

2021 SCHOOL PICNIC APPLICATION

+++++ PLEASE NOTE +++++
PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR GROUPS OF 10 OR
MORE IN ALL PICNIC AREAS AND FOR ALL
PAVILIONS

APPLICATIONS MAY TAKE UP TO 3 WEEKS TO
PROCESS

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE UPON NOTIFICATION
THAT APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED

ALL SCHOOLS & LEARNING INSTITUTIONS
MUST SUBMIT A CERTIFICATE OF
INSURANCE FOR ANY PERMIT REQUESTED
(SEE ATTACHED WITH APPLICATION)



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2021 FEE SCHEDULE

	BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENT PERMIT FEES	NON-BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENT PERMIT FEES	SECURITY DEPOSIT
NUMBER OF PEOPLE			
PICNIC AREA			
10-49	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
50-99	\$125.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
100-149	\$175.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
150-199	\$225.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
PAVILION AREA			
1-199	\$195.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
LARGE GROUP			
200-999	\$1,625.00	\$1,625.00	\$1,625.00
1,000-3,000	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

1. Fees are due upon approval of application. Fees not received within 10 days of approval may result in cancellation of permit. Fees sent less than three weeks before event must be made by money order.
2. Separate checks or money orders must be submitted for permit fee and security deposit.
3. FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
4. To qualify for Bergen County rates application must show a Bergen County address and you must submit checks or money orders imprinted with a Bergen County address.
5. Once a permit is booked, there is an administrative fee of 10% of the permit fee (minimum \$5) for changes or cancellations (must be made 2 weeks prior to approved date).



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PERMIT GUIDELINES

1. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF ANY KIND IN ANY B.C. PARK!
2. Bring your own grill (Electric and Propane grills are NOT permitted). Charcoal must be disposed of properly and may not be left on grass. If Parks has to clean up after you, you will not receive your security deposit refund.
3. Build no fires, except in fireplaces or designated areas. Drench all fires, stir up and drench again before leaving the area.
4. GARBAGE MUST BE BAGGED, TIED AND PLACED AT A CONVIENENT LOCATION NEAR ROADSIDE FOR PICKUP. SECURITY DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE REFUNDED IF THIS IS NOT DONE.
5. Music must be appropriate for all ages and volume should be kept low and confined to your group's area.
6. The sale of food on County Property is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.
7. Outside amusement rides, including inflatables, petting zoos and pony rides are not permitted on County property.
8. Permit holders must be present, with a copy of their permit, throughout picnic. County employees may request to see permit to verify that picnic is authorized. Failure to produce permit may result in removal of group from park.
9. Rained Out Picnics– In order to reschedule for another date, return original permit with a list of alternative dates. If one of those dates is available, a new permit will be issued. If you do not wish to reschedule, return the original permit and request a refund.
10. Cancelled Picnics – With the exception of “rain outs”, refunds for cancellations will be only be made upon receipt of a written notice at least TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR to the date for which your permit has been issued. The return of your original permit must accompany your written request. A 10% administrative fee (minimum of \$5.00) will be deducted from the permit fee on all such cancellations.
11. Any change made to a permit, after it has been approved, is subject to a 10% administrative fee (minimum of \$5.00). If a requested change is approved, a new permit will be issued. Please state if you wish to retain original permit if a change is not possible. Fees also apply to requests for lost permits.



