

Park Rules

Barking Lot Dog Park

1. **Dogs must be under owner's control at all times-leashed or not.**
 - Owners must have voice control of their dogs.
 - Owners must prevent aggressive behavior such as biting, fighting, and excessive barking. Dogs displaying aggressive behavior must be removed from the park immediately.
 - Owners must carry a leash for each dog at all times.
 - No digging allowed. Holes are hazardous to dogs and humans.
 - Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon exiting the off-leash area.
 - Owners must be prepared to leave the park if their dog(s) persists in any inappropriate dog park behavior.

2. **All dogs must have special dog park license and wear a license in the park.**
 - Enhanced licenses can be purchased for an additional fee when you renew your dog license with Chippewa County.
 - No dogs younger than four months allowed due to inoculation and licensing requirements.
 - No dogs with communicable diseases allowed in the park.
 - Keep licenses and shots up to date. Ask your vet about an appropriate shots and vaccination schedule for your dog.

3. **Owners must pick up after their dogs.**
 - *Suggestions:*
 - ✓ *Make an effort to take an extra bag and also pick up unclaimed messes. If we all work together to keep the park clean, it will be better for everyone.*
 - ✓ *Bring extra bags to contribute to the clean-up bag supply (a great way to recycle those shopping bags).*
 - ✓ *Pick up litter and leave the area cleaner than you found it.*

4. **No dogs in heat are allowed in the park.**
 - All dogs visiting the dog park are recommended to be spayed or neutered.

5. **No more than two (2) dogs per adult are allowed in the park at any time.**
 - Large dogs are prohibited from being in the small dog area. Small dogs are allowed in the large dog area at your own risk.
 - You must remain within the fenced park area with your dog(s) at all times. You may not have a dog in the large dog area and the small dog area at the same time.

6. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

- Never leave young children alone with any dog in any situation, even if it is your dog.
- Keep your children away from unfamiliar dogs.
- Never allow children to play or sit on the ground when dogs are present.
- Keep children close and quiet when visiting the dog park. Actions and movements by children can trigger a dog's instinct to chase and play rough.
- Remember that you are visiting a DOG park with your *children*; it is not a playground or children's park.

7. Disruptive behavior is prohibited.

- Bicycles, strollers, skateboards, skates and motorized vehicles (except park maintenance vehicles) are not allowed in the dog park.
- No food is allowed in park area – including bones, rawhides, human food.
- Smoking is prohibited in the off-leash area – cigarette butts can be hazardous to a pet's health.
- No running, yelling, fighting, or any other disruptive behavior.

8. Use of the dog park is at your own risk.

- Take responsibility for the actions of your dog.
- Per Michigan State law, you are responsible for damages or injuries inflicted by your dog.
- Chippewa County is not responsible in any way for loss or injuries to person, property, or dog at any time while in or around the dog park area.
- Report serious incidents to Chippewa County Animal Control or local Law Enforcement.
- *Suggestions when situations arise:*
 - ✓ *Offer to pay for vet bills, doctor bills and replace damaged property if your dog is at fault.*
 - ✓ *Persons involved in incidents should exchange names and phone numbers and file an incident report.*
 - ✓ *Witnesses to incidents should identify themselves to the dog owners.*
 - ✓ *Unlicensed dogs should be reported to Chippewa County Animal Control.*

WAIVER AND RELEASE

PLEASE READ THIS FORM CAREFULLY AND BE AWARE THAT IN CONSIDERATION FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE COUNTY'S DOG PARK, YOU WILL BE EXPRESSLY ASSUMING THE RISK OF, AND LEGAL LIABILITY FOR, AND WILL BE WAIVING AND RELEASING ALL CLAIMS FOR INJURIES, DAMAGES, OR LOSS WHICH YOU AND/OR YOUR DOG MAY SUSTAIN AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATING IN, ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH OR ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF THIS FACILITY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use with my dog(s) The Barking Lot off-leash dog park ("Park") owned and operated by Chippewa County. I understand that the act of unleashing my dog(s) and being physically present within the Parks necessarily involves a risk of injury to me, any persons that accompany me, other people using the Park, my dog(s), and other dogs. I understand that these risks are entirely my responsibility and I expressly assume that responsibility knowingly and voluntarily. When this Waiver and Release refers to "my dog", it includes me whether or not I am the legal owner of the dog, since I am the person responsible for the dog while using the Park.

I understand that the permit/license system is not established to guarantee that dogs in the Park are safe or healthy. I also understand that dog activities are intended to provide a fun and rewarding experience for a dog and the owner/handler. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death, to the dog, the owner/handler, other persons, or other animals. I further understand that dogs, irrespective of their training and usual past behavior or characteristics, may act or react unpredictably at times based upon instinct or circumstances, and that not all hazards and dangers associated with dog activities can be foreseen. I agree to assume the risk of any injury to me, any individuals (including children) that accompany me to the Park, and my dog(s).

