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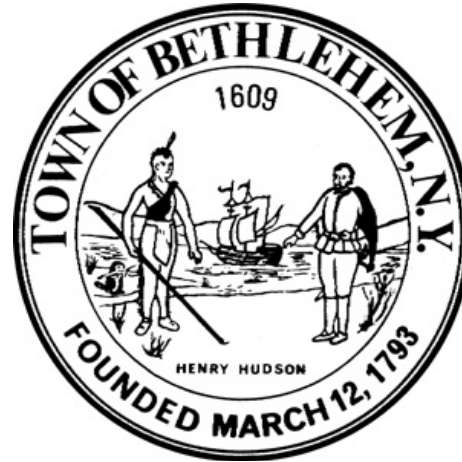
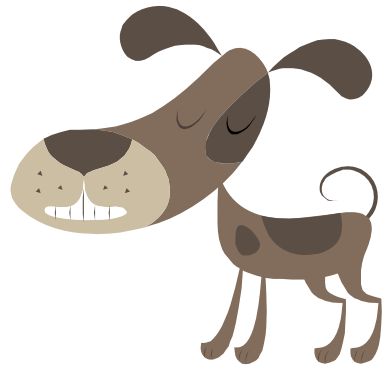
The access path and the entrance to the park are accessible for the physically challenged. An accessible parking space is available off of the service road to the park.

## **SUGGESTIONS**

Suggestions can be directed to the Parks & Recreation Department,  
261 Elm Avenue,  
Delmar, NY 12054.

Comments or concerns regarding the violation or enforcement of park rules can be directed to the Bethlehem Police Department  
Animal Control 439-9973.

Comments or concerns regarding maintenance of the park can be directed to the Parks & Recreation Department  
439-4955 Option 3

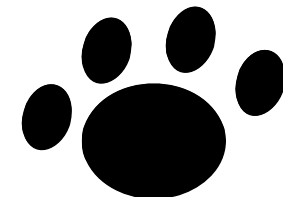


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# **TOWN OF BETHLEHEM DOG PARK**

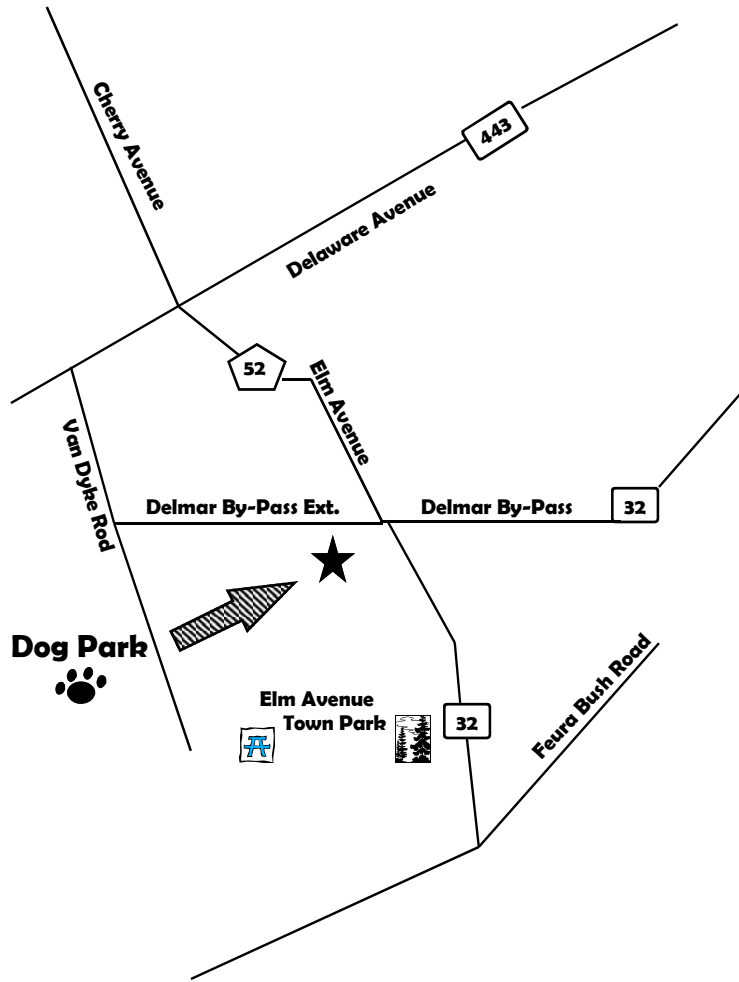


## **INFORMATION**





The Bethlehem Dog Park provides a place for Bethlehem residents to exercise their dogs. It is a fenced, 1.3 acre site located within the northernmost area of Elm Avenue Park in Delmar. The dog park can be accessed from the Delmar By-Pass Extension, 1/10 of a mile west of Route 32.

