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Have a 'paws-itively' fabulous time at first-ever Tails & Trails Race
Dogs are welcome to run, walk with their humans during 1K, 5K event Aug. 18

CLARKSTON, MI – Aug. 8, 2024 – No bones about it, the dog days of summer will be in full force at Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston on Aug. 18 when the first-ever Tails & Trails 5K/1K Race presented by Oakland County Parks (OCP) takes place. Participants are welcome to run or walk with their favorite four-legged friend while raising awareness for the Do Only Good Animal Rescue.

A kids 1K race will begin at 10 a.m. featuring OCP's mascot Oakie the Squirrel. The 5K race will follow with a 10:30 a.m. start. Dogs are welcome to race with their humans as long as they have a current dog license and are kept on a 6-foot leash.

"We are looking forward to having a lot of fun while raising awareness for a good cause," Recreation Program Coordinator and Race Organizer Riley Hayes said. "The Do Only Good Animal Rescue is a non-profit organization that supports dogs at the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center by helping to facilitate adoptions into furever homes."

Donations for the Do Only Good Animal Rescue can be made on the race website and on site the day of the Tails & Trails Race.

"We invite everyone to come out and enjoy the park on race day. This is going to be a great event that promises to be a fun time for humans and animals alike," she said.

The racecourse will run along a beautiful, wooded trail that meets up with Crooked Lake at some points. Three water stations and restrooms will be available along the route. Spectators are welcome to cheer on walkers and runners.

Cost is \$30 for the 5K and each participant will receive a T-shirt and medal while supplies last. Cost is \$15 for the 1K and each participant will receive a goodie bag and medal. Independence Oaks County Park is located at 9501 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston.

Register by scanning the QR code on the [Tails & Trails 5K/1K Race Flyer](#) posted at OaklandCountyParks.com. For more information, email HayesR@oakgov.com.

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