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**DOG PARKS SCHEDULED TO REOPEN IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department will reopen its popular Off-Leash Dog Areas at 7 a.m., Wednesday, June 3, but not without keeping the public’s health and safety in mind.

Pet owners and their furry friends will need to observe social distancing and several other new guidelines while visiting the following parks:

- 4.7-acre Off-Leash Dog Area at Broemmelsiek Park, 1795 Highway DD in Defiance
- 2.5-acre Off-Leash Dog Area at Quail Ridge Park, 560 Interstate Drive in Wentzville
- 3-acre Off-Leash Dog Area at Veterans Tribute Park, 1031 Kisker Road in Weldon Spring

Parks	Amenities
Bangert Island Park	Open
Broemmelsiek Park	Open
College Meadows Park	Open
Flatwoods Access	Open
Heritage Park	Open
Heritage Museum	Open
Hideaway Harbor Park	Open
Indian Camp Creek Park	Open
Mondike Park	Open
Lindenwood Park	Open
Watson Hill Park	Open
Quail Ridge Park	Open
Riverside Landing Park	Open
The Park at New Melle Lakes	Open
Towne Park	Open
Veterans Tribute Park	Open
Youth Activity Park	Open June 1
Boat Ramps	Open
Boone Home Tours	Open
Camping (tent, cabin, group)	Open
Disc Golf	Open
Dog Parks	Open June 3
Fishing Lakes	Open
Indoor Facilities	Open with Restrictions
Paddle Share Rentals	Open
Playgrounds	Closed
Programs	Open
Restrooms	Open
Shelter Rentals	Open with Restrictions
Trails	Open (when weather conditions allow)

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To keep guests safe, the following health and safety measures have been implemented:

- Social distancing is *required*. If you notice this rule is not being followed, please call the Ranger duty phone at 314-713-4394.
- Do not enter if you or your dog are ill.
- Wearing face coverings is encouraged.
- Washing hands or using hand sanitizer before entering the park and after leaving is encouraged.
- Arrive, play and leave – please do not congregate.
- Refrain from petting dogs that do not belong to you.
- No outside toys or balls are allowed.

Please note: If guests have symptoms of COVID-19, or think they have been exposed, they should go home immediately and call the St. Charles County Public Health Hotline at 636-949-1899 or contact their physician.

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### ***Dog Parks Reopen, p. 2***

As a reminder, the new regulations will be posted on the entrance gate of the Off-Leash Areas and at the information areas of the parks. All dogs are required to have current vaccinations and licenses before entering. Dog parks are open daily from 7 a.m. to 30 minutes past sunset.

For up-to-date information about park closures, visit the Rainout Line app on or website – [stccparks.org](http://stccparks.org), our Facebook page – [facebook.com/StCharlesCountyParks](https://facebook.com/StCharlesCountyParks), or contact the Parks Department at 636-949-7535.

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### **About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation**

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department was created in 1997 after voters approved a local use tax with the sole purpose of park land acquisition, development, operations and maintenance. The department's mission is to preserve natural and historic features in areas throughout the county for the use of future generations. Today, the department operates 16 parks that total 3,645 acres of acquired park land. From historic homesteads to a youth skate park; from camping, hiking, biking, and fishing to weddings and educational classrooms, there's something for everyone in St. Charles County Parks.

For more information and specifics about each park, amenities, trails, and more, visit [stccparks.org](http://stccparks.org).