I further understand and assume the risk that all dogs in the Park may not have been vaccinated for bordetella, distemper, parvovirus, or rabies, all of which could result in injury to me, any individuals (including children) accompanying me, and my dog(s). I also understand that there are certain inherent risks, including the propensity of a dog to behave in a dangerous way. Additional risks include, but are not limited to: the inexperience or irresponsibility of a dog owner/handler; the inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movement, objects, persons, or other animals; dog fights, dog bites, and injuries to humans and other dogs; dog theft or unlawful capture; dog escape over or under fences; plants in the area that may be poisonous to dogs or people; mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas, or other insects that may be present; and wild animals, such as skunks, raccoons, opossums, or stray dogs that could be present in the Park, all of which might injure or infect my dog(s); slip and falls, premises defects, equipment failure, failure in instruction/supervision, and other circumstances inherent to dog and/or outdoor activities. I knowingly and voluntarily accept responsibility for all of these risks in exchange for the privilege of using the Park.

BARKING LOT DOG PARK PARK PERMIT APPLICATION

All dogs using the Barking Lot Off Leash Dog Park must wear an annual permit tag on their collar. The exception to this is dogs who obtain a day pass at the park. To obtain an annual permit tag for your dog, complete the information below, sign the release of liability form and return the completed form to the Chippewa County Animal Shelter. If you have questions about obtaining a permit or need assistance completing this form, please e-mail ccanimalshelter@att.net or call the Chippewa County Animal Shelter at 906.632.2519.

Permits are valid from January – December of each year.

To Obtain a Permit

Bring the following to the Chippewa County Animal Shelter, 3660 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI:

1. This completed application. Be sure to read and sign the Release of Liability on the back of this form.
2. A copy of your dog's veterinarian records verifying rabies, parvo, and bordatella vaccinations (and spay/neuter, and/or microchip, if applicable).
3. Your current Chippewa County Dog License for all dogs that will use the park. If you do not have one, you must purchase one in addition to the dog park permit.
4. Payment for the total amount due for this permit. **Annual park fees are \$15 per year per dog. Additional family household dogs are \$5 each.**

Name of Guardian(s)		Phone Number	E-mail Address	
Address (Street)		(City)	(State)	(ZIP Code)
Veterinarian Name		Veterinarian Clinic		Veterinarian Phone Number
Dog #1: Name	Breed	Age	Description (color/markings)	
Rabies Tag #		Rabies Expiration Date	<div style="text-align: center;">Y N</div> spayed/neutered?	<input type="checkbox"/> verified
Dog #2: Name	Breed	Age	Description (color/markings)	
Rabies Tag #		Rabies Expiration Date	<div style="text-align: center;">Y N</div> spayed/neutered?	<input type="checkbox"/> verified

<i>For Office Use Only</i>	
Permit Number(s) Issued: _____	Issued by: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Print name)</div>

It is my understanding that no agents or employees of Chippewa County will supervise the Park at any time and I therefore expressly assume responsibility for all risks associated with the Park, as well as any fixtures and equipment that may be located there in an unsupervised manner.

In signing this Waiver and Release, I fully release and discharge Chippewa County, its elected and appointed officials, employees and volunteers, and others working on behalf of the County from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action, whether present or future, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my use or intended use of the Park. I fully and forever release and discharge Chippewa County, its elected and appointed officials, employees and volunteers, and others working on behalf of the County from any and all negligent acts or omissions with regard to the Park and intend to be legally bound by this Release. I assume sole responsibility for, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Chippewa County, its elected and appointed officials, employees and volunteers, and others working on behalf of the County for any damages for bodily injury, death, or damage, or loss to property, including legal and expert witness fees.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A COPY OF THE DOG PARK RULES AND AGREE BY AFFIXING MY SIGNATURE BELOW TO COMPLY WITH THOSE RULES. I WILL ALSO INFORM OTHERS THAT I MAY BRING TO THE PARKS (INCLUDING CHILDREN) OF THESE RULES AND WILL ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE WHILE USING THE PARK.

Dog Owner/Handler (Signature)

Date

Dog Owner/Handler (Printed name)

Additional Handler (Signature)

Date

Additional Handler (Printed name)

Additional Handler (Signature)

Date

Additional Handler (Printed name)

If Dog Owner or Additional Handler is under age 18, signature by a parent or legal guardian is required:

Parent/Guardian (Signature)

Date

Parent/Guardian (Printed name)