

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-_____

RE: DESIGNATING DOG-FRIENDLY AREAS IN SPECIFIED SARASOTA COUNTY PARKS, PRESERVES AND TRAILS.

WHEREAS, Section 90-33 of the Sarasota County Code prohibits dogs, cats and other pets in County-owned parks but allows for areas to be specifically designated for activities involving animals such as dogs; and

WHEREAS, Section 14-48 of the Sarasota County Code prohibits animals in certain public areas including parks, it indicates that the Board may designate specific sites by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section 14-48 of the Code also requires dog owners to immediately pick up after their pets and dispose of their droppings in a lawful manner; and

WHEREAS, Section 14-41 of the Sarasota County Code requires that dogs shall not be permitted to run at large and shall be leashed; and

WHEREAS, Sarasota County recognizes that citizens and visitors wish to enjoy public outdoor recreational spaces with their dogs; and

WHEREAS, Dog parks (also known as paw parks) serve as places where dogs can safely be off-leash in a fenced area specifically designed for such use and Dog-friendly parks, preserves and trails are places where pets are welcome, but must be leashed at all times within the areas designated as such; and

WHEREAS, designating dog-friendly areas in parks, preserves and trails will contribute to the health and well being of dogs and their owners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein.
2. That the Board hereby approves the designation of dog-friendly areas in the County-owned sites listed in Exhibit A.
3. That appropriate signage, guidelines and other information will be posted to identify these sites and the designated areas therein.
4. That the Effective Date of this Resolution shall be January 1, 2017.
5. This Resolution shall supersede and replace Resolution No. 2012-048.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Ex-officio Clerk
to the Board of County Commissioners
of Sarasota County, Florida

BY: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

Sarasota County Parks, Preserves and Trails with Designated Dog-friendly Areas

The following North and South County parks, preserves and trails with dog-friendly areas offer a range of opportunities for people and their dogs.

Notwithstanding the following list of sites, dogs shall not be allowed in playgrounds, athletic fields, or other areas not designated for dogs on leash.

NORTH COUNTY DOG-FRIENDLY SITES	ADDRESS
Ackerman Park	6481 Interstate Blvd, Sarasota
Bayfront Park Addition	4000 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key
Beacon Drive	4435 Beacon Dr, Sarasota
Bee Ridge Park	4430 S Lockwood Ridge Rd, Sarasota
Boyd Park	4300 Midnight Pass Rd, Siesta Key
Celery Fields	6893 Palmer Blvd, Sarasota
Christopher Wheeler Park	1300 Old Stickney Point Rd, Siesta Key
Circus Hammock	4572 17th St, Sarasota
Colonial Oaks Park	5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd, Sarasota
Culverhouse Nature Park	7301 McIntosh Rd, Sarasota
Lakeview Park	7150 Lago St, Sarasota
Legacy Trail	Sarasota to Venice
Legacy Trail Parking Area/Access	7905 McIntosh Rd, Sarasota
Lime Lake Park	2020 N Lime Ave, Sarasota
Locklear Park	821 S Lockwood Ridge Rd, Sarasota
Longwood Park	6050 Longwood Blvd, Sarasota
McIntosh Lane	West end of McIntosh Ln, Sarasota
Nathan Benderson Park	5851 Nathan Benderson Cir, Sarasota
Nora Patterson Bay Island Park (South)	946 Siesta Dr, Siesta Key
Phillippi Creek Levee Trail	1027 Greer Rd, Sarasota
Phillippi Estate Park	5500 S. Tamiami Tr, Sarasota
Phillippi Shores Park	1863 Phillippi Shores Dr, Sarasota
Potter Park	8587 Potter Park Dr, Sarasota
Red Bug Slough Preserve	5200 Beneva Rd, Sarasota
Red Rock Park	3987 Camino Real, Sarasota
Ringling Blvd Site	2525 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota
South Gate Circle	3170 Southgate Cir, Sarasota
Stoneybrook Nature Trail	Central Sarasota Pkwy, Sarasota
Twin Lakes Park	6700 Clark Rd, Sarasota
Urfer Family Park	4012 Honore Ave, Sarasota
Vamo Drive Park	1690 Vamo Dr, Sarasota
Vinson Ave	Vinson Ave/Linwood Dr, Sarasota
Wharf Road Park	1601 Wharf Rd, Sarasota

SOUTH COUNTY DOG-FRIENDLY SITES	ADDRESS
Ainger Creek Trails	29490 Winchester Blvd, Englewood
Alligator Creek Conservation And Recreation Area	425 Venice East Blvd, Venice
Bay Point Park	490 Lyons Rd, Nokomis
Bay Street Park	300 E Bay St, Osprey
Blackburn Point Park	800 and 421 Blackburn Point Rd, Osprey
Kiwanis Foundation Park at Buchan Airport Community Park	1390 Old Englewood Rd, Englewood
Challenger Park	371 Olivia Rd, Venice
Cherokee Street Park Site	67 Cherokee St, Englewood
Curry Creek Preserve	1075 Albee Farm Rd, Venice
Deer Prairie Creek Preserve	10201 S. Tamiami Tr, Venice
Englewood Recreation Center Park	101 N Orange St, Englewood
Englewood Sports Complex	1300 S River Rd, Englewood
Jelks Preserve	2300 N River Rd, Venice
Laurel Park (parking area and the specified trail leading to the Legacy Trail)	509 Collins Rd, Nokomis
Legacy Trail	Venice to Sarasota
Lemon Bay Park	570 Bay Park Blvd, Englewood
Loreto Court Bay Access	800 Loreto Ct, Nokomis
Lyons Bay Park	600 Bayview Pkwy, Nokomis
Manasota Scrub Preserve (area east of Bridge St)	2695 Bridge St., Englewood
Merkle Park and Addition	107 River Blvd S, Nokomis
Nightingale Park	675 Nightingale Rd, Venice
Nokomis Community Park	234 Nippino Trl E, Nokomis
Nokomis Riverview Park	251 Riverview Dr S, Nokomis
Osprey Junction Trailhead	939 E Bay St, Osprey
Patriots Park at Venetia Bay	800 Venetia Bay Blvd, Venice
Pinelands Reserve and Rocky Ford	4000 Knights Trail Rd, Nokomis
Pocono Trail Preserve	189 Pocono Tr, Nokomis
Scherer Thaxton Preserve	13125 Honore Ave, Nokomis
Shamrock Park	3900 W Shamrock Dr, Venice
Shoreland Park	251 Shoreland Dr, Osprey
Skip Stasko Park	2101 Scenic Dr, Venice
Sleeping Turtles Preserve North (area north of Border Rd)	3462 Border Rd, Venice
Sorrento East	420 Rubens Dr, Osprey
Tarpon Park	4201 Tarpon Rd, Venice
Venice Gardens Park	400 Shamrock Blvd, Venice
Venice Train Depot	303 E Venice Ave, Venice

Sarasota County dog parks that offer leash-free recreational spaces are located at: 17th Street Park, Lakeview Park, Woodmere Park. Sarasota County also operates South Brohard Beach Paw Park in the City of Venice and Arlington Paw Park in the City of Sarasota.