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12. Facilities must be used cooperatively with other permit holders.
13. Use of athletic fields require an Athletic Field Application to be submitted. Additional fees apply.
14. Weather is unpredictable, and can pose certain health and safety hazards. In severe weather situations, the Park may be partially closed and everyone in the Park may be directed to certain areas or directed to leave the Park altogether. Obey all instructions from County employees and officials, if any are given.
15. Unruly behavior, profane language, failure to comply with instructions or directives from County employees or violation of Park Rules and Regulations, local, state or federal laws will be cause for revocation of permit. The Department of Parks reserves the right to not issue permits to individuals who have previously violated the terms of a permit.
16. PERMITS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.
17. All groups of 10 people or more (adults and children included) must have a permit to picnic. You must have a permit to use a Pavilion, even if your group size is under 10 people. (Check the fee schedule for the correct fees. Permits are issued starting at 10AM and ending at 6PM (unless an earlier end-time is requested.) You may, however, remain in the park until ½ hour past sundown.
18. PLEASE NOTE: AREAS/TABLES ARE NOT HELD. THEREFORE, IF YOU ARE PLANNING A LATER START-TIME, YOU MUST HAVE SOMEONE AT THE PARK BY 10AM TO HOLD YOUR SPACE.
19. Softball field permits are issued if/when available with an athletic field permit only for 3hr limit. (Contact office for information on obtaining a league/baseball team softball permit, or a soccer permit. Tennis, basketball, bocce, horseshoes, & handball –no permits are issued. In most cases, they are first-come, first-served).
20. Between March and August, applications must be submitted at least 3 weeks before the earliest date requested. All other times, applications must be submitted at least 2 weeks before the earliest date.
21. Make sure you fill out the application completely. If you leave out any necessary information, your application will be returned to you, and delay the issuance of a permit. For family permits, please use the address and phone number of the contact person as this is where the permit will



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be sent. Many times permits are returned because the contact person does not live at the address given.

22. Applications take approximately 2 weeks to process after receipt. Processing time may increase to 3 weeks during peak volume times. Apply early enough to allow for this processing time.
23. DO NOT CALL FOR AVAILABILITY. Availability is on a first come, first served basis based on the order in which applications are received. You should include at least 4 dates on your application (you can give more). Rain dates may not be reserved in advance. We will book you for the first date available, if any, from your list. To increase your chances of getting a permit you may also include alternate parks or alternate areas within a park. Please note, if you designate a particular area(s), we will only check availability in that area(s). You can designate “any availability” as an alternate choice, in which case we will check availability for all areas within the requested park. If none of the choices on your application are available, your application will be returned to you. Please do not request a date that you can’t use.
24. Give the most accurate count of people as possible. Include all children and adults who will be attending. Space will be reserved to accommodate this number only.
25. Please refer to the attached fee schedule for the fees that you will be assessed once your application is approved. Take note that there is a separate line for pavilions. If you are applying for a Bergen County rate, payment must be made with checks or money orders showing a Bergen County address. The application address must also be in Bergen County.
26. In order to receive a security deposit refund, send permit to this office immediately following your event. Once refund process has been initiated, you will receive a Purchase Order via postal mail that must be signed and return to Bergen County Treasury. Refund checks cannot be issued without a signed Purchase Order. Refunds take 6-8 weeks after receipt of permit to process. Refunds will be sent to name/address on check or money order submitted with application. If this is not your current address, please provide proof of current address, such as a copy of Driver’s License or Utility Bill.



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PICNIC AREA INFORMATION

NUMBERS IN PARENTHESES AFTER PICNIC AND PAVILION AREAS INDICATES CAPACITY OF THAT AREA

Van Saun County Park: 216 Forest Ave., Paramus

7 Picnic Areas: A (170), B-1 (280), B-2 (280), D (80), E (200), G (30), H (220),
3 Pavilion Areas: C (215) (electricity), F (215) (no electricity), I (200) (electricity)

Amenities: Zoo, Carousel, Pony Rides, Playground (handicap accessible), 1 Baseball field (by Permit), 1 Softball field, 1 Soccer Field (by Permit), Tennis Courts, Bike Path, Fishing (w/N.J. fishing license), Model Boating (by Permit)

Pascack Brook County Park: Emerson Rd., Westwood

1 Picnic Area: Picnic A (60)
2 Pavilion Areas (NO electricity): B (120) & C (60) – Near Playground

Amenities: Playground, Baseball Field (by Permit), Softball Field, 2 Basketball Courts (no lights), 2 Tennis Courts (no lights), Fishing (w/N.J. fishing license), Model Boating (by Permit)

Wood Dale County Park: Prospect Ave., Woodcliff Lake

1 Pavilion Area (NO electricity): (180)

Amenities: Playground, 2 Tennis Courts (no lights), Bike Path, Dog Park, Fishing (w/NJ lic.), Model Boat (by Permit)

Wallington (Samuel Nelkin County Park): Rose St. (off Paterson Ave.), Wallington

1 Pavilion Area: (90)

Amenities: Softball Field, Playground, 2 Basketball Courts (no electricity), 2 Tennis Courts (no electricity), Dog Park.

