

Keene Creek and Observation Dog Parks

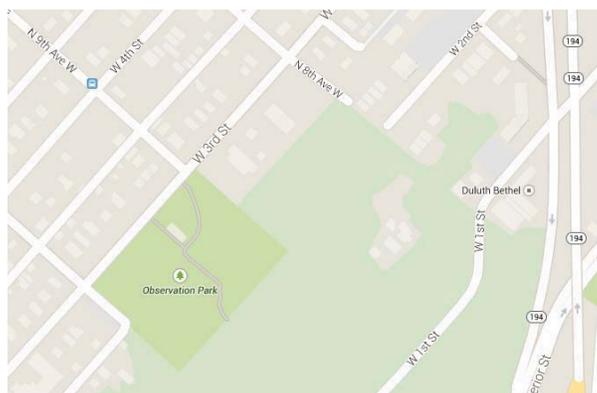
Keene Creek and Observation Dog Parks are fenced, off leash dog parks. Both have separate small dog areas for dogs 20 pounds and under. Bring your own water as none is available in either park.

OPEN DAILY from 8AM to 10PM

Keene Creek Dog Park is located in Keene Creek Park in West Duluth near Grand Ave and I-35. The lower parking lot is just off Grand Ave on N 62nd Ave W. Follow paved walkway to fenced area. Parking also available on Bristol St near N 63rd Ave W.



Observation Dog Park is located in Observation Park in central Duluth and is located behind the building at 914 W 3rd St. Off-street parking is available where 10th Ave dead ends.



The following rules apply to all users of this off-leash dog park.

- This dog park is for dogs, their handlers, and those accompanying them.
- Dog handlers must be at least 16 years of age and carry a leash for each dog while in the off-leash area.
- Dogs must be at least 4 months old and wearing City of Duluth pet license tag. If you are not a Duluth resident, a current rabies tag is acceptable.
- Dogs known to be aggressive or females in heat are not allowed in the dog park.
- For safety reasons, pinch, prong, and spiked collars are not allowed and must be removed before entering the dog park.
- Maximum of two dogs per person in the dog park at one time.
- Owners must clean up after their dog(s) and deposit feces in the containers provided.
- Children eight years and younger are not permitted in this area. Children ages 9-15 must be accompanied and closely supervised by an adult.
- All dogs must be off leash in the dog park and on-leash outside the dog park. Owners must be in control of their dog(s) at all times. (City Code Sec. 35.2(a))
- Dog owners are legally and financially responsible for their dog's behavior. If your dog inflicts an injury to another dog or person, you must give your name and contact number to the other party involved before leaving the park.
- The City of Duluth is not responsible for the supervision of dogs or any damage or injury caused by a dog. Your presence in the dog park is at your own risk.
- Smoking and food are not allowed in the off-leash area. No glass containers. (City Code Sec. 35.8 (i))

Anyone who sees unattended dogs or other rule violations should call Animal Control at 723-3259, or call 911 to report any emergencies. Any questions or concerns about this dog park or if you wish to be a dog park volunteer, please call Duluth Parks and Recreation at 730-4300.

City of Duluth Pet Licenses

If you are a City of Duluth resident, your dog needs to be licensed and wearing a current pet license while in the dog park. To obtain a license, contact the City Clerks Office 330 City Hall, or call 730-5500.

Dog Park Safety Tips and Etiquette

- ◆ Make your first visit without your dog to familiarize yourself with the site (parking, access gates, etc). Make your initial doggie visit at a time that is not as busy. Daytime hours during the week and late afternoons on the weekend are generally quiet times at the dog park.
- ◆ Remember that many dogs who visit the dog park are NOT socialized to children. Keep children close and allow NO running, screaming or food. Do not allow your children to approach a dog without permission from the dog's handler.
- ◆ Know your dog! Not all dogs are good candidates for off-leash dog parks. If your dog has not had regular interaction with other dogs, it may lack the necessary social skills to make your visit safe and enjoyable. Check for training schools that offer remedial socialization classes for adult dogs or for trainers who will work with you at the off-leash dog park. Socialize young puppies (8-16 weeks of age) at a puppy kindergarten class, not at the dog park.
- ◆ Let your dog off-leash as soon as you arrive within the boundaries of the park. Mixing leashed and unleashed dogs commonly causes problems. Leashed dogs often feel threatened by the free dogs and will display provocative body language and defensive behavior. If you are uncomfortable about letting your dog off-leash, DO NOT visit the off-leash park.
- ◆ Keep walking! Walking, rather than sitting or standing will help minimize defensive and territorial behaviors. This means that your dog is more likely to pass another dog with a friendly sniff instead of a stare down.
- ◆ Be aware that dogs have different play styles, temperaments, and physical abilities. Many dogs love rambunctious play, but some dogs suffer from injuries and some are more timid and aloof. Always respect the wishes of the handler and be prepared to move to another area of the park if your dog is too rambunctious. Leash up and leave if your dog is acting in an aggressive manner.
- ◆ Pick up poop - always, everywhere! Hundreds of dogs visit the off-leash dog park every month, and we want to keep it clean. Nobody likes to look at or step in, dog poop - please use the mutt mitts!
- ◆ Keep the area safe and clean. Remove extra water jugs. Pick up trash, cigarette butts, and orphan poops. Don't allow your dog to dig holes which can cause injuries to unsuspecting people and dogs. Leave the site in better condition than you found it. Small actions, multiplied by hundreds of visitors, are what keep our off-leash dog areas a success.