



# Erie MetroBark Park ... FAQs

## **What is the Erie MetroBark Park?**

Erie MetroParks' public off-leash dog park. Located at Osborn Park, three plus acres of fenced green space are ready for well-mannered dogs to run and play. Dogs must be registered with the MetroBark Park and wear their unique MetroBark Park collar to the park during each visit.

The MetroBark Park is open daily, year-round, 8 am—dark.

## **Is there a fee to use the MetroBark Park?**

Yes. First dog in a household: \$15 for Erie County resident; \$20 non-resident. Each additional dog in a household: \$5 resident and non-resident. A handler may have a maximum of two dogs in the dog park at one time.

## **How do I register my dog for the MetroBark Park?**

Registration may be done in one of four ways:

1. Register and pay the registration fee on-line at [www.eriemetroparks.org](http://www.eriemetroparks.org)
2. Call 419-625-7783 ext 221
3. In person at Osborn Park offices during regular business hours:  
Frost Center Office at 3910 Perkins Avenue, Huron or  
Maple Grove Center Office at 3109 Hull Rd, Huron.
4. Through the mail at 3910 Perkins Ave, Huron, Oh 44839

## **How may I pay the registration fee?**

On-line and with a credit card is the quickest and easiest way. Just visit [www.eriemetroparks.org](http://www.eriemetroparks.org). Select Reservations and then MetroBark Park. Complete the procedure and download the registration forms. Mail the completed forms to the address on the form, or bring them and proof of vaccinations and license with you to either Osborn Park office when you pick up your dog's registration collar. That's it—you're set to visit the dog park.

To register more than one dog or out-of county residents, please call 419-625-7783, ext 221 and office staff will register for you.

## **How is my dog identified as having a valid registration to visit the MetroBark Park?**

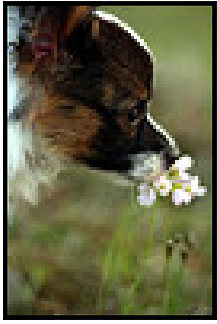
Each registered dog receives a unique registration number. This number is included on your dog's registration collar provided by Erie MetroParks. Your dog must wear its collar during each visit to the dog park and for the entire visit there. Occasionally park personnel or volunteers may request to look at your dog's MetroBark Park collar registration.

Dog collars may be picked up at Osborn Park Frost Center and Maple Grove Center Offices.

## **Does my dog need any vaccinations or dog license to use the dog park?**

Yes. Dogs must be currently licensed and vaccinated for rabies, distemper and parvovirus. Bring proof of license and vaccinations when you pick up your dog's collar.

*For the NEWEST in doggie water bottles & neckerchiefs visit the MetroParks Nature Nook™ gift shop located in the Osborn Park Frost Center.*



**What if I want to visit the dog park before deciding to register my dog?**

A Day Registration is available and valid for one day. The fee may be applied toward the purchase of an annual registration within the same calendar year. Fee: \$5 resident; \$8 non-resident.

**For how long of a time period is a MetroBark Park registration valid?**

Due to the dog park opening in the middle of this year, registrations made in 2008 expire Dec 31, 2009. Beginning Jan 2009, annual registrations are valid January through December in the year of purchase. Dogs can be registered any time during the year, but all registrations expire on Dec 31.

**Are dog park fees pro-rated or refundable?**

MetroBark Park registrations are valid Jan – Dec, regardless of when purchased. Dog park registration fees are nonrefundable.

**May I bring my new puppy to the MetroBark Park?**

Due to parvovirus, all puppies must be at least 4 months of age or older to play in the MetroBark Park.

**What happens if I forget to bring my dog's MetroBark Park collar with us to the dog park?**

Only a dog wearing its valid MetroBark Park registration collar may enter the dog park. If you arrive without your dog's MetroBark Park collar, a Day Registration will need to be purchased for access to the dog park for that day.

**What happens if I lose or can't find my dog's MetroBark Park collar?**

A replacement collar would need to be purchased. The new MetroBark Park collar will have a new registration number and will expire the same date as the original registration.

**Can someone not listed on my registration bring my dog to the dog park?**

Owners are responsible for their dogs. Even a fun-loving, well mannered dog can be less responsive to a command or react differently for a neighbor or friend than it would for its owner. For the safety of dog and handler and other visitors, only household persons listed on your registration may bring your dog to the MetroBark Park. It is not permissible for anyone not included on your registration form to bring your dog into the dog park.

**May I register all of the dogs in my household to use the MetroBark Park?**

A handler may bring a maximum of two dogs into the dog park at each visit. You can register all of the dogs in your household, but you may bring only two dogs at one time to play in the dog park.

**Is there water available in the dog park?**

Yes, safe drinking water is available. It might be a little tricky for people to use the hydrants but your dog will drink just fine. (Check out the clever doggie water bottles in the gift shop.)

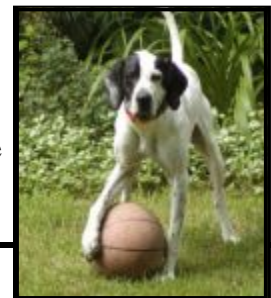
**How about treats for my dog when we visit the dog park?**

Due to the attraction of your dog's treats to other dogs in the park and the commotion it might cause, please don't bring treats into the dog park—including people treats.



**May I train my dog in the dog park?**

Yes, family dogs may be trained in the dog park (remember, no treats). However, professional dog trainers may not use the MetroBark Park in the conduct of their business.



**Phase II DONATIONS NEEDED** for a pavilion and dog exercise toys. There is still time to help! Send donations to Erie MetroParks, 3910 Perkins Ave, Huron, Ohio 44839  
Phone: 419-625-7783 ext 221    [www.eriemetroparks.org](http://www.eriemetroparks.org)