



LOWER MACUNGIE DOG PARK

GENERAL INFORMATION AND USAGE TIPS



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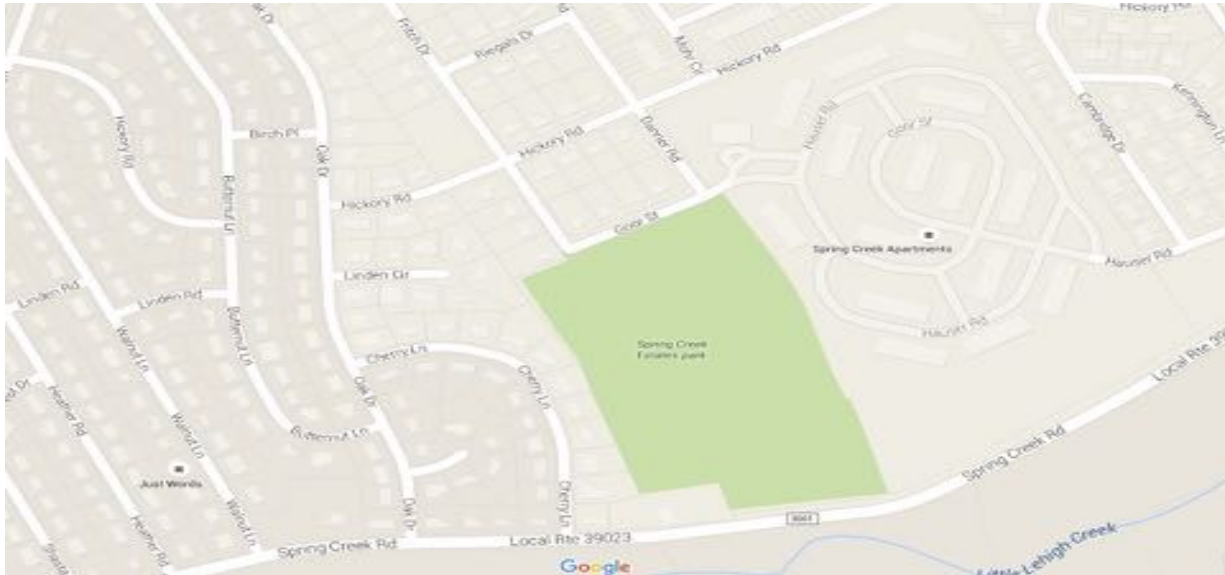


Exercised Dog = Happy Dog

Happy Dog = Happy Owner

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Lower Macungie Dog Park is located in Spring Creek Estates Park:



The park address is 6806 Goor St, Macungie, PA. Entrance to Spring Creek Estates Park is at the corner of Goor St. and Danner Rd. The Dog Park is located about 800 ft. south of the park entrance. The Dog Park consists of two separate fenced areas – one for small dogs, 30 lbs. and under, and one for large dogs over 30 lbs. While in the fenced areas, dogs are allowed to be off-leash.

Highlighted Features:

- ❖ 1 Acre area for large dogs, 0.5 Acre area for small dogs
- ❖ Fob System Access for safety and security
- ❖ Shade structure, trees and benches
- ❖ Dog Water Fountain

BEFORE YOU VISIT THE DOG PARK

Registration

For the safety and enjoyment of all dog park users, pre-registration with Lower Macungie Township is required. Application forms are available at the Township Building, as well as on the Friends of Lower Macungie Dog Park website, www.lowermacungiedogpark.com. In order to complete the registration forms, owner must complete the form including the following information:

- Owner Name, Address, Phone No.
- Emergency Contact Information

A \$10 fee is paid at time of registration.

Dog Health Requirements

Vaccination Requirements: – All dogs using the park must have current vaccinations for the following:

- Rabies
- Canine Bordatella (also known as kennel cough)
- Recommended but not mandatory: DHPP – Immunization for your dog against (D) Diphtheria, (H) Hepatitis, (P) Parainfluenza, and (P) Parvovirus

Sex: Male dogs must be neutered; female dogs are not allowed while in heat.

Health: All dogs must be in good health and not currently ill with any communicable diseases.

Park Access

Upon completion of the dog park application form and health information, and registration fee, members will receive one key fob per household. The fob will be needed to enter the park. Fobs are only to be used for registered dogs and are not transferable.

WHEN YOU VISIT THE PARK

When you arrive at Spring Creek Estates Park, there is a parking lot near the entrance at Danner Rd. Since the park is a multi-use facility, there may be other activities such as youth sporting events, walkers, joggers, etc. taking place. If the parking lot is full, you may park on the street, but please be considerate of the residents in the neighborhoods adjacent to the park.

