



**Take the pledge  
for the environment!**

**Lower Grand River Watershed  
Dog Parks**



★ **Dog Parks** ★

**Coast Guard Park**  
N Shore Rd  
Spring Lake, MI 49456  
\*Free

**Covell Dog Park**  
Bridge St & Covell NW  
North of Lake Michigan Dr  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
\*Free

**Hillcrest Dog Park**  
Located in Fuller Park  
1309 Lyon St NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
\*Free

**Lowell Dog Park**  
In Stoney Lakeside Park  
1150 Bowes Rd  
Lowell, MI 49331  
\*Free

**Mulligan's Hollow**  
600 Mulligan's Dr  
Located behind the YMCA  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
\*Free

**Shaggy Pines Dog Park**  
3895 Cherry Lane Ave SE  
Ada, MI 49301  
\*Membership / Fee

**Wyoming Dog Park**  
Located in Marquette Park  
1414 Nagel SW  
Wyoming, MI 49509  
\*Membership / Fee

Is your favorite dog park not on the list? Let us know!

LGROW is the champion organization dedicated to protecting and improving the natural resources of the Lower Grand River Watershed.

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**Lower Grand River Watershed  
Dogs for the Environment**

## Responsible pet ownership

Bring a responsible pet owner means more than just licensing and vaccinating your pet, it means controlling your dogs' interactions with people, wildlife, and natural areas. Here are some actions you and your dog can take to keep our beautiful Watershed clean, green, and safe.

## Scoop the poop

Dog poop is essentially raw sewage; it contains harmful organisms like *E. coli*, *Leptospira*, and Roundworms. These organisms can be contracted by other dogs, wildlife, and even children. Bacteria from dog poop can wash into rivers and streams when it rains. Many municipal codes also require that all poop must be picked up and disposed of into the proper receptacle.

## Leash your dog

While your dog is your friendly, furry companion, other animals and even people may view dogs as a threat. Unleashed dogs can harm birds, amphibians, fish, and other wildlife. They may also disturb breeding areas or harass wintering wildlife causing them to use valuable energy reserves. Dogs running loose in natural parks also trample plants and create inappropriate trails. Worse, they can endanger themselves, other dogs, and people. Many municipalities require that all dogs in parks must be kept on a leash unless in a designated off-leash area.

## Off-leash areas

Every dog deserves the freedom to run, play, and socialize with other dogs. There are seven off-leash areas within the Watershed for dogs to frolic and enjoy open green spaces designated just for them.

Help LGROW  
keep our  
Watershed  
healthy and  
clean for  
everyone



## Parks are for everyone

Our parks and natural areas not only provide recreation and relaxation for people, children, and dogs, they also provide important habitat for fish and wildlife. Our parks are home to threatened fish, salamanders, and birds.

Individual park rules may vary. Check with your parks department for specific rules and regulations. Violation of either leash or scoop law could result in a fine.

Visit the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds website to find out what is happening in your area and what you can do to improve your watershed:

[www.LGROW.org](http://www.LGROW.org)

**I'm for the  
environment!**

## Pledge

**Human:** I pledge to be environmentally responsible by:

- Keeping my dog on leash and on the trail in natural areas
- Scooping and properly disposing of poop

signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog:** I pledge to do my part to be environmentally responsible and earn the plastic waste bag dispenser.

paw: \_\_\_\_\_

To receive your plastic waste bag dispenser, including bags, please sign the pledge, cut it out, and send it to:

LGROW  
Dogs for the Environment  
678 Front Avenue NW, Suite 200  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Please send my bag dispenser to this address:

name: \_\_\_\_\_

dog's name: \_\_\_\_\_

address: \_\_\_\_\_

city/state/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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