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Adam Yauch Park

Beastie Boys founding member and native Brooklyn Heights resident, Adam Yauch, is honored in his namesake park in the southwestern-most corner of Brooklyn Heights. Adam Yauch Park is a medium sized green space that initially opened in 1947. Bearing several name changes over the years, the park adopted its current name in 2013 on the one year anniversary of Adam Yauch's death. As a child, the rock star spent his days playing in the park with family and even learned how to ride a bicycle along its paths.

The triangular park features a large playground, full and half court basketball courts, a fitness area, dog run, community garden and greenhouse, and an open play area. The park offers bench-loungers tremendous shade with beautiful mature trees including Norway maples, silver lindens, and London Planes. One of New York City's most visually pleasing playgrounds, be sure to stop and admire the duo of bear statues found in the park.

Hillside Dog Park

Hillside Dog Park is an enormous dog run in Brooklyn Heights Brooklyn, and offers dogs a chance to wind down after a stressful day guarding the house while their humans are off to work. Located on a gently sloping hill, this doggy oasis sits nestled between five streets in the neighborhood - Columbia Heights, Poplar, Vine, Middagh, and Willow streets.

This huge park offers 1.37 acres of land for pups of all sizes to play, with a separate enclosure for smaller breeds. Human companions can bask on comfortable benches situated under mature trees, and during the warmer months, the park offers drinking fountains for canine and human alike. As per the New York City Health Code, all dogs must carry proof of licensure and vaccination against rabies with them.

Dogs must be licensed with the State of New York, as well as vaccinated against rabies, and the New York City Health Code requires owners to carry proof of licensure and vaccination with them to avoid fines. Owners must clean up after their dogs and all dog owners must be responsible for their dogs.