

# Cuddy Park

Located on Colonial Drive near Salford Station Road

Open sunrise to sunset

Best known for its super popular dog park, Cuddy Park is very much a multi use rural park with many natural attractions.



## Features

- Two fenced dog play areas each 50 by 150 ft. with paved sitting areas for owners and numerous dog waste stations
- Several walking trails, including ½ mile gravel loop around the park passing through natural surroundings
- Natural Meadow preserve area with mowed walking trails and benches for quiet relaxation and observation
- Huge 50 x 50 ft demonstration rain garden with native plants that attract butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, and other pollinators. Cuddy Park's rain garden manages runoff from the parking lot and a large section of the park.
- 20 x 40 ft pavilion with 4 picnic tables and a charcoal grill
- Paved parking for 20 cars adjacent the dog park and pavilion
- Porta potty, trash cans, and electric outlets



## Events

- Free outdoor concert series every summer
- Annual Pollinator Day event, highlighting some of the many birds, butterflies, and insects native to our area of the country, their role in the environment, and the plants that attract and sustain them.

Cuddy's trails are a bucolic pleasure in summer or winter.





The trails offer quiet solitude in winter — and a chance to try out those new cross country skis or snowshoes. And, the wildlife tracks in the fresh snow reveal the presence of many animals who share the park and its trails with us human visitors .



Cuddy meadow is a restored and maintained natural meadow which has been seeded with native plants and protected from the ravages of deer. It includes a broad variety of beautiful native plants which provide habitat for many species of birds, bees, butterflies, and other animals. Trails are maintained through the meadow to make it easy for the visitor to stroll the meadow and observe all the beautiful flora and fauna. Or, just relax on one of the benches and enjoy nature.





The meadow looks very different in winter with its snow cover. As plants die down in the fall, the stems and seed heads are left standing until late spring. The beneficial native insects use the stems for winter shelter and emerge in the spring, and the seed heads provide a natural source of food for the birds.

Of course, not all life is above ground as other animals take shelter from the winter weather in underground dens and burrows. Underground dwellers include wood mice, moles, groundhogs, and rabbits.





The dog park is a lively place all year around!





With its barbecue grill, 4 picnic tables, and adjacent grass-covered play area, the 20 x 40 ft pavilion offers a terrific place for small family outings ... or just for a pleasant outdoor lunch!





And on Summer evenings, it becomes the stage for the outdoor concert series, featuring a variety of music styles. There's plenty of space for young folks to run and play, and the concerts are adjacent to the dog park, so the family pet can also blow off some steam! Just to top off that warm summer evening, there's an ice cream truck available for an evening treat.





Immediately across from the main entrance to Cuddy Park, is a very sizeable rain garden. The Cuddy rain garden serves as a working demonstration of one of the most environmentally sound and effective ways of managing the runoff from our increasingly heavy rainfalls. Much of the park west of the entrance drains into the rain garden, where in all but the heaviest rainfalls, it is contained and filtered back into the ground water rather than shed as runoff. All of the rain garden's plantings are native to this area and provide food and habitat to countless birds, butterflies, bees, and other animals.

