

Welcome to the Silver Lake Recreation Area Dog Park!

The Township does not provide staff to regularly monitor the use of the Dog Park. For this facility to remain available for use it is necessary and expected that users of the park will police themselves and use the park as intended. ***Please fully familiarize yourself with the following dog park rules, and help others to understand and follow these guidelines.***

Dog Park Rules

- Hours of operation are dawn to dusk. Under no circumstances shall the park be used before 6:00am or after 10:00pm.
- Dogs must be on a six-foot leash until inside the main play areas (i.e. remain leashed through the entrance enclosures).
- Dogs must have evidence of current license and up-to-date vaccinations on site. Non-vaccinated, non-licensed dogs are prohibited.
- Please ensure entrance gates are closed behind you. In no circumstance should both gates to an entrance enclosure be open at the same time.
- For the safety of our users the small dog area is limited to pets less than 25 pounds. Small dogs are allowed in the large dog enclosure, but exercise common sense. Not all small and large dogs get along. Please use the small dog enclosure if your small dog disagrees with a large dog.
- Dogs must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 or older) at all times, even inside the enclosure.
- Maximum of two dogs per adult.
- Dogs must not be left unattended. Dogs must be in view and respond to the voice command of their owner at all times.
- Dogs that fight or exhibit aggressive behavior must be immediately removed from the park by their owner.
- No dogs under four months of age or in heat may enter the park.
- This area is intended for use by dogs. No children or strollers are allowed inside the enclosure.
- Owners are responsible for pets at all times. Use at your own risk. Those creating problems will be expected to leave.
- No smoking, food or alcohol is allowed inside the dog park.
- Please clean up pet waste; dog bag stations are located adjacent to the entrance gates. Please be considerate of other park users and dispose of pet waste in the bins that are located away from picnic pavilions.
- Dog owners and handlers are strictly liable for any damage or injury caused by their dog(s).
- Professional dog trainers shall not use the park to conduct their business.
- To help control the spread of disease do not leave tennis balls or other toys within the park after your visit. Please pick up and dispose of abandoned toys.
- We dig dogs, but for the safety of our users and our park please do not let your dogs dig.
- In compliance with Michigan Penal Code 750.66, persons 18 and older must provide name and address when the dog under their control has bitten another person. The dog handler must provide vaccination information and remain at the scene of the bite until all of the above information is provided. Contact the Grand Traverse County Sheriff non-emergency line at (231) 922-4550.

- Individuals failing to comply with posted rules are subject to citation, expulsion, or arrest, as well as dog impound.
- This dog park is a work in progress, and will need ongoing improvements. For non-emergencies or suggestions of how to improve the dog park, please call 231-941-1620 or submit a comment to <http://www.garfield-twp.com/comments.asp>.
- If you need emergency assistance, call 911.