

Rules and Regulations

- **Maximum of two (2) dogs** per handler in the off-leash area
- **Handlers must...**
 - be at least 18 years of age
 - remain in the off-leash area with their dog(s) at all times
 - maintain sight of and control over their dog(s) while in off-leash area
 - pick up and properly dispose of their dog(s) feces
 - render first aid if their dog(s) is(are) injured and notify other handlers if their dog inflicts injury
- **Dogs must** be leashed when not in the off-leash area
- **No glass containers**

Not Permitted in Off-Leash Area

- **Children less than 12 years of age -NO EXCEPTION**
- Smoking or eating
- Dog treats or training treats
- Aggressive dogs - see next column
- Dogs in their heat cycle
- Dogs less than four (4) months of age
- 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, 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.

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 and enjoyable experience for you and your dog.

The group serves as an advisory committee to the Department of Recreation and Parks. Users of the Off-Leash Area are welcome to attend meetings held at the Department's headquarters, 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia. You can also visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rap for more information; your comments are welcome.

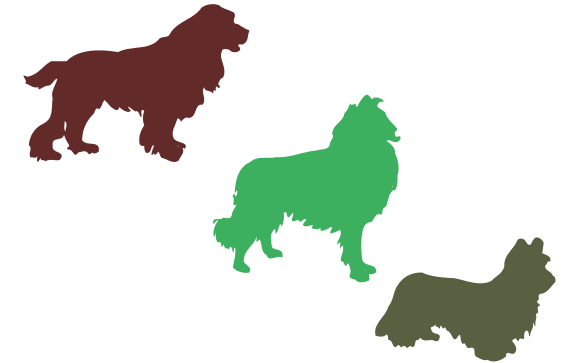
To learn more about HoCoDOG and its volunteer activities, visit www.hocodog.org.

HoCoDOG is a privately operated organization. Howard County Government does not necessarily endorse its activities or services.

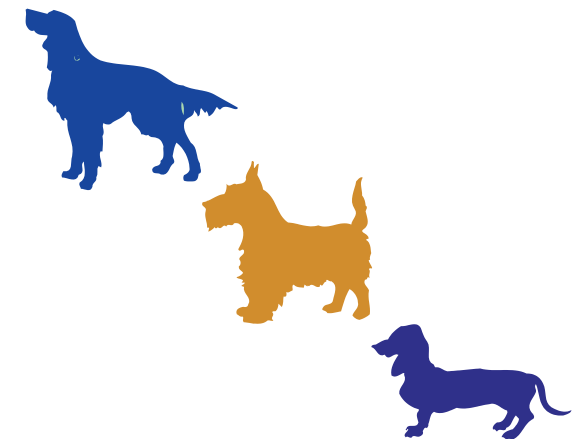
Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks
7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21046



Worthington Park



Off-Leash Area



'08-'09

Permit Request



Howard County Department of
Recreation and Parks

REGISTRATION FORM: 0072.101

'08-'09 Worthington Park Off-Leash Area Permit

 New Permit or Permit Renewal

Owner's Name _____ Fee Enclosed _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ E-mail _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

1. Dog's Name _____ Breed / M or F _____ Date of Birth _____

County _____ License # _____ Exp. date _____

Rabies license # _____ Exp. date _____ Altered (yes/no) _____

2. Dog's Name _____ Breed / M or F _____ Date of Birth _____

County _____ License # _____ Exp. date _____

Rabies license # _____ Exp. date _____ Altered (yes/no) _____

3. Dog's Name _____ Breed / M or F _____ Date of Birth _____

County _____ License # _____ Exp. date _____

Rabies license # _____ Exp. date _____ Altered (yes/no) _____

I agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the Howard County Department of Recreation and 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 or VISA Exp. Date ___/___/___

_____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Signature of Card Holder _____ Date _____

For Office Use Only: Amt Rec _____ Date _____ OLP# _____

About the Park

Worthington Park is located at 8170 Hillsborough Road (off New Cut Rd.) in Ellicott City.

The **off-leash area** is open daily from 7 a.m. to dusk. An attempt is made to schedule park maintenance for Thursday; however, it might have to be done on another day. If maintenance is being performed, you will not be able to enter or you may be required to leave the facility. **Call 410-313-4455 for inclement weather/program status recording.**

The **2.7 acre**, off-leash area is near the park entrance and has ADA-compliant access from the adjacent parking lot. To provide a safe environment for all dogs, the area has a separate section for smaller, timid or elderly dogs and is surrounded by a 6' high vinyl-clad chain link fence with double gates. **Water** is available on-site April 15-November 1.

For your convenience, you'll find Mutt-Mitt dispensers and containers for waste material. Please bring a water container (no glass) for your dog.

Use of the area is not restricted to Howard County residents. However, all users must purchase an annual or daily permit. (Daily permits are available on-site.)

Rules and regulations are posted.

“Responsible Owners...
Happy Dogs”

'08-'09 Permit

The '08-'09 Off-Leash Area permit is valid July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. **Fee is not prorated.** Make check payable to *Director of Finance*; we accept VISA and MasterCard. **For registration information**, call 410-313-PARK or visit www.howardcountymd.gov/rap.

NOTE: The permit registers a **maximum of three (3) dogs** per household. However, there is a maximum of two (2) dogs per handler while in the Off-Leash Area.

New Permit

Follow these instructions if this is your first permit application.

Registration Fee: \$40 per household.

- Register in person or by mail at Howard County Recreation and Parks, 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046, M-F, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **Include proof (copy)** of valid county dog license and current rabies certificate with the completed registration form.

Daily Permits

- You may purchase a **daily permit**, \$5 per visit, on-site.
 - **You must have** proof of valid county 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) to a yearly permit for a maximum fee reduction of \$15. Return stubs with application.

Permit Renewal

Follow these instructions if you are renewing your permit.

Registration Fee: \$40 per household.

- Register in person or by mail at Howard County Recreation and Parks, 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046.
 - **Howard County residents** must indicate expiration date of valid county dog license and rabies certificate on the registration form.
 - **Out-of-county residents** must include proof (copy) of valid county dog license and current rabies certificate with the completed registration form.
 - **It is your responsibility** to maintain current county license and rabies certificate during the permit period. Failure to do so will result in expulsion from the park and suspension of your permit.



Use of the Off-Leash Area at Worthington Park is restricted to current daily or yearly permit holders. No children less than 12 years of age permitted.