

DOG OWNER RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY

All dog owners/handlers should be aware of the following risks and responsibilities before entering the Decorah Dog Park.

Although fenced dog parks raise the potential for risk of injury to persons or animals from attack, studies indicate that the majority of dog injuries occur within their home territory. At an off-leash dog park, most dogs are happy to run, explore, sniff, etc., and are less likely to attack another animal or patron than when at home. However, there still is a potential risk of injury due to an attack at a dog park.

A dog's behavior or actions, no matter how well trained—if startled or frightened—can be unpredictable and potentially life threatening. Even a well-behaved dog may attack a patron, another dog, or a curious child without provocation or notice. Other risks include a dog's natural reactions such as jumping, pulling, resisting and biting, and the negligence or irresponsibility of a dog's handler.

Dog owners/handlers are solely responsible for supervising their dog and determining whether or not activities are appropriate for participation. Owners must understand that they are participating in dog park activities at their own risk (and the risk of their dog.) Dogs and owners/handlers of varying degrees of skill and experience use this facility.

It is highly recommended that children not enter the Decorah Dog Park. A dog's behavior, no matter how well trained, can be unpredictable. Some dogs may behave differently around small children, and sudden actions of a child such as running, loud play and other circumstances may trigger a dog to become aggressive.

Decorah Dog Park is open dawn to dusk.



LOCATION AND PARKING

The Decorah Dog Park is located off of Old Stage Road behind the Decorah Walmart, and accessible by Trout Run Trail.

VEHICLE PARKING available in the Walmart parking lot where indicated on the map below.

There is no vehicle parking at the Decorah Dog Park.



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WELCOME TO THE...

DECORAH DOG PARK

This park is community funded—it is YOUR park! The rules for the park are for the safety of you, your dog, and other users.

The Decorah Dog Park is an off-leash dog park providing an outdoor green space for dogs (and their owners) to run free. Located just off of Old Stage Road on the east side of Decorah, the 2-acre dog park features a grassy area for large dogs and a smaller area for dogs 25 pounds and under.

The Decorah Dog Park also features a covered shelter and picnic table outside the fenced dog play area. This allows visitors to the park and young children to safely watch the dogs happy at play.

There is no fee or license requirement to use the dog park; it is free and open to the public and to visitors from dawn to dusk.



DECORAH DOG PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

OPEN DAWN TO DUSK

THE CITY OF DECORAH ASSUMES NO LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGE THAT OCCURS BY ANYONE'S USE OF THIS PARK.

- Dogs must display rabies tags, be current on all vaccinations, and be healthy. (Distemper, hepatitis, parvo, and parainfluenza DHPP, leptospirosis, bordetella, and rabies.)
- Owners must clean up after their dogs.
- Dogs must be leashed before entering and prior to leaving the park; owners must carry the leash at all times and remain inside the park with their dog.
- Dogs must wear a collar and ID tags at all times.
- Dogs must be at least 4 months old to use the park.
- Dogs known to be aggressive toward other dogs or people may not enter the park. If aggression is shown dogs must be removed from the park immediately.
- Report any dog bites to humans to Decorah Park-Rec or Decorah Police Department.

- Limit of 2 dogs per owner/handler in the park.
- No food or beverages, including dog treats, inside the fenced area of the dog park.
- Shoes are required.
- Dogs in heat are not allowed in park.
- Do not allow your dog to dig.
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Violators will be subject to removal from park and suspension of park privileges.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Dog Park Fund, please send a check to:

"DOG PARK FUND"
c/o Decorah Park and Recreation
400 Claiborne Drive
Decorah IA 52101



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PARK-REC OFFICE: 563 382-4158

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