Riverside County Park:

Lyndhurst – North Area – (Joseph A. Carucci, Jr. Park): Riverside Ave., Lyndhurst

2 Picnic Areas: A (90), B1 (60)
1 Pavilion Area (electricity): C (150).

Amenities: Softball Field, 2 Tennis Courts (w/ lights), 3 Bocci Courts (no lights), Fitness Area, Dog Park.

North Arlington – South Area: River Road, North Arlington

1 Pavilion Area (NO electricity) (90)

Amenities: Soccer/Football, Baseball & Softball Fields (by Permit), 5 Tennis Courts (3 w/ lights), Playground.



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Saddle River County Park: Consists of five (5) areas:

Wild Duck Pond: 1133 East Ridgewood Ave., Ridgewood

2 Picnic Areas: B (138), D

1 Pavilion Area (electricity): C (270)

Amenities: Playground (handicap accessible), Fishing (w/N.J. fishing license), Model Boating (by Permit), Dog Park, Bike Path.

Glen Rock: Alan Ave., East of Prospect Ave., Glen Rock

1 Picnic Area: C (84)

1 Pavilion Area (electricity): D (84)

Amenities: Playground, Fishing (w/N.J. fishing license), Model Boating (by Permit), Tennis Courts (no electricity), Bike Path, Gazebo (w/ electricity).

Dunkerhook: Paramus Rd., Paramus

3 Picnic Areas: A (78), B (72), C (96)

1 Pavilion Area (electricity): D (192)

Amenities: Playground, 3 Tennis Courts (NO lights), Bike Path.

Rochelle Park: 40 Railroad Ave., Rochelle Park

1 Pavilion Area (electricity): C (174)

Amenities: Playground, Softball Field, 4 Basketball Courts, 2 Tennis Courts (no electricity), Bike Bath, Roller Hockey Rink.

Saddle Brook (Otto C. Pehle Area): 760 Saddle River Rd., Saddle Brook

1 Pavilion Area (electricity): C (192)

Amenities: Playground, Softball Field, Baseball Field (by Permit), Fishing (w/N.J. fishing license), Model Boating (by Permit), Yitzhak Rabin Tree Grove, Bike Path.



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Darlington County Park: Darlington Ave., Mahwah

12 Picnic Areas: Ash, Birch, Cedar, Dogwood, Chestnut, Elm, Fir, Holly, Juniper, Oak, Maple, Pine

Up to 3 Picnic Reservations are available per day during Swim Season (Memorial Day – to Labor Day). Area assigned by Park Personnel on day of picnic. In addition to the permit & security deposit, a per-person fee is charged during Swim Season (Memorial Day through Labor Day).

Amenities: 1 Swimming Lake, Playground, 3 Basketball Courts (no lights), 1 Tennis Courts (no lights), 2 Handball Courts (no lights), 1 Volleyball Court, 1 Fishing Lake (N.J. fishing license required), Day Camp @ Upper Lake.



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VAN SAUN PARK INFORMATION SHEET

ZOO

- Open Year-Round (weather permitting) 10 AM – 4:30 PM
- Fees: Zoo Admission is charged every day from May through October

	Bergen County Resident Fees	Non Bergen County Resident Fees
Under 3	FREE	FREE
Child (3-14)	\$2.00	\$5.00
Adults (15-61)	\$4.00	\$8.00
Seniors (62+)/Disabled	\$1.00	\$2.00
Active Military	FREE	FREE

PONY RIDES:

- Operate from April through November (weather permitting)

TRAIN:

- Operates April through October (weather permitting) 10 AM – 5:00 PM
- TRAIN IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS
- Abbreviated schedule in November. Call number stated bellow for schedule.
- Fee: \$1.50 per person per ride
- Must be 42" or above to ride alone

CAROUSEL:

- Operates April through October (weather permitting) 10 AM – 5:00 PM
- CAROUSEL IS CLOSED TUESDAYS UNTIL 1:00 PM
- Abbreviated schedule in November
- Fee: \$1.50 per person per ride
- Must be 42" or above to ride alone

CALL 201-336-3110 FOR MORE INFORMATION



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INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Prior to issuance of a school picnic permit, the Department of Parks requires that a **Certificate of Insurance** be filed with our office.

