

PARKS & RECREATION DOGS IN PARKS © City of Fort Lauderdale DOGS IN PARKS





Dog Park

A dog park is a public park, typically fenced, where people and their dogs can play together.

- One or more acres
- Fencing around park
- Double gate system to go in and out of park
- Separate large and small dog areas
- Hydration stations for dogs
- Suitable surface for running dogs
- Exercise equipment and obstacles for dogs to climb
- Water feature for dogs to play in
- Shade for both dogs and owners

Estimated Costs*

- Initial Investment \$150,000 \$1,000,000+ depending on size and features
- Annual Maintenance \$30,000 or more depending on size and features

The estimate is based on 0.5 acre size of owned land with basic amenities such as fencing, dog fountains, irrigation, and park benches. It does not include design, exercise equipment, separate areas for large/small dogs, lights, etc.

Dog-Friendly Places

- A1A Dog Walking
- Bark Park at Snyder Park
- Canine Beach
- Dog Swim at Snyder Park
- Holiday Park Dog Park
- Riverside Neighborhood Park
- Riverwalk Linear Park

Dog Run

A dog run is a smaller fenced area, created for the same use, that is often located within an existing park with no amenities.

- Fencing around park
- Double gate system to go in and out of park
- Hydration stations for dogs

Estimated Costs

- Initial Investment \$65,000 \$100,000 depending on size and features
- Annual Maintenance \$30,000

Dog-Friendly Parks

Dogs allowed in traditional parks are required to remain on a maximum 6-foot leash and are prohibited from sports fields, pools, athletic courts, playgrounds, and splash pad areas.

Estimated Costs

- Initial Investment \$500 \$2,000
- Annual Maintenance \$100 \$500

Benefits of Dogs in Parks

- Allow dogs to exercise and socialize safely
- Promotes dog ownership
- Provides an outlet for dog owners to socialize

Impacts of Dogs in Parks

- Initial costs
- Annual maintenance
- Lack of enforcement staff to enforce rules

Dog Park & Dog Run Rules



- 1. All dogs must have current vaccination and license. Puppies under four months old are not permitted.
- 2. Owners must stay with and be responsible for their pets. Aggressive dogs may be removed at the City's discretion.
- 3. Dog owners shall be responsible for disposing of all fecal matter deposited by their dog.
- 4. Dogs shall not create a nuisance by causing any form of disturbance such as excessive barking or any similar conduct.
- 5. No more than three (3) dogs per person are permitted.
- 6. Rollerblading, roller skating, and bicycle riding are not permitted in dog park.
- 7. Dogs in estrus (heat), ill, and/or with internal or external parasites are not allowed in the park.
- 8. Please keep gate closed at all times.
- 9. Dogs are not allowed to dig inside the park.
- 10. Children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult.
- 11. No food is allowed inside the park. Treats are to be used for training purposes only.

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