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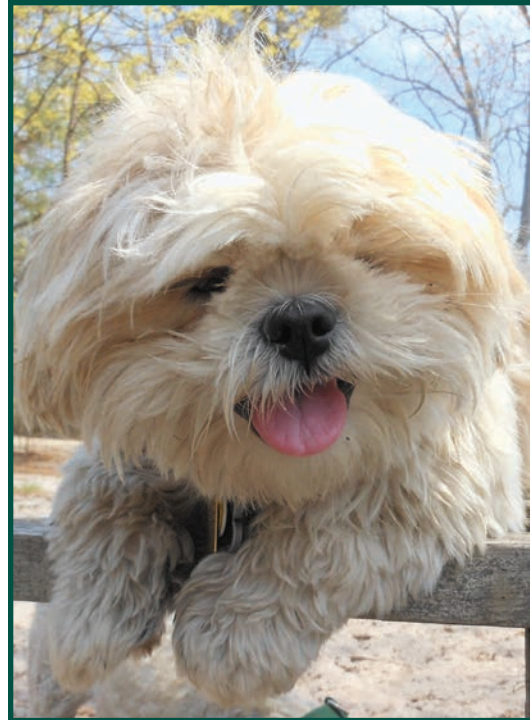
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Ocean County Off-Leash Dog Facilities Rules & Regulations



Robert J. Miller County Air Park
901 Route 530, Berkeley Township NJ
08721

Ocean County Park
659 Ocean Ave., Lakewood NJ 08701

WHAT IS A DOG PARK?

An Off-Leash Dog Park is a contained area where dog owners can allow their pets to run free and exercise off-leash.

The dramatic increase in the population of Ocean County has made open space for dog owners to let their dogs run free increasingly scarce. As a result, many dog owners use park facilities as a place to exercise their dogs. The mandatory leash law is often ignored, resulting in potential conflicts with other park users. Instead of banning dogs completely from the parks, it is in the best interest of all to provide a facility, which will fulfill the needs of both the dog owner and the general public.

Currently there are over 500 off-leash dog facilities in the United States, which are providing a place to promote responsible dog ownership without infringing on the recreational experiences of the general public.



HELPFUL TIPS

- Please remember, use of the off-leash dog areas are a privilege.
- Keep your dog leashed when approaching the area.
- Do not crowd the entrance gates, it may put new visitors on the defensive.
- After you enter, remove the leash immediately (dogs may become protective if leashed while surrounded by unleashed animals).
- Respond immediately to any aggressive behavior towards humans or other dogs. Aggressive animals should be leashed and removed from the off-leash dog area. If a dog remains aggressive and is not removed, you will be asked to leave by Park staff or Security. Repeat offenders will be asked not to return to the site.
- Fearful dogs may become dangerous. Anxiety may cause them to bark and/or growl at other animals, which may cause other animals to respond aggressively. If your dog appears to be fearful of the situation, please leash and remove him from the area.
- Be sure to clean up after your dog and encourage others to do so. Pet waste bags and waste/recycling cans are available within the fenced area.
- If your dog begins digging on the grounds, please stop it immediately, and then fill the hole.
- Toys can cause possessive behavior and are not recommended in the off-leash areas.
- If your dog is bullied, remove him or her from the situation immediately.

