



COUNTY OF BUCKS
Department of Parks & Recreation

Off-Leash Dog Area



**Tollgate Road entrance of
 Core Creek Park**

open 7 am - sunset
7 days a week
weather and conditions permitting

for more information call
 215-757-0571
 or visit

Bucks County Dept. of Parks & Recreation
 901 E. Bridgetown Pike
 Langhorne, PA 19047

Application Requirements:

Application and payment must be made in person, showing: 1) proof of residence; 2) a RECEIPT from the purchase of a 2011 Dog License issued by the applicant's County of year-round residence; and 3) a current Certificate of Rabies Vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian, for each dog. Additionally, each applicant is required to thoroughly read and review the "Rules & Regulations" page and then sign the "Acceptance of Risk & Release of Liability Waiver" form. Please note that only registered persons and registered dogs are allowed to use the Off-Leash Dog Area (OLDA).

Off-Leash Dog Area (OLDA) Access Cards:

An Access Card will permit registered users to gain entry to the OLDA, located in Core Creek Park, during the scheduled hours of operation, allowing unlimited usage of the OLDA from 7 AM to sunset, seven (7) days a week, weather and conditions permitting. Cards will be valid until December 31 of the year purchased.

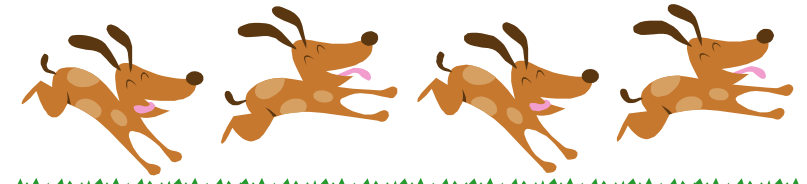
User Fees:

- Bucks County Resident Annual Access Card Fee - \$25.00
- Non-Resident Annual Access Card Fee - \$40.00
- Access Card Replacement Fee - \$5.00

Payments can be made with cash, Master Card, Visa or check/money order made payable to "County of Bucks".
ALL fees are Non-Refundable.

Applications for the OLDA Access Cards:

Applications and Access Cards may be obtained from the Department of Parks & Recreation office, located at Core Creek Park at 901 E. Bridgetown Pike, Langhorne, PA, Monday-Friday (with the exception of official County holidays) from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Application packets may also be downloaded in advance from the Bucks County website: www.buckscounty.org from the Dept. of Parks and Recreation page.



RULES & REGULATIONS FOR USAGE: Please read

To ensure safety & good times for all, please strictly observe the following rules & regulations. Those found in violation will lose Off-Leash Dog Area privileges without a refund.

1. Off-Leash Dog Area hours: 7:00 am - sunset (weather and conditions permitting).
2. Please, utilize the Off-Leash Dog Area in a responsible manner at all times.
3. All handlers and dogs must be registered with the Bucks County Dept. of Parks & Recreation to receive an Access Card to utilize the Off-Leash Dog Area. All dogs must have valid dog licenses and current rabies shots prior to use. All dogs entering this Off-Leash Dog Area must be healthy and must wear a collar displaying their current rabies tag and dog license as required by Pennsylvania law. If violations are detected, your privileges will be revoked & you could be subject to a fine. **Please note that Access Cards can only be used by registered individuals and registered dogs.**
4. Dogs must be on a leash when entering and exiting the Off-Leash Dog Area. Remove leashes only in the designated 'unleash area'.
5. Handlers must accompany and monitor dogs closely. Dogs must be in view of and under voice command of their handlers at all times. Handlers must always carry a leash for each dog while inside the Off-Leash Dog Area.
6. No smoking, alcohol, food or glass containers are permitted in the Off-Leash Dog Area.
7. Dogs showing aggression toward people or other animals must be removed from the Off-Leash Dog Area immediately. Dogs that are known to have history of aggressive behavior will not be permitted. Reported cases will result in the loss of Off-Leash Dog Area privileges with no refund.

