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Parks and Recreation

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Picnic and Pavilion Permits



How to apply for a Picnic/Pavilion Permit

- To apply for a permit, individuals must complete an [Application for Use of Township Property](#).
- Please see the [fee schedule](#) for appropriate fee.
- Payment must be received with the application to reserve the date, time and location.
- Permits are available for both Residents and Non-Residents of Lower Merion Township.
- Permits are issued on a first come, first serve basis.
- Permits can be submitted by mail or in person.

Available Sites

Some amenities may not be available at all sites.

Ashbridge Park

1301 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr

Bala Avenue Park

33 Bala Ave, Bala Cynwyd

Bala Cynwyd Park

398 Trevor Ln, Bala Cynwyd

Flat Rock Park

122 River Rd, Gladwyne

General Wayne Park

305 Maplewood Ave, Merion Station

Gladwyne Park

921 Youngs Ford Rd, Gladwyne

Gulley Run Park

Conshohocken St Rd & Manayunk Rd, Narberth

Linwood Park

199 E Athens Ave, Ardmore

McMoran Park

126 Mary Waters Ford Rd, Bala Cynwyd

Merion Botanical Park

100 Merion Rd, Merion

Penn Wynne Park

1214 E Manoa Rd, Wynnewood

Rolling Hill Park

1301 Rose Glen Rd, Gladwyne

Shortridge Memorial Park

400 Shortridge Dr, Wynnewood

South Ardmore Park

450 E Athens Ave, Wynnewood

Vernon Young Memorial Park

124 Ardmore Ave, Ardmore

Wynnewood Valley Park

1505 Remington Rd, Wynnewood

General Rules and Regulations

- Time slots can be reserved by permit and will take precedence over other public use of the area.
- A permit holder, or official representative of the permit holder, must be in possession of the permit, or a copy of the permit, at all times.
- The activities of the group holding a permit shall be confined to only the picnic area, as assigned to the organization or group.
- Alcohol is not permitted. No exceptions.
- Permit holders should not mark, deface, disfigure, tamper with, displace or remove any township property.
- Permit holders are asked to cooperate in maintaining rest rooms in a neat and sanitary condition.
- Trash must be placed in proper receptacles.
- Dogs or other domestic animals are not allowed in the township parks, playgrounds or indoor facilities, except when an activity involving such animals is officially sanctioned by the township.
- Smoking is prohibited in all Township parks, except for motor vehicle parking areas. Smoking is defined as the carrying by a person of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other smoking device.
- Bicycles, Skateboards, and Non-Vehicular Motor-Powered Transportation are prohibited.
- Motor powered or propellant-driven aircraft or rockets are prohibited in all Township Parks.
- Fire is not permitted to burn in a park without a Bon-Fire permits can be requested through the Fire Department.
- Motor Vehicles must be parked in spaces set aside and marked for parking during park hours only. No person shall enter or leave a park except by entrances or exits provided for such purposes, and no person shall drive a motor vehicle in a park except on a road or driveway.
- Profane or Indecent Language or Rowdy or Objectionable Conduct will result in the immediate removal from a Park.
- The violation of any restriction, policy or condition governing a permit will result in the immediate revocation of the permit.

Picnic and Pavilion Permits FAQs

Who is required to obtain a permit for a picnic?

Groups of five persons or more desiring the use of picnic tables must obtain a permit.

What is the maximum amount of time I can request?

Permits are issued for up to **6 hours** of time.

What time of day can I hold my event?

Parks are open sunrise and sunset, daily local time.

Are there bathrooms available to permit holders?

Comfort stations and water fountains in Township parks will be opened in mid-April, once the threat of frost has passed and shut down in anticipation of the first threat of frost. Not all picnic areas have comfort stations.

Can I BBQ in Township parks?

You may bring your own Grill to the park, however, all charcoal **MUST** be fully extinguished and disposed of properly.

Can I change the date and time of my permit?

Permit Change Requests are accompanied by an Administration Fee.

Can I cancel my event and receive a refund?

Events may be canceled at any time, however they are accompanied by an Administration Fee.

What if it rains and I have to cancel my event?

Permit dates may be rescheduled at no additional charge if your event had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Can I have a moon bounce or other special events at my event?

You are permitted to make special arrangements at your event, however, you are required to provide a Certificate of Insurance with Lower Merion Township listed as an additional insured.

Can I request a permit over the phone or via email?

Applications can be submitted via email, however, the date, time and location will not be reserved until payment is received.