

## Raccoon River Dog Park Rules

- Hours of the Dog Park are 6:30 a.m. to sunset (7:00 p.m. during winter). The gates will be locked after hours.
- Use of the Dog Park is at the owner/handler's own risk. Permit/pass holders and their guests agree to hold the City of West Des Moines harmless for any injury or damages to person or property by use of the Dog Park.
- Proof of permit/pass is required for all dogs inside the Dog Park. Raccoon River Park personnel will perform random checks of tags.
- No permits will be issued for puppies under 16 weeks old. All dogs in the Dog Park must be at least 16 weeks old.
- Do not bring any dog with a known history of aggression, fighting, or biting. Any dog exhibiting aggressive or unruly behavior is required to be removed by the handler immediately. If you intentionally bring a dog with known aggressive tendencies into the Dog Park your permit will be subject to revocation.
- Each handler may have only 2 dogs at any time within the Dog Park.
- For the protection of the natural environment and the safety of the dogs, no smoking is allowed in the Dog Park. No alcohol of any kind is allowed in the Dog Park.
- No children under 10 years of age are allowed within the Dog Park. Unfortunately, small children are at greater risk of being injured at a dog park than are older children or adults.
- Handlers of dogs must be over 16 years of age. Children under 16 years of age must be supervised by an adult at all times while within the Dog Park.
- No wheeled or motorized vehicles are allowed within the Dog Park. Exceptions to this are wheelchairs or other assistive equipment used by people with disabilities.
- Except for within the Dog Park, dogs must be on leash in all areas of the West Des Moines park system, including Raccoon River Park. You may unleash your dog only after entering the fenced Dog Park. Carry a leash for each dog at all times while in the Dog Park.
- Female dogs in heat are not allowed in the Dog Park.
- All owners/handlers must clean up after their dog in all areas of the Dog Park, including tall grass areas. Remember that this applies not only to the Dog Park, but to all public property. Please use the provided waste bags.
- Dogs shall be under visual contact and voice control of the handler at all times. You must stay within close range of your dog and must never leave your dog unattended.
- Permits, passes, and tags cannot be transferred to other dogs or dog owners.
- Dogs in the Small Dog Area of the Dog Park can be no taller than 13" at the shoulder and weigh no more than 25 pounds. Small dogs can use all areas of the Dog Park, but please keep in mind that it is possible for small dogs to be accidentally injured by larger dogs.
- No animal food is allowed within the Dog Park, other than small training treats.
- **The permit may be permanently revoked for any violation of these rules. It is important that the dog owner, as well as any other person bringing the dog to the Dog Park, be knowledgeable of the rules.**