by squirting water or throwing a jacket on their heads). Leash your dog, and remove it from the fight. Dog owners should exchange contact information.
- Call 911 immediately to report dog fights.
- Owners are legally responsible for injuries or damage caused by their dogs.
- To report problems, call the Northbrook Sports Center at 847-291-2993.

## FAQs



### **Where else can I take my dog in Northbrook?**

Dogs are allowed on a leash at all Northbrook Park District parks except during Special Events. The larger parks have pathways, including Wood Oaks Green Park, Techny Prairie Park and Fields, Meadowhill Park and West Park. However, dogs are not permitted in some areas, including golf courses, fountains, turf fields, ball fields and tennis/basketball courts.

### **Can I bring other pets to the dog park?**

No. Only your registered dog(s) can accompany you.

### **Do I have to register each year?**

Yes. Be sure your dog's vaccination records are current and bring them with you. Proof of current vaccinations is required to re-register.

### **What if my dog's vaccination expires during the year?**

It is your responsibility to provide updated records to the Park District. Failure to do so will result in your card being deactivated within 30 days of the expired vaccination date.

### **What if someone enters the park without a key card?**

We ask you to report them to the Park District at 847-291-2993. For safety reasons, do not allow anyone into the park without a key card.

### **What is aggressive behavior?**

Aggressive behavior includes growling, showing teeth, excessive barking (as defined by Village Ordinance), lunging, biting, snapping the air, mounting, stalking, chasing, grabbing another dog by the collar or neck and deliberately urinating on another dog or person. If your dog shows any of these behaviors, remove it from the park.

### **Why are young children not allowed in the park?**

Some dogs are not comfortable around children and may feel threatened by high-pitched sounds or small children at their eye level. Also, it can be difficult to supervise children and dogs in the same environment. Children can be injured when multiple dogs are playing.