

The Bismarck Parks and Recreation District offers opportunities for exercising your dog, including an off-leash dog park and walking trails.

Century Bark Park

This off-leash park is located at the Century Recreation Complex on the corner of North 4th Street and East Century Avenue in Bismarck. Please park in the parking lot west of Century High School and enjoy the dog park fields. The fields are gated and bags are provided for clean-up. Dogs must be leashed while in the central corridor of the Dog Park. Bismarck City Ordinance 3-01-01, Section Eight, declares the remainder of the Bark Park to be a leash-free area.

Dog park daily hours: 5 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Bismarck's Trails

Dog-walkers are welcome to use Bismarck's trails to exercise their pet year-round. Pet owners are required to keep their dog on a leash no longer than six feet to protect them and other trail users. Owners must clean up after the pets, also; bags for waste are provided along the trails. Trail maps are available at 400 East Front Avenue or can be downloaded at www.bisparks.org.



For further information on dog regulations or Bismarck's dog park, please contact the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District at 222-6455 or visit www.bisparks.org, or the Animal Control Officer at the Bismarck Police Department at 223-1212.

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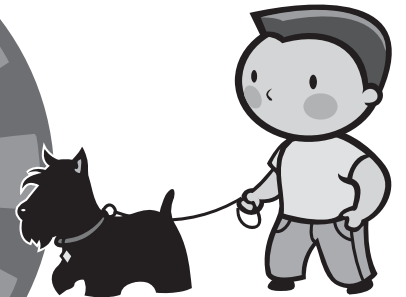


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Century Recreation Complex/ Dog Park Rules for People and Pets

Dogs:

Must be licensed. License tag must be attached to and visible on dog's collar. Must be leashed while in parking lot and in central corridor. Bismarck City Ordinance 3-01-01, Section 8 declares the remainder of the dog park to be a leash-free area. No digging. No female dogs "in heat." Must not be aggressive toward other dogs or people.

- Big Paws Field: Must be over 30 lbs
- Wiggly Field: Must be 30 lbs or less
- Fetch Field: for all dogs (training and obedience area)

Handlers:

No food or treats in the fields. Stay in the field with your dog(s). Bismarck city ordinance section 3-03-05 says handlers must pick up and dispose of their dog's waste. No more than two dogs per handler at any time. You may be held liable for any damages or injury caused by you or your dog.

Children:

No children under 11 years of age on any field. Children under 11 may be in the central corridor if accompanied by an adult at all times.

All People:

- Keep all gates closed.
- No smoking.
- No alcohol.
- No bicycles, skateboards, or motorized vehicles allowed inside the fence.

Use Bark Park at your own risk. The Bismarck Parks & Recreation District is not liable for any damages or injury occurring in Bark Park.

Enforcement:

Bark Park is subject to patrol and enforcement of rules by Bismarck Police/Animal Control Officers.

Park and City Ordinances

Section 9.1 (Park)

* * * All offenses and provisions as set forth in Title 3, Animal Control and Protection, and Title 6, Criminal Offenses, of the City of Bismarck Code of Ordinances, as amended, shall apply to all Park District property.

Section 3-03-05.1 (City)

* * * It is unlawful for any owner or keeper of a dog to allow the animal to be at large. No intent or knowledge by the owner or keeper of a dog is necessary to prove a violation of this ordinance.

Section 3-01-1 (City)

* * * "At large" means the animal is off the premises of the owner and is not securely confined in a vehicle or other enclosure or effectively restrained with a chain, leash or cord not more than six feet in length except that a supervised dog may be at large in any Parks and Recreation District property that the Board of Park Commissioners has designated for off leash activities.

Section 3-03-05.2 (City)

* * * Every owner or person having control of a dog or cat shall collect and properly dispose of the dog's or cat's solid waste when eliminated.

Section 9.2.h (Park)

* * * It shall be unlawful for any person using parks under the operation and control of the Park District to perform any of the following acts:

- h. Permit any animal to run at large. Dogs must be leashed except in the leash-free area of a dog park.

Section 1.02-02 (City Penalty)

* * * On city property a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty days for one offense or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. The court shall have the power to suspend said sentence and to revoke the suspension thereof.

NOTE: Park property includes all parks, playgrounds, ball diamonds and trails. City property includes city owned land, sidewalks and boulevards.

Diseases and Licensing

Diseases:

Roundworm and hookworm can be reoccurring for dogs and can also get on humans and cause itching. Parvo and Corona viruses can cause your dog to have bloody vomiting and bloody diarrhea. Parvo and Corona can be fatal to young dogs, it is recommended that if your dog is under four months not to take it on public trails and have it vaccinated.

TRANSMISSION OF THESE DISEASES CAN BE PREVENTED BY OWNERS PROPER DISPOSAL OF DOG EXCRETION

Licensing: Section 3-03-02 (City)

It is required by law to have your animal licensed if the animal is at least six months old. You may have a combination of up to three dog or cats per household. The license is good for one year. You may purchase a license at the Bismarck Police Department, 700 South 9th Street.

Vaccinations: Section 3-03-02 (City)

It is required to have your dog currently vaccinated for rabies and to have proof of the vaccination. Other recommended vaccinations are: Distemper, Parvo, Corona, and Kennel Cough. It is also recommended to bring your dog in for regular visits with a veterinarian.