Charlotte County Dog Park Locations

- Ann Dever Memorial Regional Park
- Edgewater Park

Charlotte County Dog-Friendly Parks with Designated Areas Open for Dog Walking Include:

- Ann Dever Memorial Regional Park
- Bayshore Live Oak Park *
- Cape Haze Pioneer Trail
- Harbour Heights Park
- Kiwanis Park
- North Charlotte Regional Park
- Ollie’s Pond Park
- Port Charlotte Beach Park *
- Randy Spence Park

* Dogs are not permitted on beaches or fishing piers per County Ordinance:
  (Ord. No. 98-070, § 14, 12-1-98; Ord. No. 2000-033, § 2, 9-26-00; Ord. No. 2012-023, § 1, 6-12-12)
CHARLOTTE COUNTY DOG PARKS were created as a place for people to enjoy their dogs, off-leash. Many families cannot afford the luxury of providing quality park time with their dogs, separate from the time they can spend with their children. If you choose to bring your child to the Dog Park, it is very important for your child’s safety that you supervise your child closely. The safest place for your child while in the Dog Park is standing by your side or holding your hand. If you choose to let your child play within the dog area, please read the following guidelines:

Kid Safety Procedures

- Never run with the dogs.
- Always ask the owner before petting a dog you don’t know.
- Stay close to parents while in the park.

IF A STRANGE DOG CHARGES AT YOU:

- Hide face, fold arms, and stand still “like a tree.”

IF YOU ARE KNOCKED TO THE GROUND:

- Lie down.
- Tuck arms and legs into the body and lie “like a log.”
- Wait until an adult arrives or the dog leaves.

Rules for Dog Parks

- Dogs entering or leaving the park must be on a leash (voice command is not sufficient).
- Dog owners must be in the fenced area within view of their dogs.
- Dogs should be under voice control.
- No more than two dogs per person on any one visit.
- No animals other than dogs are allowed in the park.
- No glass containers are allowed inside of the park.
- Food is not allowed in the park.
- Smoking is not allowed in the park.
- Be polite, scoop the poop!
- Bag stations and trash cans are available.
- Fill any hole your dog digs.
- Aggressive dogs are not permitted on the premises.
- Dogs must be removed from the dog park at the first sign of aggression.
- Dogs must wear current license tags.
- Dogs must be current on rabies vaccines.
- Female dogs in heat are prohibited from entering the park.
- Dogs 4 months or younger are not allowed inside the park.

Remember...

Owners are expected to know the temperament of their dog and are ultimately responsible for the actions of their dog, AT ALL TIMES, while inside of the park. Owners are NOT exempt from the Charlotte County Animal Control Ordinances in regards to dangerous/aggressive animals and may be subject to a fine of up to $515.00 in the event a violation occurs. (Ordinance #98-70, Section 1-4-31, Section E)

Rules for Dog-Friendly Parks

- Dogs must be leashed at all times.
- Dog owners are responsible for the clean-up and removal of their dog’s feces.
- Dog owners are required to remain inside of the park with their animals. Dogs may not be left unattended at any time.
- No more than two dogs per person on any one visit.
- Dogs only.
- Dogs must wear a collar with a current license attached.
- Dogs must be current on rabies vaccines.
- Female dogs in heat are prohibited.
- Dogs must be removed from the dog park at the first sign of aggression.
- Dogs must wear current license tags.
- Dogs must be current on rabies vaccines.
- Female dogs in heat are prohibited.
- Dogs 4 months of age or under are prohibited.
- Owners should fill in any holes that their dog digs.
- Owners should be respectful of others.
- Aggressive dogs are not permitted.
- At the first sign of aggression the owner must remove their dog.
- Contact Charlotte County Animal Control at 941.833.5690 for assistance with aggressive dogs that are not properly addressed.