BUSY PROFESSIONALS
ULTIMATE GUIDE

For Dog Adventures
Around Gwinnett County

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2 Paws Up Inc
Pet Sitting  |  Dog Walking  |  Dog Training
Letter from the Owner

I am often asked about Gwinnett County pet services and places where your dog can exercise, play and congregate with other animals. This guide has been created to answer questions about where to take your dog for exercise and recreation, socialization, as well as exercises you can do indoors. You will also find places where you can dine with your dog, take your dog for walks, as well as finding a 5K you and your dog can participate in. Check out the many places in Gwinnett County that cater to you and your special friend.

Hi, I’m Barbie Klapp and I’m the founder of 2 Paws Up Inc. Since 2003 we’ve served more than 900 furry, fuzzy, and feathered clients in the Lilburn, Snellville, Grayson, Loganville, Tucker, Stone Mountain, and Lawrenceville areas of Gwinnett County. We’ve helped more than 600 humans reconnect to their pets and learn that they can travel (and work late) without pet-related guilt! I am happy to announce that I wrote my first book, “Pet Travel Tips”. I felt that it is important to know a few facts on how to travel with our furry families. Whether you’re traveling in the states, overseas, to a local pet store, or even to a dog park, we need to know how to transport our fur family-members safely.
Dog Park Basic Guidelines from The Association of Professional Dog Trainers

The following are some basic guidelines that should be taken into consideration when bringing your dog to a dog park. An ideal park will have all the desirable items and none of the undesirable items. However, just because a park doesn’t have everything or does have an undesirable item doesn’t mean it is not a good dog park. These guidelines are for dog park patrons to use as a guide – different items will be important to different people.

Be sure to take your dog’s temperament into consideration and don’t assume their having a good time – watch your dog’s demeanor and make an informed judgment about how happy they are to be there. Some dogs will have no desire to play yet will love to sniff all the bushes and trees; other dogs will be thrilled to race another dog from one end of the park to the other. Both of these dogs can benefit from the dog park – they just enjoy it in different ways.

If you take the time to be an informed dog owner, you will be able to judge for yourself if the situation you and your dog are in is a good situation – so, have fun at the dog park and remember to bring a pooper scooper!

https://apdt.com/pet-owners/dog-park/etiquette/
Body language is the primary communication for dogs.

Whether it is tail wagging or lip curling; these are forms of communication for dogs.

Vocalizations are utilized but on a much lesser scale.

Our domesticated dogs have found whining to be very effective in manipulating us; however adult dogs do not typically whine to each other.

Their ancestors, wolves, howl but generally do not bark.

Perhaps our domesticated dogs are trying to tap into the verbal aspect of our communication.

Gwinnett County Dog Parks
Off Leash

**Ronald Reagan Park**
2777 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW,
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Tranquil open space with a playground,
Picnic pavilions, basketball courts,
a skate park & a dog area.

**Lenora Park**
4515 Lenora Church Rd,
Snellville, GA 30039

Sprawling park with disc golf & a dog area also offers plenty of paved trails for biking & walking.

**Graves Park**
1540 Graves Rd,
Norcross, GA 30093

Amenities include 70 acres, two tennis courts, sand volleyball court, playground, dog park area, 1.25-mile paved multi-purpose trail, grill, and pavilion.
Fun Things To Do with Your Dog

Paw Painting

Paw painting can be a fun and creative project to do on a rainy day. So let your dog express their creative side and help them make a paw print painting.

Be sure to have plenty of old newspapers to protect your floor, a piece of art paper and of course, a willing participant. When all is said and done, you’ll now have a piece of art not just worth a lick, but suitable for framing!

The paint needs to be non-toxic; however, to be safe try not to let them lick themselves. You may need to include a bath time as a final step to this potentially messy project.

Here is a list of the items for this fun project. It is also great as a summertime project.

- Illustration Board
- 8 x 11 printer paper
- Tape
- Child-safe, Non-toxic finger paints
- Paint brush
- Water in water bucket
- Washcloth
- Newspaper, inexpensive shower curtain, painters’ cloth or old blanket.

YouTube has several videos on Paw Painting. Bring the inner child back into your life and have fun painting!
Hide and Seek

It’s easy to train your dog to hunt for you when you’re hidden. The key is to teach them how rewarding it is to find you. When first introducing the game of hide-and-seek, you will want to choose hiding spots that will easily allow your dog to find you.

Start with hiding just out of their sight. Don't make it too hard or your dog may give up. Try hiding in another room, and when your dog enters you will be in their sight. After a few repetitions of this, hide behind a piece of furniture in another room while still somewhat in their sight. After a while your dog will rely on scent to sniff you out instead of their eyes.

Your dog will have a fantastic time playing hide-and-seek with you and they will learn to come when called because they will associate it with lots of fun.

Here is how to play:

• First, get some tasty treats or your dog’s favorite toy.
• Ask your dog to sit-stay or down-stay. If your dog doesn’t know how to stay yet, have a helper hold her collar for you.
• Go to another room and find a hiding place. Remember to take your dog’s treats or toy with you so that you can reward her immediately when she finds you.
• When you’re in your hiding place, call your dog to come to you—just once. Wait while she searches.
• As soon as your dog finds you, throw a party! Praise her enthusiastically and give her several treats, or toss her favorite toy and play a quick game of tug or fetch.

Pooch N Paws
Pet Boutique & Bakery
320 Town Center Park, Suwanee, GA 30024
770-932-7040

*Pet Boutique* offers a full line of pet accessories… dog clothes, pet beds, and gourmet treats.

Taj Mahound
707 East Lake Dr, Decatur, GA 30030
404-377-9220

The *Taj Mahound Bone Appetit Barkery* is a bakery designed with your special dog in mind, featuring a variety of homemade dog treats, and custom holiday gifts.

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Lace up, leash up, and hit the ground running. There are numerous friendly events for all running levels. Dog friendly races are a great way to socialize, get a great workout and meet other dog people.

If you want to go from couch potato to running your first race be sure to visit Fleet Feet in Lawrenceville or Johns Creek.

Meet-Up Groups

Choose from interesting meet-up groups where people take their pets for special activities. Some of the groups have one event while others have weekly meetings. You can find information following this link: Meet-Up with Pets.
Conclusion

There you have it – the complete Ultimate Guide for Dog Adventures in Gwinnett County.

My goal was to give some creative activities that you can do with your 4-legged friend on your day off, and inspire you to make up some of your own. We would love to hear what activities you do with your dog.

If you’re interested in getting started with 2 Paws Up Inc you have a few simple options…

1. You can call the office at 770-695-3096.
2. You can register for a FREE Consultation by clicking this button ➔
3. You can fill out a Request for a Quote by clicking here

Thanks so much for your interest in 2 Paws Up Inc!

Big hugs to your furry, feathered and amphibious friends,

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