



Off Leash Dog Area Rules and Policies (city code 905.43)

To enter and use designated off-leash dog areas in the City, all persons must comply with the following requirements:

- Dog owners are required to obtain a dog license with the City of Richfield. All dogs must display license tags at all times.
- All dogs must have received a current rabies vaccination.
- All dogs must have a dog collar on at all times.
- Dogs under four months old and females in estrus (or “in heat”) are not allowed in off-leash dog areas.
- Children under 14 years of age may not enter off-leash dog areas without a parent or guardian.
- Dog handlers may enter off-leash dog areas with a maximum of three dogs.
- All dogs must be restrained on a leash prior to entering and upon exiting off-leash dog areas.
- Dog handlers must maintain a leash for each of their dogs in their possession and available for quick use at all times.
- Dog handlers shall supervise each of their dogs and ensure that each of their dogs are within their view at all times.
- Dog handlers must maintain direct control of each of their dogs at all times.
- All dog waste must be immediately and properly disposed of.
- No private dog training is allowed in off-leash dog areas.
- No food, dog treats, toys, or glass containers are allowed.
- Any dog that exhibits aggressive behavior must be removed from the off-leash dog area immediately.
- Off-leash dog areas designated for smaller dogs shall be limited to dogs that weigh 25 pounds or less and are no taller than 13” at the shoulder.
- With the exception of wheelchairs or other assistive equipment used by people with disabilities, no bicycles, strollers, wheeled or motorized vehicles shall be allowed in off-leash areas
- No smoking or alcohol is allowed in off-leash areas.

Liability. The use of all off-leash dog areas within the City is at the full discretion and risk of the dog owner or dog handler. All dog owners and handlers assume any liability for injury or damages caused by their dog(s). The City makes no guarantee, nor assumes any liability for, the physical condition of the off-leash dog areas, the behavior of any dog in the off-leash dog areas, or the vaccination history of any dog in the off-leash area.