

DOGS IN PARKS

Dogs are welcome in most Madison Parks – as long as you follow these simple rules. In addition to nine (9) fenced dog exercise areas, leashed and licensed dogs are allowed in most Madison parks with a few notable exceptions.

A dog park permit is required to visit any of these locations. Both permit and license (City of Madison) may be purchased online. The permit is also valid as posted in Dane County Parks, and the cities of Middleton and Sun Prairie. Fees collected by each agency are used to support improvements and maintenance of their dog exercise areas.

HOW to bring your dog to a park

- » Dogs must have a dog park permit.
- » Dogs must be on a leash that is no more than 6 feet long, non-retractable, and held by a person at all times.
- » Dogs must be under the immediate physical control of a person at all times.
- » Dogs must be licensed (purchased through the City of Madison Treasurer) and must have an up-to-date rabies vaccination.
- » Dog handlers are required to pick up waste and have bags or scoops when in the park.
- » Dogs must not dig, chase or harm wildlife, damage park property, or interfere with other park users.

WHERE dogs are allowed

- » Off-leash dog parks: nine (9) exercise areas (see map).
- » Leashed dogs – most Madison parks allow leashed and licensed dogs. See exceptions below.

WHERE dogs are prohibited

In addition to the designated Dog Free Parks (see cityofmadison.com/parks/dogfree), dogs are prohibited in the following areas:

- » Conservation parks.
- » Burial mounds.
- » City of Madison golf courses (during the golf season).
- » Olbrich Botanical Gardens.
- » Playgrounds and areas within 20 feet of a playground surface.
- » Splash parks, fenced areas(s) surrounding a splash park, and areas within 20 feet of the splash park surface.
- » Goodman Pool and Breese Stevens Field (except for special events where dogs are specifically invited).
- » Programmed sports fields and facilities that are enclosed or substantially enclosed by a fence, whether in use or not.
- » Programmed, non-fenced sports fields such as soccer, ultimate fields or softball/baseball diamonds while they are in use for programmed activities.
- » Inside of shelters or other buildings.
- » Groomed cross-country ski trails, ice skating rinks and lagoons.
- » In the water or on the beach at designated beach locations.
- » Park special events except where the sponsor has requested to allow dogs, with the Park Superintendent's approval.

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DOGS IN PARK RULES



Liability – Dog owners are legally and financially liable for injuries or damages caused by their dog(s).



Permit – Dog(s) must wear (4) tags: municipal license, vaccination, owner contact, and dog park permit (or daily receipt).



Control – Owner/handler must be in control of dog(s). Dog(s) must be within view and under voice control.



Waste – Dog waste must be cleaned up and placed in proper receptacle.



3 Dog Limit – No more than 3 dogs per owner/handler.



Leash – Dog(s) must be leashed when entering and leaving the dog exercise area and in parks where leashed dogs are allowed.



Children – Must be closely supervised by an adult. It is advised that young children not be brought in the off-leash area.



Water - Do not leave water or water bowls.



Treats – Do not distribute treats to dogs other than your own.



Aggressive Dogs – Any dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior must be removed immediately from the park.



In Season – Female dogs in season (heat) are not allowed in dog parks.



Park Hours – 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.



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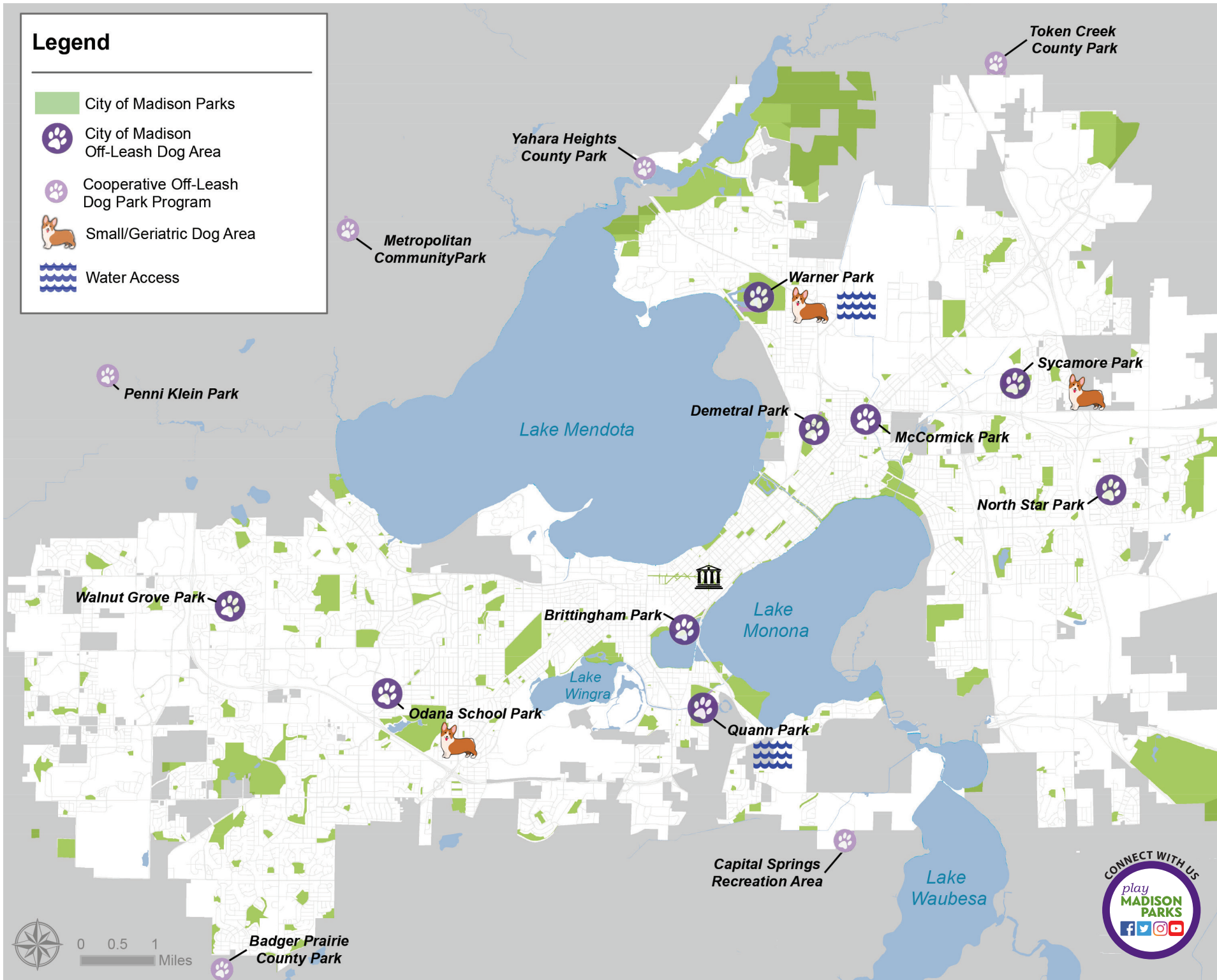


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Photograph by Kiara Elise

Legend

-  City of Madison Parks
-  City of Madison Off-Leash Dog Area
-  Cooperative Off-Leash Dog Park Program
-  Small/Geriatric Dog Area
-  Water Access



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