



Registration & Information Packet

**Dr. Scott Park
A Manhattan Community Dog Park
15601 W Sweedler Road
Manhattan, IL 60442**

**Manhattan Park District
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Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for joining Dr. Scott Park, a Community Dog Park. We're sure you and your canine companion(s) will enjoy the park! The Dog Park is open from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm, daily, weather permitting, and for everyone's safety, the **Dog Park is always under video and audio surveillance.**

When you arrive at the park, please choose the appropriate run area for your dog based on size and weight. Dogs thirty pounds and over must use the large dog area. Smaller dogs are allowed in both areas, but owners must understand the risks for small dogs in the large dog area. **Dogs over thirty pounds are not allowed in the small dog area.** Please remember that puppies under the age of six months are not allowed in either area.

Waste bags and receptacles are located in each area. Cleanup after your dog is required immediately, so please utilize them and dispose of them properly.

You have received a QR code to be used to enter the dog park. Upon arriving at the park, please scan your code to activate the opening of the gate. Each family member over the age of eighteen has been issued their own QR code upon registration. Please do not allow others to enter the park who do not have a QR code. This helps us to ensure that all dogs using the facility are registered and up to date on their vaccinations. If your code does not work, please report it to the Administration Office at 815-478-3324 x 207.

Re-registration each year is required, and you will receive notification thirty days before your expiration date. Be sure your dog's vaccination records are up to date and submit those at registration time. You will not be able to re-register without proof of vaccinations.

Regular maintenance of the grass and landscaped areas by the Park District, including mowing and fertilization, will occur periodically. During those times, the dog park will be closed. We will make every effort to inform you in advance of these closures.

Please be courteous to other dog owners. Please read the Rules and Regulations to make the most of your dog park visit. For the safety of all, please do not congregate at the entrance to the park. When entering and exiting, please be sure gates are securely closed behind you.

Rules and Regulations

- An annual membership is required to use the Dog Park and can be purchased at the MPD App, www.manhattanparks.org, or in person at 397 S. State Street.) Patrons must be eighteen years or older to purchase a membership. All household members using the Dog Park will be required to obtain a membership. Once membership is approved, a QR code will be issued.
 - Annual fees: First Member \$ 40.00/R and \$50.00/NR.
 - Additional family members: No Fee, but will require their own QR Code
 - Additional Dogs(more than two): \$30.00 R/ \$40.00/NR per dog
- **The Dog Park is always under video and audio surveillance.**
- Owners or other responsible persons must have a valid QR code when visiting the Dog Park.
- Dog Park is open from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm daily, weather permitting. The park may close periodically for cleaning and maintenance purposes.
- **Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by their dogs.**
- A maximum of two dogs per owner/handler are allowed in the park- **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Both dogs must be in the same run/area. Dogs may not be left in the dog run areas without supervision.
- Owners must keep dogs in view and under control at all times.
- **Dogs thirty pounds and over are not allowed in the small dog area.**
- Dogs must be healthy, fully immunized, dewormed, and licensed, and wear a current rabies tag while in the dog park.
- Dogs must be leashed prior to and upon leaving the dog park. Gates to the dog park must remain closed except upon entering and exiting. Collars must be worn at all times. No pincher or spiked collars are permitted, as they are dangerous when playing.
- Dogs displaying or with a history of humping or aggressive behavior will be banned from the Park- **NO REFUNDS**.
- Puppies under six months of age and female dogs in heat are not allowed in the Dog Park.
- Owners must immediately clean up after their dogs. Owners who fail to clean up after their dogs are subject to a fine of up to a \$ 500.00 fine and/or revocation of dog park privileges. Bags and waste bins are available in both areas.
- No commercial dog training.
- **Children ten and under are not allowed in the dog run areas.**
- Children from eleven to seventeen must be accompanied by an adult while in the Dog Park and may not be left unattended.
- No tobacco of any kind or glass containers are allowed. No food of any kind, including rawhides, bones, etc., and no alcoholic drinks are allowed. There is running water to fill bowls and a dog washing station available from spring to fall. **Water is turned off during the winter months.**
- No human sports of any kind allowed. This includes but is not limited to football, baseball, frisbee, bike riding, scooters, or climbing on the park equipment.
- Do not allow anyone without an access QR code to enter the park. Please report fence jumpers to the Manhattan Park District.

The Manhattan Park District reserves the right to suspend or revoke dog park privileges to any member who fails to follow the dog park rules and regulations, or where the Park District has determined whether a dog or dog owner is dangerous to others or in violation of any applicable animal ordinances or regulations, without a refund.

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Dog Park Etiquette and Precautions

Please educate yourself about the etiquette and rules of the Dog Park before visiting for the first time. The Manhattan Park District takes safety at our park very seriously. Familiarizing yourself with these rules and etiquette will help to ensure that you and your dog have a safe and enjoyable time in the dog park.

- Entering and exiting the dog park is a stressful and exciting event for your dog. Please allow others to enter and exit separately. This will reduce stress and confrontations between dogs as they enter the play area. Please be sure all gates are securely closed behind you for the safety of all.
- After entering the park, let your dog off-leash. Leashed dogs feel threatened when they are around unleashed dogs. If you are uncomfortable with letting your dog off-leash, please don't visit the park. **If your dog wears a prong collar, it must be removed so that other dogs do not get caught on it.**
- **Supervise your dog during your entire visit to the park.** When a new dog enters the park, be aware of where your dog is. Having a group of dogs greet you at the gate can feel threatening to some dogs, so don't allow your dogs to congregate at the entrance. **Always keep your leash with you.**
- Dogs can be rambunctious and unpredictable and may not respond well to children running or yelling. Because of this, **children under ten years of age are not permitted in the dog park**, for their own protection. Children should not handle any dog toys lying around the park and should always ask the handler before petting a strange dog. Any equipment in the park is for canine use. Please do not allow children to play on the dog park equipment.
- Some dogs like to mount- if yours is one of these, immediately discourage this activity to avoid any aggression problems from other dogs or leave the park.
- Dog fights are rare in dog parks, but if one does occur, the best method to break it up is to grab both dogs' hind legs and direct them in opposite directions. Block any eye contact the dogs can make with each other. **Dogs that remain unruly towards another dog must be removed from the park immediately.**
- If your dog injures another dog or owner, be sure to give your name and phone number to the injured party. **You are legally and financially responsible for your dog's actions and any harm it causes to others. (See Dog Incident Policy).**
- **Pick up your dog's droppings** and any "orphaned" droppings. Bags and receptacles are available. This is your park- help keep it clean and sanitary for all our dogs.

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Dog Incident Policy

Manhattan Park District's Dr. Scott Park Rules and Etiquette have been designed to minimize the chances of a dog incident. However, should an incident occur, below is our policy and recommended action:

- Separate and leash dogs.
- Remove dogs to a neutral area by the main gate.
- Inspect dogs for any injuries.
- Exchange names and phone numbers.
- Get the names and phone numbers of any witnesses.
- If required, Contact Animal Control.
- In the event of serious injury to the handler or dog, notify the Manhattan Police Department.

In the event the Manhattan Park District is notified, it is not our policy to release the names or contact information of owners to the general public. If the incident is serious, please contact the Manhattan Police Department and make a police report. They will contact us for further information.

You are legally and financially responsible for the actions of your dog.

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Emergency Telephone Numbers

Emergency- 911 (Dog Park address is 15601 W. Sweedler Road, Manhattan, IL 60442)

**Manhattan Non-Emergency Police
815-478-4408**

**Will County Animal Control
1200 S. Cedar Road, New Lenox
815-462-5633**

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