

Wolf Run Bark Park:

By walking through the gate at the bark park, you acknowledge, as an owner or custodian of a dog, that you are responsible for the acts and conduct of your animal at all times when it is in the park. Park users and dog owners assume all risks related to use of the dog park.

Rules

1. Keep your dog in sight and under voice control at all times. Keep your dog's leash in-hand at all times. Owners of little dogs should stay close to their dogs at all times.
2. Clean up and dispose of droppings left by your dog. Owners must possess a device for removal of droppings.
3. Dogs must be licensed and vaccinated. Only dogs and people are allowed in the park.
4. No aggressive or sick dogs allowed. If your dog becomes unruly or plays rough, leash it and leave immediately.
5. Female dogs in heat and dogs under the age of four months are prohibited.
6. Use at your own risk. Owners are responsible and liable for the actions and behaviors of their dogs at all times.
7. Users are limited to three dogs per visit. Dogs may not be left unattended at any time.
8. Keep park gates closed at all times. No food or glass containers are allowed.
9. Children under the age of twelve are prohibited in the park. Older children must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

A criminal citation may be issued for violation of these rules.

"PETiquette" & Precautions

1. Make your first visit without your dog to familiarize yourself with the site (parking, access gates, etc). Make your initial doggie visit at a time that is not as busy. Daytime hours during the week and late afternoons on the weekend are generally quiet times at the dog park.
2. Remember that many dogs who visit the dog park are NOT socialized to children. Keep children close and allow NO running, screaming or food. Do not allow your children to approach a dog without permission from the dog's handler.
3. Know your dog! Not all dogs are good candidates for off-leash dog parks. If your dog has not had regular interaction with other dogs, it may lack the necessary social skills to make your visit safe and enjoyable. Check for training schools that offer remedial socialization classes for adult dogs or for trainers who will work with you at the dog park. Socialize young puppies (8- 16 weeks of age) at a puppy kindergarten class, not at the dog park.
4. Let your dog off-leash as soon as you arrive within the boundaries of the park. Mixing leashed and unleashed dogs commonly causes problems. Leashed dogs often feel

threatened by the free dogs and will display provocative body language and defensive behavior. If you are uncomfortable about letting your dog off-leash, DO NOT visit the dog park.

5. Keep walking! Walking, rather than sitting or standing, will help minimize defensive and territorial behaviors. This means that your dog is more likely to pass another dog with a friendly sniff instead of a stare down.

6. Be aware that dogs possess different play styles, temperaments and physical abilities. Many dogs love rambunctious play, but some dogs suffer from injuries and some are more timid and aloof. Always respect the wishes of the handler and be prepared to move to another area of the park if your dog is too rambunctious. Leash up and leave if your dog is acting in an aggressive manner.

7. Pick up droppings - always, everywhere! Many dogs visit the off-leash dog park every month, and we want to keep it clean. Nobody likes to look at, or step in, dog droppings. Plastic bags, supplied by the Knox County Park District can be found at the dispenser located within the Bark Park to dispose of all droppings.

8. Keep the area safe and clean. Remove extra water jugs. Pick up trash, cigarette butts and orphan droppings. Don't allow your dog to dig holes, which can cause injuries to unsuspecting people and dogs. Leave the site in better condition than you found it. Small actions, multiplied by thousands of visitors, are what keep our dog park a success.