



Spring Field Dog Trials in Crow-Hassan Park Reserve

Dear Field Dog Trial Participants,

The Three Rivers Park District's Board of Commissioners authorized field dog trials in Crow-Hassan Park Reserve between April 1 and June 1. As you know, the State prohibits dog trials in the spring on wildlife management units because of the potential detrimental impact on nesting birds and other wildlife. While the Park District allows dog trials in the spring, we imposed the following restrictions on dog trials to provide some protection for the resource.

Prairie management practices, such as burning, will not be altered to accommodate the dog trials. Units available for trials may be changed to provide dog trials some unburned areas, but some burned units will be included in the trial area.

Dog trials are permitted only as long as they do not have a significant impact on the wildlife using the park or on prairie vegetation.

Dogs, participants and spectators must confine their activities to the units designated on a map provided by Three Rivers Park District.

Three Rivers Park District's staff monitored dog trials between 1996 and 2001 to try to assess their impact on the natural resources of the park. We did not detect any significant detrimental impacts for wildlife. We do not intend to do any formal monitoring of the dog trials in 2011, but we will be conducting our normal wildlife surveys.

The enclosed map shows the area that is open for the dog trials this year. It is the same as last year. We try to manage our prairie on a three-year burn rotation. The units we intend to burn are shown on the map. Burning will occur sometime between early April and mid May. Some of the trials will be over before the units are burned. There may be some changes.

Please spread your horses out while on the prairie to avoid creating distinct horse trails.

Woods and wetlands define most of the boundaries of the dog trial area. Any boundaries that run across the prairie will be posted. There is one especially sensitive area for plants in the northeast corner of the trial area, just as you enter the prairie. It is posted with "No Horses" signs. Please respect these signs and avoid this area.

Good luck with your event at Crow-Hassan. I can be reached at (763) 694-7842 if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Gillette, Wildlife Manager for Three Rivers Park District



Field Trial Area Reservation Holders:

Your confirmation, which was sent to you at the time of your reservation, allows you to use the Field Trial Area in Three Rivers Park District. Please note the specific park and area for which your reservation is valid. Other park users (horseback riders, hikers, dog walkers) will be on the trails in areas of the park you may be using for the field trial event, please approach them courteously and in a safe manner. At Crow Hassan Park Reserve there are group camps in the park, these areas should be avoided by your group, unless you are on a designated horse trail. A map is enclosed which gives the approximate borders of the field trial area, limit your field trial activities to this area. Your reservation is conditional on your following the conditions listed below. These conditions are set to ensure safety and to protect the park resources.

1. Any group using the designated field trial area shall pay the camp site fee per day and a \$2.00 per entry fee to be collected by the association and paid to Three Rivers Park District five business days after the trial. There have been issues with groups staying beyond the Sunday checkout time of 1:00pm. As a result, an additional night will be charged to all groups. If your group vacates the campsite before the 1:00pm checkout time, the additional fee will be refunded.
2. The group leader must have the reservation confirmation on site. The reservation is only for the time and date stated on the confirmation.
3. Dogs must be leashed or confined except when in scheduled competition (one brace at a time).
4. It is the responsibility of the dog owner to keep their dog under control and not to disturb, harass, or interfere with other park visitors.
5. Use of firearms or devices considered firearms under Federal Law is prohibited. Use of blank starter pistols not considered firearms under Federal Law is permitted and must be noted on the confirmation.
6. Use of pigeons, quail, or chukars is permitted for field trial purposes only, and must be authorized on the confirmation.
7. All other Park Ordinances must be followed. Copies of the Ordinances are available upon request.
8. Temporary signs are allowed, they must be removed at the conclusion of your event.
9. Your group is responsible to fill in any holes dug by your dogs. A wheel barrow, shovel, rake and fill will be available for your use at the site. If holes are left unfilled, you will be charged a maintenance fee of \$25.00 per hour for any repairs our employees are required to make.
10. Part of the management plan for Crow Hassan Park Reserve is to conduct supervised prairie burns in sections of the park during early to mid-April. If you have a question about the location of the planned burns, please contact our Natural Resource Management staff at 763/ 476-4663.

We hope you enjoy your field trial experiences while in the parks. Please contact our office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Reservations Staff
Three Rivers Park District
763/ 559-6700



FIELD TRIAL AREA INFORMATION
CROW-HASSAN PARK RESERVE

CLEAN UP:

Your special use fee includes normal site maintenance. If your group causes extraordinary maintenance service, your group will be charged at an hourly rate to cover labor costs. Please ask group members to generally pick-up the site at the conclusion of your event. Park Maintenance crews may visit your site during the reservation period to perform routine maintenance. Shovels, rakes and a wheelbarrow are provided at the area for your use.

BARN USE:

The ground floor of the barn is available for your use, it includes nine stalls. Bedding and manure must be removed from the barn and may not be left anywhere in the park or at the site upon your departure.

WATER:

Drinking water, with jug filler is available at the River Bend site May 15-Oct. 1. Please bring your own water containers.

FIREWOOD/ELECTRICITY :

Beginning in 2009, it is unlawful to bring firewood from unapproved sources into any Three Rivers Park District property. This new policy is being implemented to help prevent the spread of invasive pests such as the Emerald Ash Borer. The spread of these and other pests has been closely associated with the movement of firewood.

Firewood may be purchased from an approved vendor within 100 miles of the park. Approved vendors have met guidelines established by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. A receipt must accompany firewood to verify the purchase location.

One bundle of firewood is included with your reservation. Branches, sticks, and trees located within Park property may not be gathered for firewood. Fires must be built in the fire pits provided.

Groups may bring in grills if desired. Coals and grease must be disposed of in a proper manner. Be sure all fires are completely extinguished before leaving the area. Do not pour hot water onto grass.

Electricity is not available at this site. If electricity is required, we recommend you use a portable generator.

PARKING:

The parking area can accommodate approximately 35 vehicles and trailers. There is a combination lock for the gate entrance to the field trial area. The combination for the lock is located on your Global Sales Receipt. Please re-lock it when your group leaves the area. Parking fees no longer apply at Three Rivers Park District.