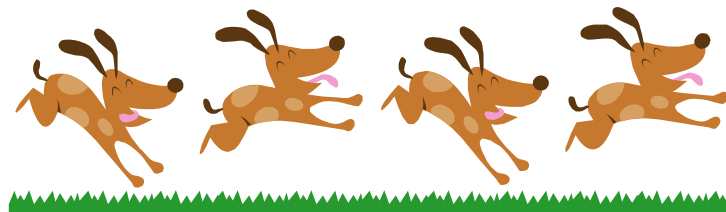


## **PARK RULES**

*For safety reasons and concern for nearby homeowners, the following rules must be adhered to. The rules are also posted at the dog park.*

- Usage is restricted to Town of Bethlehem residents with permits.
- Current dog license and usage permit is required. Dogs must wear a collar with license and permit tag at all times.
- Owners must clean up after their dogs and place feces in the appropriate container. Littering is prohibited.
- Owners must accompany and supervise their dogs at all times and are legally responsible for the actions and behavior of their dogs. Dogs must be leashed outside the exercise area and owners must carry a leash inside the area.
- Children under age 10 are not permitted. Children age 10-17 must be accompanied by an adult, and may not run in the park or chase dogs.
- Dogs in heat are prohibited.
- Dogs with a history of aggressive behavior are prohibited when other dogs are in the park. If at any time a dog shows any sign of being dangerous toward people or other dogs, it is to be removed immediately.
- Puppies under 4 months of age are not allowed.
- Habitual barking, as to unreasonably disturb any person other than the dog owner, is prohibited.
- Rawhide, dog treats, and food are prohibited.
- Owners must stop their dog from digging, and holes must be filled.
- Dog training classes are prohibited.
- No more than 2 dogs per owner are allowed at one time.
- Town park rules also apply within the dog park.
- Hours of operation: 8:00am to dusk. (From late October until April the lower area of the park will be lit until 7:00pm)

*Enforcement of these rules is under the immediate supervision of the Animal Control Officer. Violators of these rules are subject to removal from the park, revocation of permits, and fines and penalties.*



## **PERMITS**

Town of Bethlehem dog owners wishing to use the dog park will be required to have a permit for each dog. Permits will be valid through December 31st of the year of issuance, and must be renewed each year.

Permits must be obtained at the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall. To obtain a permit, the dog must be licensed and have current rabies and distemper boosters. A permit tag, with the permit number and expiration date, will be issued and must be attached to the dog's collar when using the dog park.

The annual permit fee will be \$30 per dog. The fee will be reduced to \$15 beginning October 1st. Senior Citizens aged 62 and older will have a fee of \$15. The fee will be waived for individuals who have temporary ownership of a dog who is being trained to help people (i.e. Seeing eye, police, rescue). Proof of temporary ownership will be required. The fee is also waived for those owners with a service dog who is assisting a disabled individual. Identification papers must be presented. Any replacement dog tag will be \$5.

## **PARKING**

Parking is prohibited along the Delmar By-Pass Extension, the service roads leading to the park, and the grass areas. Ample parking is available at the Park 'n' Ride lot, adjacent to the dog park.

## **WASTE CLEANUP**

Owners are required to clean up after their dogs. An in ground receptacle is available for disposal. Scoops are available and must be returned to the appropriate location after use.

**HOURS-Please respect nearby homeowners and adhere to posted hours.**

*The park is open everyday, year round from 8am to dusk. Due to noise concerns and early morning traffic in the vicinity, usage will not be allowed before 8am. During the winter months the lower area of the park will be lit until 7:00pm. Snow will be cleared from the entrance but not from the exercise area. The park may be closed during extremely wet conditions.*