



The Dog Park

AT LAHSER WOODS

Membership Packet

Lahser Woods Park,
27577 Lahser Road

Southfield
the center of it all™



HOURS OF OPERATION

Please note: The Dog Park will open at 10 AM on Wednesdays year round, to allow for maintenance.

March & April

Mon-Fri: 8 AM - 8 PM

Sat & Sun: 10 AM - 8 PM

May - August

Mon-Fri: 8 AM - 9 PM

Sat & Sun: 10 AM - 9 PM

September & October

Mon-Fri: 8 AM - 8 PM

Sat & Sun: 10 AM - 8 PM

November - February

Mon-Fri: 8 AM - 6 PM

Sat & Sun: 10 AM - 6 PM

THE DOG PARK AT LAHSER WOODS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

To ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for both dogs and humans, all members of The Dog Park at Lahser Woods must adhere to the following rules:

1. Register up to three dogs per household. No more than two dogs per owner/handler are allowed at one time.
2. Registrations are to be renewed annually and are valid through January 31.
3. Registration is for City of Southfield residents only.
4. Registration fees are not prorated regardless of purchase date.
5. Members are responsible for compliance with all City of Southfield dog park rules and regulations.
6. All dogs must be licensed in accordance with the City of Southfield. Owners/handlers must watch a dog park video and successfully pass a test.
7. At time of registration, proof of current vaccinations for Rabies, DHLPP or DAPPL (Distemper), and Bordetella are required.
8. Only dog owners or caregivers listed on an approved City of Southfield Dog Park Application may enter the park.
9. One key fob entry pass will be issued per household. The key fob is not transferable. The replacement fee for lost fob is \$10.
10. Dog Park Tags will be issued at time of registration and must be always worn by the dog within the dog park. The Dog Park Tag is not transferable. The replacement fee for lost tag is \$5.

GENERAL RULES

1. Entrance is not permitted without a valid access fob.
2. Dogs must be on a leash when entering and exiting the Dog Park fenced area.
Owners must always carry a leash with them in the park.
3. Dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior or barking excessively must be immediately removed from the park.
4. The minimum age for users is 18 years of age. Children between 6-17 years of age may enter with a parent or guardian. Children younger than 6 years of age are not permitted in the Dog Park fenced area.
5. Dogs must be supervised at all times. Never leave your dogs in the park unattended.
6. Users must clean up their dog(s) waste and deposit it in the receptacles provided.
7. No people food, dog food or treats are allowed in the park.
8. The following are not permitted in the Dog Park: dogs in heat, dogs under the age of four months, dogs with contagious diseases or internal or external parasites, aggressive dogs, dogs on a leash, dogs with harnesses or pinch, prong, spike or chain collars, dog toys, smoking, alcoholic beverages, glass containers, professional dog trainers, bicycles, strollers, and animals other than dogs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Use of the Dog Park area is at the user's own risk.
2. Users are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries and/or damage caused by their dog(s).
3. The City of Southfield reserves the right to prohibit the use of the site to any user who is in violation of these rules.
4. From time to time, parts or the entire park may be closed for maintenance purposes.
5. For the safety of all registered dogs, please do not allow anyone without a key fob pass into the Dog Park.
6. Small dog area is for dogs less than 25 pounds. Owners must stay within the designated dog park area and accompany their dog(s) at all times

ENFORCEMENT & REPORTING

Failure to follow rules may result in suspension or revocation of membership.

For entry fob issues, park concerns, or to report other violations, call **Southfield Parks & Recreation (248-796-4620)**.

For dog bites or emergencies, call the **Southfield Police Department (911)** immediately. Dogs must remain on-site until authorities arrive.

Michigan Penal Code 750.66: Persons 18 and older must provide name and address when the dog under their control has bitten another person. Dog handler must provide vaccination information and remain at the scene of the bite until all of the above information is provided.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

To become a member of the Dog Park at Lahser Woods, residents may apply online or in person at the Southfield Parks & Recreation Department. Membership requires the following steps:

- Complete a dog park application form and sign the waiver.
- Provide proof of current vaccinations: Rabies, Bordetella, and DHPP/DHLPP.
- Provide proof of a valid City of Southfield dog license.
If your dog is not currently licensed, you must obtain one through the Southfield Police Department before applying.
- Watch the required dog park orientation video and successfully complete the short safety quiz.
- Pay the annual membership fee

COST OF MEMBERSHIP

- **Annual Membership Fee:** \$45 (Includes first dog, Southfield residents only)
- Additional \$10 fee for each additional dog registered
- **Key Fob:** Included with membership (Replacement: \$10)
- **Dog Tag:** Included with membership (Replacement \$5)
- Memberships are non-refundable, non-transferable, and valid for one year.

DOG PARK COMPLAINT AND RULE VIOLATION PROCESS

To ensure the safety, fairness, and enjoyment of the Dog Park, all members are expected to follow the established rules and regulations. In the event that a violation occurs, a complaint is filed, or an incident is witnessed by City staff, the following process will apply:

First Incident

- An authorized Parks & Recreation staff member will review the incident, which may include speaking with witnesses.
- If warranted, the fob holder will receive a documented verbal warning.
- The warning will be reviewed with the fob holder and a record will be placed in the member's file.

Second Incident

- Following staff review, the fob holder may receive a written warning, which may also include a 30-day suspension of Dog Park access.
- The written warning and prior complaints will be reviewed with the fob holder.
- A copy of the written warning will be placed in the member's file.