There are restrooms for dog owners, and a pet-friendly water fountain.

There is a walking trail within the park to both the large and small dog parks. Until entering the dog park, your dog must remain on-leash. When you arrive at the dog park, you'll see there is a double-gate entry system that's there for your dog's safety. Using your fob, enter the first gate with your dog on-leash and close the gate. Remove your dog's leash and open the second gate to enter the park.



*Dog Parks are for the
enjoyment of all dog owners
(and non dog owners as well).*

When leaving the park, first make sure that no dogs are entering, or wait until they have entered the park. Open the inside gate and put your dog back on-leash before opening the outside gate. Keep your dog on-leash until your return to your car.

DOG PARK ETIQUETTE



Aside from safety, the biggest concern we hear about the dog park is the issue of owners who do not clean up after their pets. Whether it's in our neighborhood, near walking trails, or in the dog park itself, dog waste is unsanitary and unsightly.

The dog parks are well equipped with pet waste stations, which include a pet waste bag dispenser, and disposal trash can. Owners are required to clean up after their dogs and dispose the waste.

Food and Treats – We ask that all owners not bring food and treats into the dog park area so as not to create aggression on the part of other dogs, or your own dog, if a strange dog may try to take the treat.

Toys – many dogs enjoy chasing tennis balls and this is an excellent form of fun and exercise. Just a short note of caution – if your dog, or other dogs in the park are “overly-possessive” of their toys and show aggression, we’d ask that you refrain from this kind of play until such time that it can be done without any fighting.

Digging – the fencing is designed so that dogs cannot dig under and escape, but that doesn't mean that some dogs won't try. Please don't allow your dog to dig inside the park or near the fence.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

First, not all dogs are good dog park dogs. If your dog shows signs of aggression towards other dogs, or humans, or to the contrary, if your dog shows anxiety and nervousness around other dogs, then perhaps the dog park is not best for your dog.

If you are unsure about whether your dog is a good candidate, try visiting the park when fewer dogs are present. This is likely to be during weekday daytimes, or just before dusk.

While at the park, please keep an eye on your dog at all times. Never leave the park while your dog is still inside. If you have both a large dog, and small dog, please bring someone with you who can watch one dog while you watch the other.

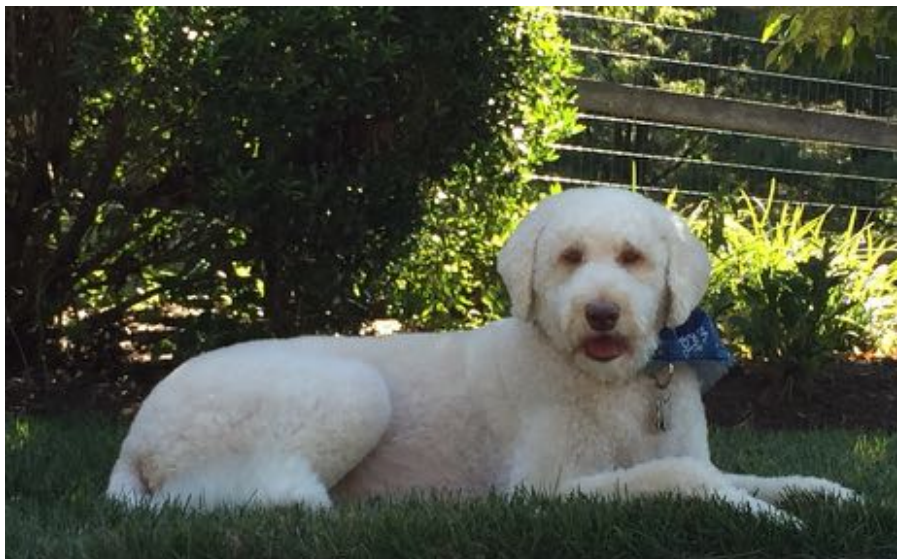
Children – the dog park rules require children under the age of 14 to be accompanied by a responsible adult. We highly recommend that all parents with small children exercise good judgment before entering the park, remembering that there may be multiple dogs running around, and even an inadvertent bump or collision by a large dog and small child could result in injury.