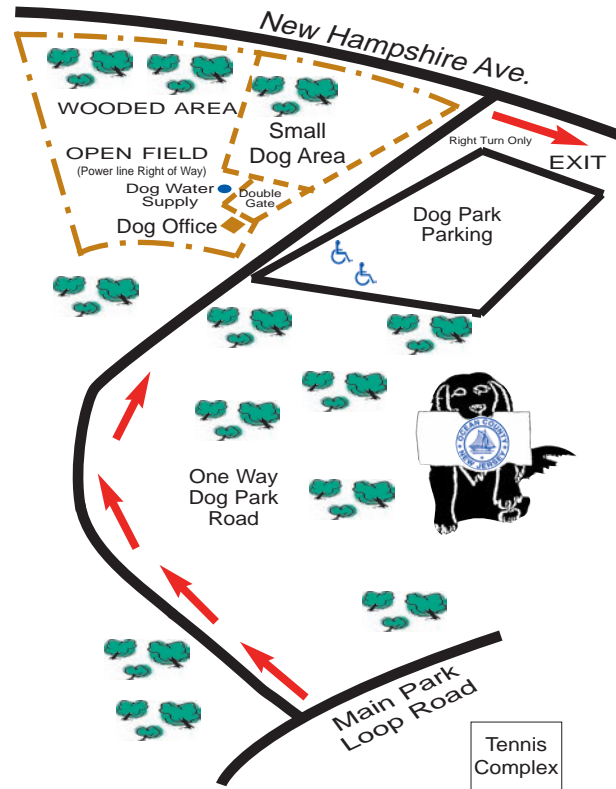
RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Use of the off-leash dog areas at Robert J. Miller County Airpark and Ocean County Park is by permit only.
2. Users must abide by all Rules and Regulations governing Ocean County Parks and Recreation lands as adopted by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
3. The hours for the Off-Leash dog area are subject to daily and seasonal changes at the discretion of the Director. Ocean County Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to close the area due to weather conditions.
4. Children under eight (8) years of age are not permitted within the off-leash area. Children eight (8) years of age and older must be closely supervised by an adult.
5. The maximum number of dogs using the off-leash area at one time is twenty (20). There is a limit of two (2) dogs per person. When other are waiting, please limit your use to thirty (30) minutes.
6. Owners are responsible at all times for their behavior and safety of their dogs and should be considerate of others.
7. Dogs with a history of dangerous or aggressive behavior are prohibited. Puppies under (6) months old are prohibited.
8. Dogs must wear collars displaying valid licenses at all times and have current vaccinations. Choke collars must be removed.
9. Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving area. Owners must remain with their dogs at all times and must carry a leash for each dog at all times.
10. Food and/or treats in the off-leash area are strictly prohibited.
11. Owners must properly secure access gates upon entering and leaving the off-leash area. Once within the area, owners must momentarily restrain their dogs when others are entering or leaving in order to prevent dogs from leaving the enclosure.
12. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
13. Dogs in heat and non-neutered male dogs will not be permitted inside the facility.

All visitors are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations governing the use of facilities within the Ocean County Parks System as adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Violators of any of the provisions set forth in the Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Ocean County Parks and Open Space shall be subject to the penalties contained therein, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:24.2

Ocean County Park Off-Leash Facility

659 Ocean Ave., Lakewood, 08701



DIRECTIONS....

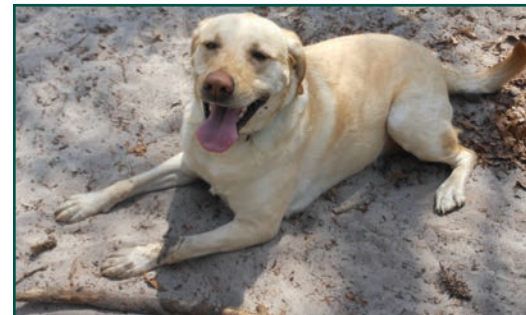
Ocean County Park, Route 88, Lakewood
 From Garden State Parkway southbound, exit 91 (Route 549/Lanes Mill Road) south to Route 88, then west on Route 88 about 2 miles to park entrance on right. Northbound, exit 90 (Route 549/Chambers Bridge Rd.) to jughandle for U-turn; north about 1/2 mile to Route 88, then west on Route 88 about 2 miles to park entrance on right.

RJ Miller Airpark Off-Leash Facility

901 Route 530, Berkeley Twp. 08721

DIRECTIONS....

Garden State Parkway southbound to exit 77; left onto Double Trouble Road; right at traffic light onto Pinewald Keswick Road (Route 530); park entrance is approximately 3 miles down on the left.



Registration Requirements

Original valid paper dog license from your town - no dog tags will be accepted.
 Proof of current vaccinations
 Payment of required fee

Fee Service:

Annual fee is \$5.00 per dog

Registration Locations:

O.C. Parks Administration Office

1198 Bandon Road
 Toms River, NJ 08753
 732-506-9090
 1-877-OCPARKS

Ocean County Connection

Ocean County Mall (Near JC Penny's)
 1201 Hooper Avenue
 Toms River, NJ 08753
 732-288-7777

Jakes Branch County Park

1100 Double Trouble Road
 Beachwood, NJ 08721
 732-281-2750

Wells Mills County Park

905 Wells Mills Road
 (Route 532) Waretown, NJ 08758
 609-971-3085

At certain times of the day staff will not be on site. In case of an emergency, please call Security Dispatch at 732-363-1317 or 911.

