Wilmette’s Dog Beach, located at the south end of Gillson Park, is a popular off leash destination for many four-footed friends and their owners.

To use the Dog Beach, owners must purchase a dog permit tag* at the Administrative Office, 1200 Wilmette Ave.

R—$41 / NR—$208

For each additional dog: Resident–$7 / Non-Resident–$69. Permits are good from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

* The Cook County Animal and Rabies Control Ordinance requires written proof of current vaccinations including distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, parovirus, bordetella and a negative fecal test, along with an examination within the past year for any communicable diseases. Proof of a current rabies certificate is also required for dog permit tag purchase.

DAILY HOURS:

• May 23–June 14, 2020  6 a.m.–10:30 p.m.
• June 15–Aug. 7, 2020*  Mon.–Fri., 6–10 a.m. & 3:30–10:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 6 a.m.–9:30 p.m.
• Aug. 8, 2020–June 13, 2021  6 a.m.–10:30 p.m.

* Closed July 3 & 4

Rules:

• Dogs must be on leash at all times in Gillson Park on their way to the dog beach.
• Permit tag(s) must be presented upon entering Gillson Park Dog Beach.
• Owners who fail to clean up after their dog(s) are subject to a fine and loss of access.
• Dogs who exhibit aggressive behavior will lose access privileges.
• Swimming at the Dog Beach is for dogs only.

These rules are strictly enforced. Ordinance 2004-0-3 adopted 6/14/04

Violation Fines:

• Dog off-leash in non-designated areas or designated areas off hours: $75
• Dog on leash in non-designated areas or designated areas off hours: $50
• Failure of owner to clean up after dog: $50
• Dog on leash exceeding 10 feet in length: $50