When it's Time to Leave

Sometimes even the friendliest dogs may have had enough. It may be time for you and your dog to call it a day if playful behavior starts to turn to aggressive behavior. Signs that it may be time to leave include:

- Growling
- Body stiffening, hair on back or shoulder standing up
- Repeated correcting of other dogs, sometimes over benign instances
- Targeting, bullying or stalking individual dogs
- Fearfulness which does not subside

Generally speaking a dog owner knows his or her pet and whether the behavior exhibited is friendly playful behavior vs. potentially dangerous behavior. Better to err on the side of safety and come back another day.



For more information, questions or suggestions, send an email to:
lowermacungiedogpark@gmail.com

LOWER MACUNGIE DOG PARK MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (INCLUDES 1 FOB): \$10 LOST FOB REPLACEMENT FEE: \$10

APPLICANT INFORMATION (ONE PER HOUSEHOLD)

Name:		Date:
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone (h)	Phone (c)	Email:
Dog #1 Name:	Breed:	Weight:
Dog #2 Name:	Breed:	Weight:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of person to contact in case of emergency:		
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Relationship:		

PAYMENT METHOD

Cash Check Checks payable to Lower Macungie Township

HOLD HARMLESS AND PERSONAL LIABILITY

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the undersigned applicant, and any member of applicant's household, shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Lower Macungie Township, its agents, commissioners, officers, directors, employees and volunteers from and against all claims and related expenses arising from the applicant's use or entry into the Lower Macungie Township dog park, including those claims for bodily injury, property damage and/or destruction. The undersigned applicant, at their own expense, shall procure, carry, and maintain personal liability coverage, including by virtue of maintenance of a homeowners and/or tenant homeowners insurance policy.

SIGNATURE

I certify that all of the above information is correct and complete. I certify that I have read and understand the attached dog park rules and regulations, and will abide by them at all times when I may use or enter into the dog park, and shall ensure that any guests, children, or other individuals entering into the dog park with me or upon my direction shall abide by such rules and regulations at all times. I am aware that I am solely responsible for my actions and the actions of my dog(s), including dog(s) not owned by me but under my control, including but not limited to damage to the park and/or injuries caused by my dog(s) to any other dog(s) or persons using the dog park.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
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LOWER MACUNGIE DOG PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

To ensure safety and enjoyment for all, park users must strictly observe the following rules and regulations. Those found in violation will lose dog park privileges without a refund of their application fee.

1. Dog Park hours: Open dawn to dusk.
2. The dog park is for dogs, their handlers, and those accompanying them. No other use of the dog park is permitted. All users must be registered members with Lower Macungie Township to receive an access key fob to utilize the dog park. Key fobs are non-transferable and can only be used by registered individuals and their dog(s).
3. Use of the dog park is at your own risk. Each owner is solely responsible for their and their dog's actions and assumes all liability for damages suffered by any person or dog injured by the member or the member's dog(s) while utilizing the dog park.
4. No smoking, alcoholic beverages, food, or glass containers are permitted in the dog park.
5. Members are prohibited from bringing dog food and treats into the dog park.
6. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.
7. Dogs are to remain leashed outside of the dog park, as well as when entering and exiting the dog park. Members must keep the leash in their possession at all times while using the dog park.
8. The dog park is divided into separate fenced-in areas. Dogs weighing less than 30 lbs. must use the Small Dog area. Dogs weighing over 30 lbs. must use the Large Dog Area.
9. Dogs less than 4 months of age, unneutered male dogs, female dogs in season, and aggressive dogs are not permitted in the dog park.
10. Members are required to clean up after their dog(s). All waste must be bagged and disposed of properly in the marked receptacles.
11. Members must accompany and monitor their dog(s) who must be in view of and under voice command of their handlers at all times.
12. Members must leash their dog(s) and exit the dog park if their dog(s) is/are acting aggressively towards people or other dogs.
13. No more than two dogs per member are permitted at one time.
14. Members are responsible to ensure their dog(s) do not dig holes or cause other damage to park plants or property.
15. All dogs entering the dog park must be up to date on rabies and bordatella vaccines, and must wear a collar displaying their rabies tag and dog license as required by Pennsylvania law. Dogs with contagious health conditions are not permitted in the park.
16. There will be regular maintenance of the grass and landscaping by the Township. This includes but is not limited to mowing, grounds rehabilitation and structural repair/replacement. During those times when structural or ground repairs are made, the park will be closed. Advance notice of dog park closures will be posted on the township website. During the short intervals of mowing operations within the fenced areas, you are required to leave the enclosed areas until the mowing is completed.

For all emergencies, call 911. The address for the dog park is 6806 Goor Street, Macungie, PA.

Failure to comply with the above rules will result in revocation of your membership.

Agreed to: _____

Date: _____