Third Incident

- Upon a third incident, the fob holder's Dog Park privileges will be immediately suspended pending investigation.
- All prior complaints will be reviewed with the fob holder.
- If the violation is confirmed, the fob holder may face extended suspension or permanent revocation of Dog Park privileges, including deactivation of the key fob.
- Revocation decisions may be appealed to the Parks & Recreation Director.

Severe Violations

Southfield Parks & Recreation reserves the right to suspend or revoke privileges at any stage depending on the severity of the incident. This process is in addition to any citations or legal actions for violations of City ordinances or Michigan statutes.

Legal Obligation - Michigan Penal Code 750.66

Any person 18 years or older whose dog has bitten another person must:

- Provide their name and address.
- Provide the dog's vaccination information.
- Remain at the scene until all information has been exchanged.

OWNER INFORMATION

First Name		Last Name	
Address			
City/State		Zipcode	
Phone		Email	

DOG INFORMATION

Dog #1

Name		Age	
Breed		Weight	

Dog #2

Name		Age	
Breed		Weight	

Dog #3

Name		Age	
Breed		Weight	

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete. I agree to comply with all The Dog Park at Lasher Woods rules and regulations.

Signature		Date	
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CITY OF SOUTHFIELD USE ONLY

Vaccination Records Verified? ☐ Rabies ☐ Bordetella ☐ DHLPP/DAPPL

Valid Southfield Dog License Verified? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Video Watched? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Quiz Passed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Payment Received? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Fob Issued? ☐ Yes ☐ No Fob ID#

Verified by (print name)

Date

WAIVER AND RELEASE FOR USE OF THE DOG PARK AT LAHSER WOODS

PLEASE READ THIS FORM CAREFULLY. IN CONSIDERATION FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE CITY'S DOG PARK, YOU ARE EXPRESSLY ASSUMING ALL RISKS OF AND LEGAL LIABILITY FOR YOUR USE OF THE DOG PARK. YOU ALSO WAIVE AND RELEASE ALL CLAIMS FOR INJURIES, DAMAGES, OR LOSS THAT YOU AND/OR YOUR DOG(S) MAY SUSTAIN AS A RESULT OF USING THESE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES AT OR ASSOCIATED WITH USE OF THE DOG PARK.

I acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use with my dog(s) the Dog Park at Lasher Woods owned and operated by the City of Southfield. I understand that the act of unleashing my dog(s) and being in the Dog Park presents a risk of injury to me, any persons that accompany me, other people using the Dog Park, my dog(s) and other dogs. I understand that these risks are entirely my responsibility, and I knowingly and voluntarily assume that responsibility. When this Waiver and Release refers to "my dog," it includes any dog that I bring to the Dog Park, regardless of whether I am the legal owner of the dog. I am responsible for any dog I bring to the Dog Park.

I understand that the licensing and registration system for use of the Dog Park does not ensure or guarantee that all dogs in the Dog Park are safe or healthy. I further acknowledge and assume the risk that all dogs in the Dog Park might not have been vaccinated for bordetella, distemper, parvovirus and/or rabies, all of which present a risk of injury or disease to me, any individuals (including children) who accompany me to the Dog Park, and my dog(s). I also acknowledge that there are certain inherent risks of injury or damage, including propensity of a dog to behave in a dangerous manner; inexperience or irresponsibility of a dog owner/handler; inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movement, objects, persons or other animals; dog fights, dog bites, and injuries to humans and other dogs; dog disappearance, theft or unlawful capture; dog escape over or under fences; plants in the area that may be poisonous to dogs or people; mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas, or other insects that may be present; and wild animals, including without limitation skunks, raccoons, opossums, or stray dogs that could be present in the Dog Park, all of which might injure or infect my dog(s); trip or slip and falls, premises defects, equipment failure, failure in instruction/supervision, and other circumstances inherent to dog and/or outdoor activities. I understand that the Dog Park is an unsupervised facility, and I expressly assume responsibility for all risks associated with the Dog Park and any buildings, fixtures and equipment contained in it. I knowingly and voluntarily accept these risks in exchange for the privilege of using the Dog Park.

In consideration for the privilege of using the Dog Park and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I fully and forever release, discharge and hold harmless the City of Southfield, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers for and from any claim for loss, damage or injury, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, without limitation, to myself and to my dog(s), arising out of or in any way incident or related to use of the Dog Park by my dog(s), me and anyone accompanying my dog(s) or me, regardless of the cause. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Southfield, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers for and from all loss and expense, including legal costs, attorney's fees and expert witness fees, and from any and all liability for injury or death to any person or damage to property, arising out of or in any way incident or related to use of the Dog Park by my dog(s), myself and anyone accompanying my dog(s) or me.

Photo/Video Authorization: I hereby give my consent for the City of Southfield to use photos/video coverage of myself and/or minor child participating in a City of Southfield sponsored program or event in future marketing materials. I acknowledge those pictured will only be named with their consent, or parent/guardian consent if younger than 18 years of age. I acknowledge event attendees must contact the photographer at the event if they wish themselves/their children to not be photographed.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE DOG PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THEM. I WILL COMPLY WITH THESE RULES AND WILL EXPLAIN THEM TO OTHERS I MAY BRING TO THE DOG PARK TO ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE WHILE USING THE DOG PARK. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY INCIDENT IN WHICH MY DOG(S) HAS/HAVE SHOWN AGGRESSIVE, FIGHTING OR BITING BEHAVIOR TOWARD PEOPLE OR OTHER ANIMALS.

Dog Owner (Signature)

Dog Owner (Print Name)

Date