

WELCOME to MTDP!

The Montville Township Dog Park (MTDP) was established by a group of residents and business owners interested in creating an off-leash park for Montville Township.

Our on-going mission is to establish a fenced-in, Dog Park where well behaved canine citizens can exercise and socialize in a clean, safe environment without endangering property or wildlife.

We strive to provide a beautiful, well-maintained space open to all dog lovers (residents and non-residents of Montville Township are welcome) and friends who are willing to uphold the parks rules and restrictions. We view this park as a community project designed to satisfy the need of dog owners and non-dog owners alike.

Amenities

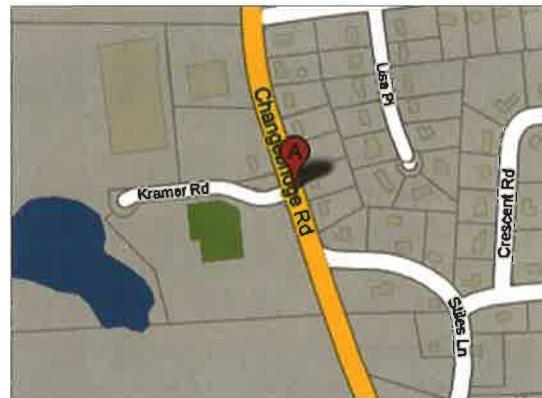
Our park is approximately 3/4 of an acre with two separate fenced in areas. The larger area is designated for dogs over 25lbs, yet open to all small dogs that want to play with the big paws. Adjacent to it is an area for the smaller dogs: a place for them to play with others just their size. Agility obstacles are provided in each area. There is a double-gate to ensure safety. Waste bags, receptacles, shaded gazebos, doggie and human water fountains, benches, leash holders and more are provided.

The MTDP is comprised of pea gravel/stones which NEVER, EVER gets muddy. Please know that the current surface was chosen based on safety, sanitary, and long-term economical reasons. To familiarize yourself with the surface, please visit our website:

www.montvillenj.org/dogpark

Membership Information & Hours of Operation

- Fees for the dog park are used to maintain the park and its membership.
- Membership is open to residents and non-residents.
- Memberships are not transferable between dogs.
- Membership runs from April 1st - March 1st of each calendar year.
- All dogs must be spayed or neutered and provide documentation of current inoculations/tests/titers.
- Release of Liability must be signed.
- For our membership's safety, key fobs are required for entry into the park.
- Any dog adopted from the Montville Township Animal Shelter will have FREE lifetime membership to the MTDP providing the dog/owner comply with all rules and membership requirements.
- Hours of operation are sunrise to sunset.
- For complete Membership Application and Release of Liability visit the township website.



Montville Twp Health Dept/Dog Park
195 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ 07045
www.montvillenj.org/dogpark



Unleash the Fun!

OFF LEASH
DOG PARK



229 Changebridge Road*
(Corner of Changebridge & Kramer Roads)

*This is NOT a mailing address

MTDP RULES *

- Owners are legally responsible for their dog's behavior.
- Small Dog Park section is limited to dogs weighing 25 pounds or lighter: Large Dog Park section is open to dogs of all sizes.
- Montville Township shall not provide any supervision during Dog Park operating hours.
- All persons and dogs using the Dog Park assume any and all risks associated with the use of the dog park.
- People shall be responsible for the supervision and control of their dogs at all times.
- Under NO circumstances shall any dog go unattended.
- All dogs must be accompanied at all times by at least one (1) adult who is 18 years of age or older.
- Children shall at all times be accompanied by at least one (1) responsible adult 18 years of age or older.
- No children under the age of 8 permitted in the Dog Park.
- All dogs must have a current dog license and a yearly dog park membership tag.
- Dog Park membership tags are NOT transferable to other dogs.
- Key Fobs can only be used with those who have valid membership.
- Owners must be able to present current membership tag upon request at any given time while at the Dog Park.
- All owners must clean up after their dogs.
- All dogs using the Dog Park must be at least six (6) months old.
- All male dogs brought to the Dog Park shall be neutered and all female dogs shall be spayed.
- Limit of two dogs per person.

* Updated 2013

MTDP RULES (continued)

- Dogs may go unleashed while in the Dog Park. However, all persons accompanying a dog must use a leash when taking the dog to and from the Park.
- Play items brought OR left at the Dog Park may be removed.
- Dogs displaying aggressive behavior towards other dogs and/or people shall be immediately removed from the Dog Park by the owner.
- Continued display of aggressiveness by any dog may result in prohibiting the owner or another responsible adult from bringing the dog to the Dog Park.
- Any dog that bites any person shall not be allowed thenceforth to use the Dog Park.
- All dog bites shall immediately be reported to the Montville Township Health Department.
- The Dog Park shall operate between the hours of sunrise and sunset of each day of the year.
- No food or smoking within the Dog Park.

 **HAVE FUN!** 

Aggression Policy/Procedure

Please do everything to avoid a dog fight and correct aggressive behavior. Similarly, please remove your dog immediately at the first sign of aggressive behavior or excessive barking toward people or other dogs. The MTDP has a written aggression policy in place.

Other Considerations & Recommendations

- It is recommended that dogs be on a flea/tick & heartworm treatment as well as vaccinated for Bordetella.
- Park will be monitored by other members for licenses, rules and compliance with town ordinances.
- Please don't bring dogs that are sick to the park.

Committee & Fundraising

A volunteer advisory committee meets on a scheduled basis to fundraise and address issues relating to the MTDP. This group will also make recommendations for improvements to the facility and will assist in planning special events related to the dog park.

On-going fundraising aids in continued improvements and added amenities related to our park. These efforts include but are not limited to:

-  **Tee-shirts and bandanas**
(Available at Town Hall)
-  **Animal Training and safety talks**
-  **Dinners/Events** at local establishments
-  **Engraved Brick/Pavers-**
BUY A BRICK for "THE 'PAWS' CAUSE"
is a great way to honor your dog, memorialize a pet, advertise a business or commemorate an event.

There are yearly FALL installments of engraved bricks which are added to the existing pathway. Bricks for installment must be purchased by August 1st to be included for the fall installments of that year. Engraved benches are also available for purchase. Both bricks and benches will be available while supplies last.

See MTDP website for brick/bench application.

