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Fetch Pet-Friendly Fun at Knox County Dog Parks

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The dog days of summer are an enjoyable time of year in Knox County with several dog parks for pets to run, play, and swim.

Knox County Parks and Recreation operates four spacious off-leash dog parks, open daily from dawn to dusk, at the following locations:

- Concord Park, 10913 S. Northshore Drive
- I.C. King Expansion, 2625 Maryville Pike
- Tommy Schumpert Park, 6400 Fountain City Road
- Plumb Creek Park, 1517 Hickey Rd

All dog parks have spacious fenced areas that span several acres, feature walking trails, and offer large open areas for unleashed pets to socialize. Each park has a separate fenced area for dogs smaller than 30 pounds, for pets that prefer to play with someone their own size.

Your pooch can beat the summer heat by taking a dip in the designated swimming areas at Tommy Schumpert and Concord parks.

The planned construction of ten additional dog parks—five in the county, five in the city—in the next couple of years will give Knox County the most dog parks per capita in the nation.

A new dog park is already under construction at New Harvest Park. Four other county dog parks are planned for Beverly Park, the SportsPark, Powell Station Park, and Clayton Park. The Boyd Family Foundation announced grants in 2020 that provide \$50,000 for the construction of each park. The county will cover any remaining cost.

“On behalf of Knox County, I would like to thank Randy and Jenny Boyd for continuing to help make Knox County the most dog-friendly community in the country,” said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

You can see the video on [Knox County’s dog parks on YouTube](#).

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