



# LEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION'S DOG FRIENDLY FACILITIES



## BARKINGHAM PARK

Barkingham Park is Lee County Parks and Recreation's first park providing recreational opportunities for dog owners and their pets. Barkingham is a designated section of the Buckingham Community Park and consists of two main features:

- The fenced off-leash open run area is approximately 1.5 acres and has a separate area for puppies, shy or small dogs.
- The second feature is a designated on-leash area including a walk around the mitigation lake and primitive back trails through pine and palmetto habitats.

Upon completion of all phases, the park will offer basic amenities such as watering holes, cool off doggie shower, dog-waste disposal stations, and park benches. Dog owners will be required to have proof of vaccinations, dog licenses and keep their pet under control at all times.

The facility users will monitor themselves with the help of volunteers to assure everyone has a positive experience. The park will be open from dawn to dusk, seven days per week.

If you would like to volunteer to help monitor activities in Barkingham park or any Lee County park, call 239-533-7275.

## RULES FOR BARKINGHAM PARK

- Owners may bring a maximum of three dogs to the park at one time.
- Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- Children under 5 years are not allowed in the fenced in, off-leash area at Barkingham Park.
- Dogs are not allowed to enter ponds at Barkingham Park.
- Clean up after your dog.

## DOG BEACH

Through the efforts of many, Lee County has established one off-leash beach area that can be used for dogs. It is located at the south end of Lovers Key just west of New Pass Bridge and north of Bonita Beach.

"Dog Beach" as it is affectionately known is the result of a community effort to reserve some areas for off-leash beach access for dogs. No other County beaches allow off-leash dogs; and only the City of Sanibel and the Town of Fort Myers Beach allow dogs on the beach while on-leash and under the control of the owner.

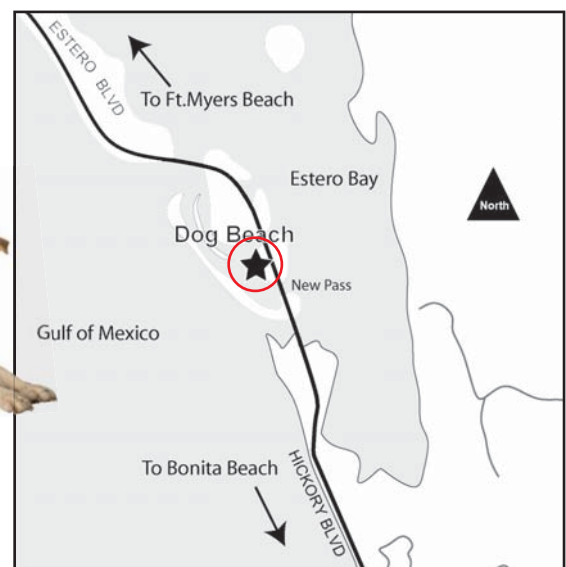
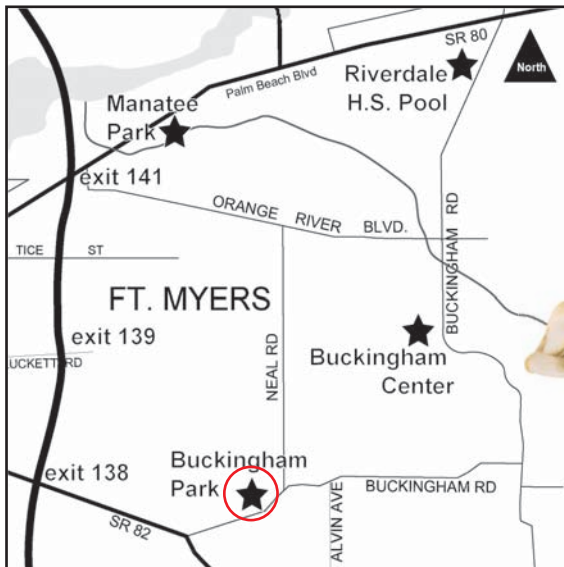
In order for this beach to remain a successful off-leash dog facility, it is imperative that you:

- Clean up after your dog.
- Prevent it from harassing wildlife.
- Prevent it from menacing other people or animals.

This beach area is maintained and monitored with the help of S.O.O.D.A. volunteer members and the Friends of Dog Beach. For more information, contact the park supervisor at 239-949-4615.

## RULES FOR DOG BEACH

- Nearest phone located ½ mile north at Lover's Key State Park entrance station.
- Maximum of 2 dogs per individual over age 15.
- Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- Children under 5 years are not allowed in the off-leash area.
- Respect shore birds.