8. Dogs that are in heat or that are sick are prohibited in the Off-Leash Dog Area.
9. Puppies must be at least six (6) months old and fully vaccinated.
10. Children under the age of eighteen (18) years must be accompanied by and be, at all times, under the supervision of an adult in the Off-Leash Dog Area.
11. Please clean up after yourself and your dogs - biodegradable scoop bags and deposit waste receptacles are available in the Off-Leash Dog Area.
12. The handler of any dog(s) assumes all liability for damages suffered by anyone who is bitten or injured by the handler's dog while utilizing the Off-Leash Dog Area, or any dog that you have allowed to enter the Off-Leash Dog Area with your pass.
13. No more than two (2) dogs per person are permitted at one time in the Off-Leash Dog Area.
14. Prong (pinch), choke or spiked collars are not permitted in the Off-Leash Dog Area.
15. The Off-Leash Dog Area is divided into two (2) separate fenced-in areas, providing maximum safety for your dog. Dogs weighing less than 28 lbs. must use the Small dog enclosure; Dogs weighing 28 lbs. or more must use the Large dog enclosure.

In case of emergency: Call 911

For non-emergency situations:

Call the Radio Room at 215-945-3100 and state your name, location and the nature of your call.



All information, fees and rules subject to change without notice.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q - What are the hours of operation of the dog park?

A - The Off-Leash Dog Area (OLDA) is open from 7:00 AM to Sunset, seven (7) days a week, weather and conditions permitting. On occasion the Park may be closed for short durations for maintenance related issues. Please remember the time of sunset varies during the year.

Q - How is the dog park structured and setup for use?

A - The OLDA is separated into two (2) distinctly separate fenced in areas. They are as follows: Large Dog Area (Dogs over 28 lbs.) and a Small Dog Area (Dogs 28 lbs. or less).

There are two (2) separate entrance/exit areas. This provides a safe area for you to remove or put on your dog's leash before entering or exiting the OLDA. When registering your dog it will be determined, based on the information provided, which areas your dog will have access to in the OLDA. Each Access Card will be programmed to allow access to only one of those designated areas. Through the use of this software feature we are hopeful that we can help minimize potential problems, injuries and misuse of the facility.

Q - How do we provide feedback on the park or log complaints about other dog owners?

A - Comments, questions, suggestions, and complaints can be emailed to corecreekdogs@co.bucks.pa.us or by phone to the Department of Parks & Recreation at 215-757-0571. We ask that you attempt to resolve issues with other dog owners prior to filing a formal complaint against them.

Q - What facilities are available at the dog park for both the owners and the dogs?

A - The OLDA provides the following amenities:

Secure Access	Benches and Pathways
Landscaped Planting Areas	Water Fountains
Dog Play Features - Hydrants	Large Shade Trees
Convenient Access to Parking/Restrooms	Biodegradable bags & waste stations

Q - How does the secure gate Access Card reader system work?

A- Prospective OLDA users who have successfully completed the application form and provided the necessary documentation for their four legged friend(s) will be issued an Access Card. The card will be coded to allow access to either the small dog area or large dog area. The gate access security system will trigger the magnetic lock that opens the gate into the unleashing area when a registered card is held

up to the card reader. To exit the OLDA, users will need to use their Access Card that will allow the gate to open.

Q - How old must someone be to take a dog into the dog park?

A- A person must be 18 years old to take a dog into the OLDA. Someone 18 years or younger may accompany an adult in the Off-Leash Dog Area but the dog must remain under the supervision of the adult over the age of 18. Anyone under 18 accompanying an adult in the OLDA must be supervised by the adult at all times.

Q - Are the "dog passes" (Access Cards) transferable between different dog owners?

A - No, Access Cards are not transferable between owners! They may be used only by the persons and dogs listed on the application. Each dog must be registered and each owner and handler is required to complete the Application Form and to sign the "Acceptance of Risk & Release of Liability Waiver Form". By signing this form, each applicant is assuming the risk and liability for the dog he or she has registered. By allowing other dogs to enter the OLDA with your pass, you have now assumed full liability for those dogs and have breached our contractual agreement for use of the OLDA. Further, we have tried diligently to ensure that every dog utilizing the enclosure has been properly vaccinated and has passed an initial screening process. Your failure to adhere to these basic rules could jeopardize your ability to utilize the OLDA and your privilege could be revoked.

Q - Are food and treats allowed in the dog park?

A - No. We ask that you DO NOT bring any kind of food or treats (people or animal) into the park. This could cause an unsafe situation for the dog owners and the dogs.

Q - Is cleaning up after my dog really an issue at the dog park?

A - YES. You MUST clean up after your dog. This is one of the number one reasons municipalities are closing dog parks across the country. Consider the following and the safety of your dog. Here are some reasons why:

- Disease Control
- Make the Off-Leash Dog Area more Useable
- Fly Control
- Responsible Pet Ownership
- Preventing Stool Eating

