

To ensure a safe environment for dogs and humans, members of the **Mark Twain Dog Park** must adhere to the following rules at all times:

1. Members are responsible for compliance with the City of Royal Oak's Mark Twain Dog Park rules and regulations.
2. Only dog owners and / or caregivers and dogs listed on an approved City of Royal Dog Park Application for user privileges may enter the dog park.
3. Use of the dog park is at the members own risk.
4. Entrance to the dog park is not permitted without a fob.
5. Members shall not grant access to anyone without a membership into the dog park.
6. Members are responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by their dogs.
7. No more than three (3) registered dogs shall be brought into the park by an adult (16 years or older).
8. Members must always remain with their dog(s) inside the designated dog park area(s).
9. Owners must clean up after their dog's waste, in all areas of the dog park, and deposit it in the receptacles provided. The City of Royal Oak will make every effort to provide bags and waste receptacles, but always be prepared to address your dog's waste by having bags with you in the event the dispensers are empty.
10. Hours of operation are 6:00 am – 10:00 pm.
11. Dogs must have current license and up-to-date vaccinations.
12. Dogs must be actively supervised and be under voice control of their owner or caregiver(s).
13. The following are **prohibited** in the dog park:
 - a. Puppies under four (4) months old.
 - b. Female dogs in heat.
 - c. Choke, prong or spike collars are not allowed and must be removed prior to entering the off-leash area.
 - d. People food, dog food or training treats.
 - e. Unruly dogs are prohibited on Mark Twain Dog Park property. Unruly dogs are defined as- dogs that are not under voice control by their owners or caretakers, and / or which physically attack or bite another dog or human (when not provoked).
 - f. Dog toys, with the exception, of balls, tennis balls, chuck-it balls and discs.
 - g. Dogs on benches or tables.
14. Dogs must always be accompanied by an adult (16 years or older).
15. Children under five (5) are not allowed inside the dog park.
16. Children 5-15 years old must always be accompanied by an adult and closely monitored under the adult's supervision.

Park Rules



17. No child's play is allowed inside the dog park.

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

To report rule violations, please send an e-mail to marktwaindogpark@gmail.com. E-mails will be forwarded to the City of Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Department for review and handling.

All dog bites (dog to dog and dog to human) must be reported immediately to the Royal Oak Police Department, which will contact Oakland County Animal Control and Pet Adoption Center. The dog must then be confined until the Royal Oak Police Department arrive on scene.

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 the above information is provide. The penalty for a violation of MCL 750.66 is up to 93 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

For membership information, please contact the City Clerk's office or visit our website at www.romi.gov

Membership Information



MEMBERSHIP

To access and use the Mark Twain Dog Park you will need to:

- Complete a [dog park application](#) and sign a waiver.
- Present a copy of current dog license (for non-residents).
- Purchase an annual membership plus key fob.
- Present verification records for Rabies, Bordetella and DHPP or DHLPP.
- Present records of dog's birthdates to verify minimum age requirements.

PURCHASE MEMBERSHIP

To purchase a membership, complete the [dog park application](#) and turn it into: Royal Oak City Clerk Office, 211 S Williams St., 1st Floor City Hall, Royal Oak, MI. The City Clerk's Office is open Monday – Thursday, from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM and Friday from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

- One entry fob will be issued to each registered household for up to three dogs.
- Memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable.
- Memberships are valid for one year from date of purchase.
- Proof of medical records, dog license and dog age must be on file before membership is issued.
- Owners receiving new or renewed memberships prior to their dog's licenses or shots expiring are responsible to update the above items prior to their expiration.

COST OF MEMBERSHIP:

Annual membership: \$40 for residents of Royal Oak
\$65 for non-residents

Initial key fob: \$10

Key fob replacement: \$10

WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP COVER?

Dog parks require a higher degree of maintenance and management than other parks. Your membership fee ensures that:

- Fence and gate / lock equipment are in good working order.
- The park is well managed and dog visitors are up to date on necessary vaccinations.
- The grounds are kept free of feces, and waste pickup stations are maintained with fresh bags and regular refuse removal.
- Grass and landscaping are tended as needed.