

Welcome to the

BANDIX DOG PARK



The first official off-leash dog area established by Kitsap Dog Parks, Inc.
in cooperation with Kitsap County Parks and Recreation

The Eleven Commandments

1. Owners are liable for any damage or injury inflicted or caused by their dogs.
2. Pick up your dog's waste and place it in the garbage container provided.
3. Dogs must be leashed in the drive and parking areas, and you must carry a leash while in the park.
4. Stop bothersome dog behavior immediately.
5. You must supervise your dog and keep it in view at all times.
6. You must have verbal control of your dog.
7. Female dogs in heat are not permitted in the park.
8. Keep your dog from digging holes.
9. Aggressive dogs are not permitted in the park. Dogs must be removed immediately at the first sign of aggressive behavior.
10. Children under 14 must be accompanied and closely supervised by an adult.
11. Wheeled vehicles (bicycles, etc.) are not permitted in the park.

Reading between the lines

Pick up!

Watch your dog closely when you first release him, because they often go quickly. Make it a habit to pick up at least one stool besides your own dog's, because we will all "miss" occasionally. Others will return the favor for you. Bags and trash containers are provided near the parking lot.

Bothersome dog behavior

"Bothersome" doesn't just mean obvious aggression. If your dog exhibits any behavior that makes another park user uncomfortable, leash your dog and take him to a different area of the park. If the behavior persists, please remove your dog from the park. While no one has to take an obedience test, dogs must be sufficiently trained so that they are under the owner's general verbal control. Not all dogs are suitable candidates for off-leash exercise areas. Animals with a history of aggressive behavior and female dogs in heat should never be brought into the park. Aggressive dogs, unneutered males, and fearful dogs may require special training before returning once they demonstrate bothersome behavior in the park. Very young puppies should not be brought to the park, for their own safety.

No wheeled vehicles

Bikes, scooters, and strollers don't mix with dogs running free. Injuries to dogs and people can and have occurred.

Children

Parents must supervise their children in the park at all times. Small children can be knocked down even by friendly dogs.

Digging

Please respect the park property. Holes are a hazard, and one digging dog stimulates others. Be especially alert on Ranger Dog trail and the Cedar Cave trail, where many rabbit holes have been filled in.

You Help Make This Park Work

While dog parks have a very good safety record, there is always the potential for injury. Most of the park rules are aimed at minimizing that potential. By following the rules and demonstrating responsible dog ownership, we will be the best testimonial for the safety and continued success and popularity of off-leash dog areas.

Kitsap Dog Parks, Inc. membership form

Mail to PO Box 1715, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Name(s) _____ Home phone (____) _____ Day phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Dog name(s) _____ Email _____

I will help out with: park maintenance and improvements locking and unlocking the park gate fundraising

