

NPC Pavilion Regulations

Niagara Parks administers and maintains over 1,325 hectares (3,274 acres) of parkland along the Niagara River Corridor. These parklands include parks and picnic areas, historical and archaeological sites, golf courses, restaurants, gift shops, attractions, a horticultural school and kilometers of recreational trails along the scenic Niagara Parkway.

Many services and facilities are provided for a minimal fee. Among these are picnic areas complete with covered pavilions, tables, electrical outlets and washrooms. Several conditions apply to the use of picnic areas and pavilions under the jurisdiction of The Niagara Parks Commission (NPC). We ask that these conditions are read carefully and respectfully adhered to when visiting Niagara Parks properties:

1. Bus and/or Commercial Vehicles Permit

All Buses or Commercial Vehicles are required to obtain a permit while traveling throughout NPC property. Daily or Annual permits are available at bus management locations (e.g. Table Rock Center, Maid of the Mist, Rapidsview Parking Lot, Whirlpool Aero Car, the Butterfly Conservatory, or Floral Clock), or on-line at <http://www.niagaraparks.com/bus-licencing/permit-purchase.html>

2. Reservations

Must be made by phone with payment by credit card (only) at the time of booking. Picnic Pavilions may be reserved seasonally from April to October (weather permitting) between 10am and dusk. Pavilion tables will be assigned by NPC staff and reservation information will be posted in the Pavilion. Tables in the Pavilion must not be moved and seating arrangements must not be changed. .BBQ's are not allowed inside the pavilion area or on pavilion picnic tables.

3. No Refunds

Please note the permit fee is for a specific date and time. There are no rain dates and permits are non-refundable in the event of cancellation.

4. Litter and Clean Up

It is the responsibility of each picnic group to appoint its own clean up committee and to ensure that the grounds and pavilions are left clean. Remember, other groups may be coming in after yours and we ask for your cooperation in helping to keep the parklands clean.

5. Vehicles carrying persons with a disability

At McFarland Park, Queenston Heights Park and Niagara Glen Park, there is no provision for parking vehicles adjacent to the pavilions. Vehicles will be admitted to the pavilion area for the purpose of dropping off persons with a disability only. Please keep this to a 5 minute maximum. Buses will not be permitted. Please coordinate vehicle entry into pavilion area with the attendant and/or police officer on duty. Please drive slowly and with caution to ensure the safety of others in the picnic areas. These access roads and pathways are heavily congested with walking traffic.

6. Dogs

Dogs must be on a leash and kept under direct control at all times. Please “stoop and scoop” - you are responsible to clean up after your pet.

7. Public Address Systems

In consideration of the many groups and individuals using the Pavilions and the Park on the same day as your picnic, the operation of a P.A. system is prohibited. Permission may be obtained to use a public address system at Queenston Heights Bandshell or Old Fort Erie Bandshell for public events such as church services, band concerts, etc. Please note: church services must be completed by 11 a.m.

8. Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on NPC property under Section 31, sub-section 2, of the Liquor Licence Act of Ontario which reads as follows: “No person shall consume liquor (alcohol) in any place other than a residence, or a premises in respect of which a licence or permit is issued”.

9. Security

Unfortunately, our extensive grounds and large number of visitors are sometimes attractive to thieves and vandals. We strongly urge guests to lock all valuables in car trunks - do not tempt crime by leaving possessions in view. If a security issue does arise, please contact the Niagara Parks Police at (905) 356-1338.

10. NPC Picnic Food Services - NO SALE OF ANY FOOD, BEVERAGE OR PRODUCT IS PERMITTED ON NPC PROPERTY WITHOUT WRITTEN APPROVAL.

Commercial catering firms are not permitted at any Niagara Parks location. In Queenston Heights Park, NPC can supply a complete range of food items for your group picnic. Arrangements can be made with Queenston Heights Restaurant in coordination with your pavilion booking.

11. Confirmation of Reservation

Please remember to carry your Pavilion Reservation Confirmation to the pavilion the day of your picnic. Pavilion space for picnics will be held for one hour after time of booked reservation.

12. Reservations for Pavilion Bookings

NPC reserves the ability to move functions within the Park. The NPC commits to ensuring that groups are provided with an alternate location or an alternate date at the same location, should this action be required.

13. Parking at Kingsbridge Park

Weekends and holidays mid June thru Labour Day there is a parking charge..

14. Rules for the use of Inflatable Structures

- All inflatable structures must be sandbagged in accordance with Niagara Parks safety standards.
- All inflatable structures must be supervised by an adult (18+years) at all times.
- Insurance must be provided for \$5 million dollars by the Inflatable company with the Niagara Parks added as a co-insured.
- A copy of the insurance statment must be submitted to the Niagara Parks Commission before you will receive confirmation of your booking.
- The insurance form may be submitted by mail, fax or email to:

The Niagara Parks Commission
Rapidsview Complex, PO Box 150,
7369 Niagara River Parkway
Niagara Falls, Ontario
Fax 905-357-9446

In order to provide a pleasant experience for all of the users of our parklands, we ask that simple courtesy be the guideline. Enjoy your picnic in the Park!

Any enquiries regarding our picnic facilities should be directed to picnics@niagaraparks.com or phone: (905) 357-7808.

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