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Dogs Nikita and Athena play around at The Barklands of Floyds Fork in Louisville. PHOTOS BY CLARE GRANT/COURIER JOURNAL

A full guide to dog parks in Louisville for summer

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The summer months are here and warmer temperatures and sunny skies mean you can spend more time outdoors. What does that mean for your four-legged companion?

If you're looking for ways to bond with your pet or just help them burn some energy, these dog parks in the area are worth a visit:

PG&J's Dog Park Bar

Location: 800 Baxter Ave. in Louisville.

Hours: Noon to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Closed on Monday.

Membership: Not required. A day pass can be purchased for \$10, a 5-day pass for \$30 or a 10-day pass for \$60. Memberships are also available for \$40 per month, \$120 for three months or \$365 for a year.

About: PG&J's is an indoor and outdoor off-leash dog park and bar selling alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, according to the organization's website. On the drink menu are draft beer, seltzers, wine and a variety of cocktails. Mocktails, hot tea and coffee are also available for those who don't drink. Non-dog owners are also welcome to attend but should note dogs will be off-leash.

Old Louisville Dog Run

Location: Toonerville Trolley Park, 1215 S. Brook St. in Louisville.

Hours: 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Membership: Required. Louisville Dog Run Association members only. \$45 annually.

About: According to ttnalouisville.org, the Old Louisville Dog Run is located in Toonerville Trolley Park in Old Louisville at Oak and Brook Street. The dog park consists of two 100' x 115' areas, one built over an old tennis court and the other at the back of the park.



Dogs Louie and Frankie play at Champions Dog Run in Louisville.

Morton Avenue Dog Park

Location: 1548 Morton Ave. in Louisville.

Hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Membership: Not required.

About: According to topdogparks.com, Morton Avenue Dog Park is the only Louisville park that doesn't require a membership. It is an off-leash, gated dog park that also provides chew toys and tennis balls, and accessible water and garbage bins.

Vettiner Dog Run

Location: Charlie Vettiner Park, 5550 Charlie Vettiner Park Road in Louisville.

Hours: Sunrise to sunset daily.

Membership: Required. Louisville Dog Run Association members only. \$45 annually.

About: According to Wag!, Vettiner Dog Run is a two-acre off-leash dog park within a section of Charlie Vettiner

Park. The dog park is divided into two areas, one for smaller dogs weighing no more than 30 pounds and the other for all dogs. Puppies must be at least four months to use the facility.

The dog park has shoulder-high fencing but is completely outdoors. Some shade is provided by surrounding trees. The area has benches and water fountains but owners are expected to bring their own pet waste bags and place them in the provided garbage bins.

Cochran Hill Dog Run

Location: Cherokee Park, 745 Cochran Hill Road in Louisville.

Hours: 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Membership: Required. Louisville Dog Run Association members only. \$45 annually.

About: The Cochran Hill Dog Run at Cherokee Park is the only leash-free

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The Fund for the Arts CEO Guess to step down

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The Fund for the Arts will soon have a new leader.

The nonprofit agency, which supports Louisville's arts community, has been led by President and CEO Andre Kimo Stone Guess since 2021. Guess said he'll step down from the role in June 2026 and plans to spend his final year working on several specific projects.

Guess has spent the past five years overseeing the organization, one of the oldest united arts campaigns in the country. It has raised more than \$200

million for the Greater Louisville area since it was established in 1949.

According to its most recent annual report for fiscal year 2024, Fund for the Arts reported net assets of nearly \$7.8 million and supported 27 area nonprofits with \$2.3 million in sustaining grants, among other financial support and programming.

While serving as president, Guess developed the "I Am An Artist" campaign and the Arts in Neighborhoods initiative, spearheaded the Cultural Pass app, developed new vision, mission, values and strategies for the Fund for the Arts, and secured a \$750,000 Humana Foundation investment with outgoing Board of Directors Chair Nicole Yates.

"Guess has been a strong, visionary leader for the institution and will leave

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Prospect post office to move to new location

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The Prospect post office will soon be on the move.

The U.S. Postal Service location at 9523 U.S. Highway 42 at Prospect Point Shopping Center will move a quarter mile down the road to 9217 U.S. Highway 42 at the Prospect Plaza shopping center, the Postal Service announced June 20.

Operations will continue at the current site through July 31. Until the new location is fully ready to open, a temporary mobile post office will open in the parking lot of either the current or the future location, according to the Postal Service.

The Postal Service lost its lease at the current location, where a grocery-anchored redevelopment is in the works.

A development plan filed in December 2024 shows a nearly 56,000-square-foot grocery store would be built on site, the Courier Journal previously reported. That plan is still moving through the city's approval process. No specific grocery tenant has yet been announced.

The development would include the grocery and adjacent retail storefronts totaling about 20,000 square feet, similar to the existing layout, according to a site plan.

"While the Postal Service is sensitive to the impact of this decision on its customers and the Prospect community, we properly considered community input, and this decision is consistent with Postal Service objectives," a spokesperson said in a release, saying the Postal Service "carefully considered the concerns and comments received from the public."

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Popular Germantown bar and boutique closing

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ShopBar is closing up shop.

Months after the popular Germantown bar and boutique posted about plans to "stay open" after a previous closing announcement, that's no longer the case for the Barret Avenue spot.

"We busted and are wrapping it up," read ShopBar's post from Mon-

day, June 16.

The bar's final day in operation is set for Monday, June 30.

ShopBar, which includes a cozy bar and a small storefront selling vintage and locally-made items, opened at a former service station at 950 Barret Ave. in 2019 from co-owners Natasha Sud and Gerald Dickerson.

Before the establishment's final send-off later this month, ShopBar will offer "big shop sales" and bar specials, according to Instagram.

And until then, ShopBar's bar will be open 4 p.m. to midnight Monday-Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday-Friday, and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. The boutique will be open noon to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

"Thanks to everyone for your support these last six years," the post stated. "It's been a great ride!"

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