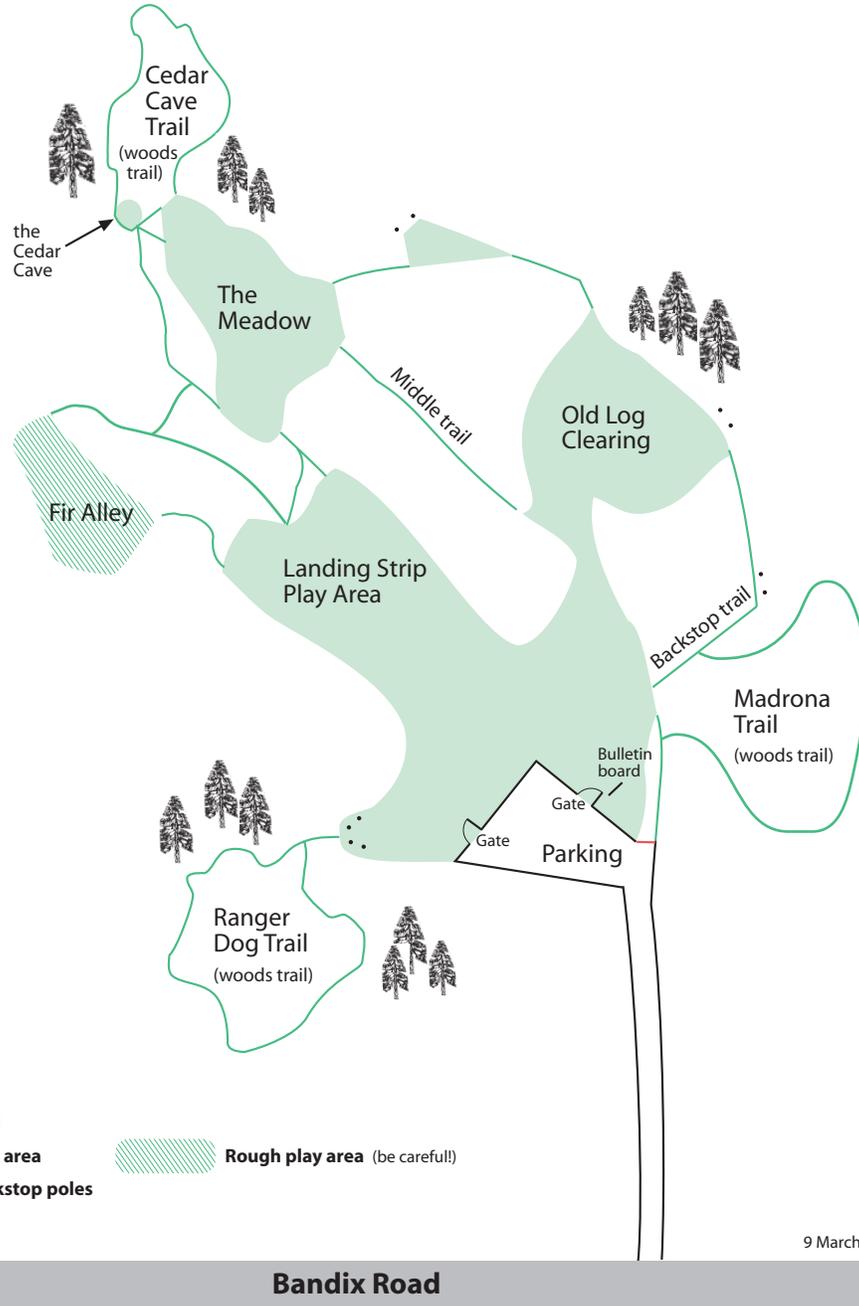
I have special experience or skills in _____

I am interested in finding out about projects which I could underwrite in return for advertising

Yearly membership rates: (Make checks payable to Kitsap Dog Parks, Inc.)

Individual \$10 Family \$15 Benefactor \$50 Extra donation _____ All dues and donations are tax deductible.

TRAILS AND PLAY AREAS



Kitsap Dog Parks, Inc. (www.kitsapdogparks.org)

Our mission: To promote the establishment of off-leash dog areas in Kitsap County and to operate off-leash parks in partnership with Kitsap County.

A little history: Formed in 2003 when the city of Tacoma closed public access to the Tacoma Narrows Airport landing buffer (which had been an unofficial off-leash exercise area for more than 10 years), KDP sought an alternative site for an *official* off-leash dog park. Early contacts with Pierce County officials were discouraging, so founder Stan Stearns approached Kitsap County. Out of that discussion came the possibility of utilizing the Bandix Road site. Negotiations resulted in the creation of a non-profit corporation, a written agreement with the county, and months of hard work to prepare the park for its July 3, 2004 opening.

Bandix Dog Park and Kitsap Dog Parks, Inc. need YOU!

Until at least the next Parks Department budget cycle, Kitsap Dog Parks, Inc. is responsible for all park development and maintenance.

How you can help:

Join our organization

Our dues and volunteer labor are the only resources we have to improve and maintain the park.

Volunteer

Can you mow our grass with your tractor? Are you handy with tools and willing to groom or build trails? Are you willing to call other members or help with fundraising? Can you help with gate unlocking and locking duties? Are you good at coming up with ideas for how volunteers can help? You don't have to be a member to be a volunteer. For more information, call (253) 858-6450.