Reservable Picnic Areas Policies

RESERVATIONS
Persons reserving a picnic area must be at least 18 years or older, assumes responsibility for their group and condition of the area after group has left the premises. Picnic area is reserved for the exclusive use of the reserving group. Areas may not be opened to the public and collection of fees is prohibited.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
COVID-19 is a contagious virus that spreads through person-to-person contact. Gathering spaces and areas have been adjusted to maintain social distancing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends social distancing be maintained as a means to prevent the spread of the virus. Communicating COVID-19 guidelines is the responsibility of the guest making the reservation.

PICNIC TABLE PLACEMENT
Tables under picnic shelter and reserved area have been placed to adhere to federal, state, and local health guidelines, of 6ft. social distancing. Tables are not to be moved or dispersed.

REFUNDS & RESCHEDULING
Refunds will be issued only if the cancellation is made at least 30 days prior to the reservation date. Reservations may be rescheduled with 30 days or more notice. Refunds will not be issued due to inclement weather.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Beer, liquor and wine are permitted by reserving groups within reserved area only. If alcohol is being served, the guest must comply with applicable liquor laws. If alcohol is being sold, in any manner, the guest is to contact the State of Ohio for applicable liquor permit requirements. If a permit is required, the guest must provide Great Parks of Hamilton County in advance of the reservation with a copy of the permit and proof of liquor liability insurance listing Great Parks of Hamilton County as an additional insured.

RESERVED CONDUCT & BYLAWS
All Great Parks’ bylaws and regulations apply to reserved picnic areas. Great Parks’ Rangers may terminate occupancy or remove individuals from the area with no refund or credit at their sole discretion. Conduct that could endanger the welfare of others or infringe on other’s enjoyment will not be tolerated.

DELIVERIES & DECORATIONS
Deliveries must be made during period of occupancy with a member of reserving group present. All equipment, containers, etc. must be removed from the premises before final departure. Only tape may be used to affix decorations to shelters or tables, however, all tape must be removed at the end of the event.

SIGNS
Great Parks will post a sign at the reserved area indicating the group that is scheduled that day. Social distancing guidelines and signage are not to be removed from tables or reserved area. All other signs are prohibited in Great Parks of Hamilton County, including at the entrances.

ELECTRIC & ATTRACTIONS
Attractions or special equipment being provided by a vendor must be approved in advance. Email a detailed request to information@greatparks.org for review. Include confirmation number, vendor name and contact information. Great Parks does not participate or take any responsibility in the setup or filling of any attraction. Some activities are strictly prohibited. Electricity is not available at picnic sites.

MUSIC & SOUND
Noise or amplified sound must not disturb or interfere with any other activity outside the reserved area. Live music, disc jockeys (D.J.s), and karaoke music are prohibited without written permission from the Director. Email a detailed request to information@greatparks.org for review. Electricity is not available at picnic sites.

CONSERVATION, FIRES & FIREWOOD
Fires are permitted in grills, fire rings or fireplaces only. Fires should not exceed three feet in height. Do not leave your fire unattended. Be sure that your fire is completely extinguished before leaving the area. Use of chainsaws is prohibited. Cutting or chopping of trees, limbs and vegetation, collection of natural materials, and molesting wildlife is strictly prohibited. Garbage or any other materials that will emit excess sparks may not be burned.

Our region is under a firewood quarantine to help prevent the spread of invasive insects that threaten our forests. These pests spread primarily through movement of firewood. For that reason, movement of firewood in or out of the area is prohibited. Campground Offices at Miami Whitewater Forest and Winton Woods offer approved firewood for sale; otherwise, only store bought bundled firewood may be burned in Great Parks.

CHECKOUT & CLEAN-UP
Reserved picnic areas must be vacated by dark. The reserving group will be held responsible for cleanup and any damage to the area. All garbage must be placed in the provided receptacles and any decorations taken down. Person/Group reserving area will be invoiced for any damages or excessive litter.

SMOKING POLICY / BY-LAWS
All public indoor spaces are “non-smoking.” All Great Parks’ by-laws and regulations apply to the area. Park Rangers may terminate, upon just cause, any occupancy at any time without a refund.

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MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS
Reservation fees include park entry for invited guests.

RESTROOM AVAILABILITY
Picnic Area restrooms are closed and winterized from November 1 - April 15. During this period weekend rental rates are reduced. Visitor Center and Harbor restrooms remain open year round where heat is available.

EMERGENCIES
For emergency assistance, call 911. For non-emergency assistance, call Ranger dispatch at 513-521-3980 or 513-825-2280.

QUESTIONS
If you have questions about the above guidelines, call Guest Services at 513-521-7275 for assistance.

MISCELLANEOUS
Participation in group gathering events or activities may result in injury or contracting illnesses including communicable diseases such as influenza, MRSA, Coronavirus etc. Reserving a rental space at any location within Great Parks of Hamilton County is at your own risk.

As a matter of courtesy, out guests are to exercise good sense and respect for others. Please remember that we enforce our policies to protect our guests and the parks.