



# Milwaukee County Parks - Picnic Rental Rules & Regulations

This rental contract is subject to all Milwaukee County and local municipal ordinances, along with all rules and regulations governing parks and parkways. The contract may be terminated immediately by local law enforcement or the Milwaukee County Parks Department if its terms are misrepresented, violated, or if public safety is threatened. Cancellations for cause will result in the forfeiture of all fees.

*The responsible renter must be 21 years of age or older.*

## Rules & Regulations

### Advertising & Special Events:

- Picnic rentals are intended for private events (e.g., family gatherings, company functions).
- If the general public is invited, a Special Event Permit is required.
- Social media or public advertising of a picnic rental is considered a Special Event and requires a Special Event Permit (Call 414-257-4503).

### Sales & Donations:

- Sales, donations, raffles, and silent auctions require a Special Event Permit.
- For more information, contact the Special Events Office at (414) 257-4503.

### Alcoholic Beverages:

- Alcohol consumption is allowed in picnic areas with a valid picnic permit.
- Alcohol cannot be sold or included in admission/registration unless a Special Event Permit is obtained (Call 414-257-4503).
- Alcohol must be consumed within the rented space and served only to individuals 21 and older.

### Amplified Sound:

- Amplification is not allowed in most picnic areas.
- The following locations allow amplified sound with restrictions:
  - Brown Deer Area #8
  - Froemming Area #1
  - Greenfield Area #5
  - Wilson Recreation Area #6
- Amplified sound is permitted only from 12 PM – 8 PM, with a limit of one (1) band/DJ per private rental.
- Public events with amplified sound require a Special Event Permit (Call 414-257-4503).
- Social media promotion or advertising of a picnic rental with amplified sound is considered a Special Event and requires a Special Event Permit.

## Arrival & Occupancy:

- Picnic areas should be occupied by 10:00 AM by at least one group member.
- If arriving before or after 10:00 AM, specify your expected arrival time when making a reservation.
- Picnic areas may not be fully prepared before 10:00 AM due to morning park maintenance.
- Park staff do not monitor reserved picnic areas. If issues arise, contact the park number listed on your permit.
- Restrooms close at 9:00 PM.

## Cancellations:

- Cancellation Policy: Detailed in your rental contract and available at [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com).

## Clean-Up & Damages:

- Renters must restore the picnic area to its original condition by removing:
  - Decorations and tape
  - All perishables from picnic tables
- Any damage to park property or excessive clean-up costs will be invoiced to the permit holder.

## Grills & Cooking:

- Milwaukee County Parks does not provide grills.
- Grilling is allowed only in enclosed metal containers.
- Hot coals must be doused with water and disposed of in designated containers.
- Dumping coals on grass, at tree bases, or in any non-designated area is strictly prohibited.
- Deep fryers are prohibited.
- Pig roasts must be above ground — digging holes is not allowed.

## Indemnity:

- The permit holder agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Milwaukee County, its officers, and employees from any claims, including legal fees, arising from negligence or misconduct during the rental period.

## Inflatable Structures:

- A Certificate of Insurance (COI) for \$1,000,000 in general liability coverage is required.
- Milwaukee County must be listed as an additional insured.
- The COI must be submitted at least one (1) week before the rental date.
- Only one (1) inflatable structure per picnic site is allowed.
- Staking is NOT allowed — inflatables must be secured using sandbags or weights.
- A generator is required to operate inflatables.

## Petting Zoos & Pony Rides

- A Certificate of Insurance (COI) for \$1,000,000 in general liability coverage is required.
- Milwaukee County must be listed as an additional insured.
- The COI must be submitted at least one (1) week before the rental date.
- Permit holders are responsible for animal waste cleanup.
- The Park Manager must approve animals and their designated location.

## **Tables & Seating:**

- Picnic tables are provided in designated areas based on estimated attendance (allowing eight (8) people per table).
- Tables cannot be moved between areas.

## **Restroom Facilities:**

- Restrooms are available to all park patrons.

## **Tents:**

- Staking is NOT allowed.
- Tents are allowed only in designated picnic areas with a valid picnic permit.
- Tents must be set up and removed on the same day.
- Any damage caused during setup or removal will be invoiced to the permit holder.
- Tents must be secured using sandbags, weights, or water barrels.