The Certificate is to show a minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate General Liability and \$10,000/person Medical Expense. **THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND ITS OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS** must be named as **ADDITIONAL INSURED** and **COUNTY OF BERGEN** shown as **CERTIFICATE HOLDER.**

Your insurance company (agent) must be told of this requirement and the above underlined paragraph. They will, at that time, issue the Certificate of Insurance which can be mailed to the above address, faxed to (201) 336-7262 or emailed to parkpermits@co.bergen.nj.us

Please make sure the term of the insurance (effective date to expiration date) falls within the dates you anticipate using the Bergen County Department of Parks facilities.

If the insured's name is different from school name, please make sure that you or your agent clearly note your school name so that the certificate can be matched to your school.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call us at (201) 336-7261. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Bergen County Department of Parks
Guidelines for Picnics and Gatherings

The health and safety of Bergen County residents is our number one priority. These guidelines are intended to mitigate the risk of organized gatherings and events.

The public health data on which this document is based can and do change frequently. As such these guidelines are subject to change. You are encouraged to keep informed of guidance from both the New Jersey Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which may change regularly.

The more people an individual interacts with at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the potential risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and COVID-19 spreading.

The risk of COVID-19 spreading at events and gatherings increases as follows:

- Lowest risk: Virtual-only activities, events, and gatherings.
- More risk: Smaller outdoor and in-person gatherings in which individuals from different households remain spaced at least 6 feet apart, wear cloth face coverings, do not share objects, and come from the same local area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).
- Higher risk: Medium-sized in-person gatherings that are adapted to allow individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and with attendees coming from outside the local area.
- Highest risk: Large in-person gatherings where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and attendees travel from outside the local area.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

As a condition of being granted the permit applied for, I agree to comply with the following guidelines:

1. All attendees are required to be six feet apart from other attendees at all times, excluding immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners, as well as a limited number of individuals organizing or maintaining the gathering.
2. There may be no contact between attendees, excluding immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners, and a limited number of individuals organizing or maintaining the gathering.



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3. If there are individuals organizing or maintaining the gathering, they should, where applicable, demarcate six feet of spacing in the area of the gathering to demonstrate appropriate spacing for social distancing, such as through the placement of cones, flags, or other markings.
4. Any physical items, including equipment, may not be shared by multiple attendees of the same gathering except for immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners, unless such physical items are sanitized before and after use by different individuals.
5. Where the number of individuals at the gathering is 25 persons or fewer, the gathering is not required to comply with numbers 1-4. Where the outdoor gathering is a religious service or political activity, such as a protest, the gathering is not required to comply with numbers 1-4.
6. When it is not practicable for individuals to socially distance and keep a six-foot distance from others, excluding immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners, all individuals shall wear face coverings. This requirement shall not apply when wearing a face covering would inhibit that individual’s health or when the individual is under two years of age.
7. If seating is provided, such as chairs or mats, all seating must be limited to single individuals, except for immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners, and must be placed six feet apart at all times, and such seating must be sanitized before and after that individual’s use in accordance with CDC guidelines.
8. If any physical items, including equipment, are provided, such items may not be shared by anyone except for immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners, and such physical items must be sanitized before and after use.
9. Advise attendees prior to the event or gathering that they should not attend if they have symptoms of, a positive test for, or were recently exposed (within 14 days) to COVID-19.
10. Encourage attendees to [wash hands often](#) and cover coughs and sneezes.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand these guidelines and agree to follow them.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____