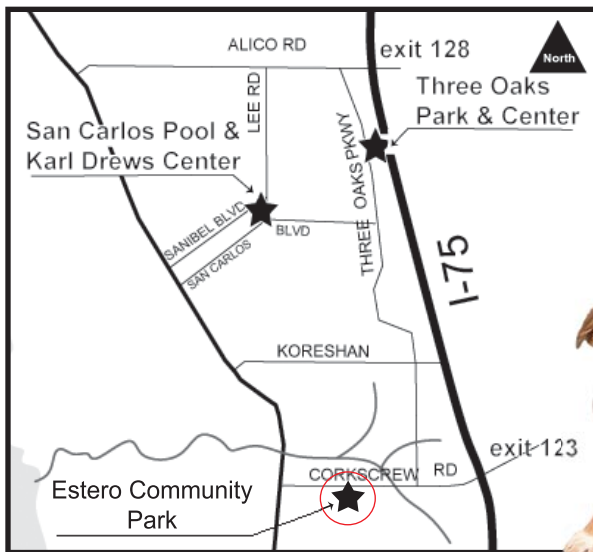


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## K-9 CORRAL AT ESTERO PARK

Area dog-lovers can now bring their canine friends to the Estero Community Park to recreate, exercise, and socialize with other dogs. Located in the southeast corner of the park, the fenced dog park opened April 14 and is accessible to community members and visitors alike during normal park hours. Small and timid dogs have a designated area while larger dogs have a separate area for themselves. This two-acre canine wonderland is surrounded by large trees that offer much shade for you and your pup. Disposal stations and water locations are provided for your convenience. Please be respectful and pick up after your dog. The park is at 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero, FL 33928. For more information call 239-498-0415.

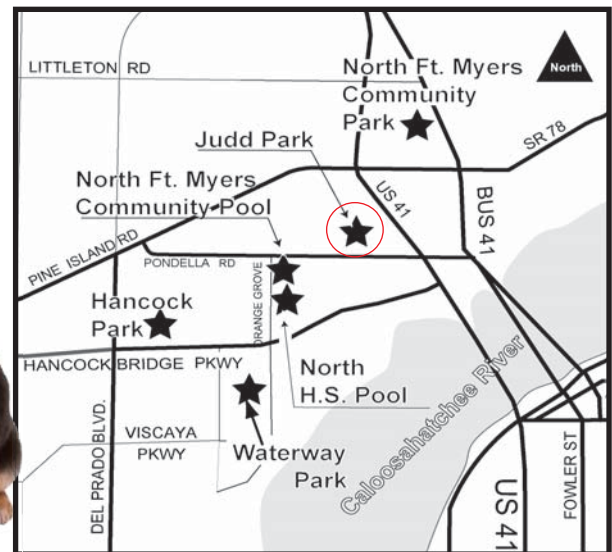
All the general dog park rules apply.



## POOCH PARK AT JUDD PARK

Pooch Park, located in Judd Park, 1297 Driftwood Dr., North Fort Myers, is a gated and fenced off-leash area that has potable water for dogs and owners and several signs indicating "Large" and "Small" dog areas. The entire system is irrigated in order to maintain the turf and to regularly clean the facility. Dog lovers are encouraged to use the facility and to please pick up after their dogs. For more information call 239-656-7748.

The standard rules apply: Keep dogs within fenced areas when off leads. "Scoop the poop" – use bags and deposit in trash cans. Aggressive dogs will be removed immediately. Owners must carry leash. If your dog digs, fill in the holes. All dogs in facility will wear tags for current license and vaccinations. Females in heat are prohibited. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



## JOHN YARBROUGH (TEN MILE) LINEAR PARK

John Yarbrough Linear Park, a slender green space with a path, allows dogs on leashes. That means you can skate, run, walk or bicycle with your canine companion. Access the park at Daniels and Metro parkways. Or catch the greenway where it crosses Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Call 239-533-7275 for more information.

## CAUSEWAY ISLAND PARK

The island park totals approximately 10 acres and is located on Sanibel Causeway. Leashed dogs are permitted but caution should be used as the roadway divides the land over the two spoil islands built and used to link the mainland to Sanibel Island. D.O.T. charges a \$6.00 toll to crossover the bridge but no fee is required to use the park. Restroom facilities are located on the west island, drinking water and picnic tables. The east island offers more space but no amenities. For more information, call 239-765-6794.

## COMMON COURTESIES AND WARNINGS

- Respect other park visitors both human and canine by keeping your pet from jumping on, or interfering with other people and their pets.
- Remember and respect nature. Florida is known for its wild critters, snakes and reptiles.
- Don't discard cigarette butts.

## GENERAL RULES FOR DOG PARKS

- Park hours dawn to dusk.
- Canine & human visitors enter at their own risk.
- Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries or loss caused by their dogs.
- Lee County will not be responsible for injuries to visiting dogs, their owner or others using the park.
- Dogs must be under voice command, control, and accompanied by humans at all times.
- Owners must clean up after their dogs. Bags and disposal stations are provided.
- Owners must have proof of license and immunization for their dogs.
- Leash your dog whenever outside of the off-leash area.
- Obey all signs and keep dogs in designated areas only.
- Dogs that are aggressive are not allowed in the park.
- Dogs in heat, or puppies under 4 months old, are prohibited.
- Don't let your dog dig holes; Fill any holes mistakenly dug.
- No food allowed in off-leash area.
- Park patrolled by Animal Services to assure compliance.
- Violators to park rules are subject to removal from the park and possible legal action.
- To report bites and/or violations please call Animal Services at 432-2083.
- Emergencies call 911.

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Also, portions of Caloosahatchee Creeks and Prairie Pines Preserve are now dog friendly (on-leash only)