

**DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT**  
Office of Parks & Recreation

**General Picnic Rules & Regulations**

1. **CONTACT THE PARK RANGERS AT (732) 745-3800 with any issues the day of your picnic.**
2. **Weekend and Holiday Picnics** – At least one person must be at the picnic area NO LATER than 10:30AM and remain there REGARDLESS of when the customer plans to start their picnic. Groves will not be held after that time.
3. **Weekday Picnics** – Reservations held NO LATER than 30 minutes after scheduled time.
4. **All required paperwork must be submitted at least 1 week prior to your event.**
5. Conduct of the group and cleanliness of the area are the responsibility of the person signing the permit. The applicant is responsible for returning the area to its pre-event condition. Please remember to recycle. Customers are encouraged to throw out bagged garbage into the dumpsters.
6. No person shall possess or consume alcoholic beverages in any County Park except by PERMIT ONLY. Permits for alcoholic beverages are restricted to wine and beer. Bottles and Cans ONLY. Wine and beer is permitted in reservable picnic groves only when food is being consumed. ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED IN ALL PLAYING FIELD AREAS.
7. Grilling is ONLY permitted in park provided grills using charcoal and through the use of sterno cans with a fire extinguisher present. All other forms of grilling and the use of personal grills is prohibited. Propane use and Charcoal Grills larger than residential size models by **CATERERS ONLY**. Customer must supply a copy of the caterer's insurance. Customer must also complete County Fire Marshal Application. Applications must be submitted to the Fire Marshal's office via the DocuSign link provided by our office no later than 1 week prior to your event.
8. No person shall transport, use or operate motorized or mechanical carnival rides, petting zoos, horse/pony rides, dunk tanks, pools, forced air rides (bounce houses), entertainment/sports trucks, employ musical acts, Disc Jockeys/ DJ's, amplified sound, private generators or personal grills in conjunction with any picnic permit.
9. **NO REFUNDS OF PICNIC FEES.** Refunds will only be given if the Executive Order in effect at time of reservation requires the Office of Parks and Recreation to cancel or modify the reservation. Credits will be given if the permit holder cancels the reservation. Credits must be used within the current or following year.
10. Picnics can be cancelled/changed at least 3 business days prior to your original scheduled date. Rescheduling any picnic due to weather will only be possible for the current season. Reservations can only be changed one time.
11. No parking on grass or along roadways, please use parking lots ONLY. No driving or parking inside grove areas. No driving of vehicles on any safety zone, bikeway, walkway or roadway designated for limited use.
12. Parks open at sunrise and close at sunset. Picnics must end 45 mins before **SUNSET** so that group is done cleaning and out of park by **SUNSET**.
13. No animals are to run at large. All dogs, etc. must be restrained by leash.
14. Feeding of waterfowl is prohibited.
15. Sparkling Devices and Novelties are permitted in designated areas only.
16. No posting of signs or other literature on poles or trees.
17. No vending or soliciting in parks.
18. All rules and regulations will be enforced by the park rangers or municipal police.
19. Picnics over 300 people require additional Park Rangers Security paid for by Applicant.

Complete copy of Rules and Regulations can be found at:

<https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/find-programs-and-resources/parks-and-recreation/regulations-fees>

