



Bringing People and Nature Together

Forest Preserve District

OF WILL COUNTY

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ReconnectWithNature.org

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2019 Picnic Permit Rules and Waiver

1. The permit holder is subject to all rules and regulations contained in the Forest Preserve District of Will County's General Use Ordinance No. 124, the Illinois Criminal Code, the Illinois Vehicle Code, and the Illinois Game and Fish Codes.
2. Falsification of information and/or violation of rules, regulations, or District ordinances will result in the denial and/or revocation of the permit, forfeiture of the fees, fines, and/or the cancellation/termination of the permitted event.
3. Permit holder must be 18 years of age or older and must be present during the reservation.
4. The permit is valid only for the date, time, and name listed on the permit.
5. Attendance must not exceed the amount listed on the permit.
6. The permit holder must submit a certificate of insurance listing the Forest Preserve District of Will County as Additionally Insured if a caterer or food/beverage truck will be present.
7. DJs and amplified music are only allowed at select picnic shelters. Visit the District website www.reconnectwithnature.org for a list of shelters. Or call 815.727.8700.
8. Inflatable bounce houses must be supplied by an FPDWC approved vendor. Inflatable water slides are prohibited. Visit the District website www.reconnectwithnature.org for a list of shelters. Or call 815.727.8700.
9. Changes to the date or location of this permit must be done no less than 2 business days prior to the reservation.
10. Refunds will not be given for canceled reservations. The District is not responsible for permitted events canceled due to inclement weather.
11. The District reserves the right to close and/or limit access within the preserves during regular hours when safety and/or weather conditions warrant such actions.
12. The District assumes no liability for injuries that occur as a result of the permitted event.
13. No driving or parking on the grass, sidewalks, or trails. Vehicles are only permitted in designated parking areas and on roadways.
14. Gathering firewood is prohibited. Please help us reduce the risk of spreading Emerald Ash Borer, please obtain firewood within a 50-mile radius of the preserve. Do not transport firewood across state lines in accordance with mandates from the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

15. Start fires only in designated fire pits or grills. Building fires on the grass is prohibited. Fires must be extinguished before the reservation end time. Dispose of hot coals in fire pits and grills only.
16. Cutting trees, limbs, or shrubs is prohibited.
17. Fireworks and other pyrotechnics are strictly prohibited.
18. The sale and/or solicitation of any product or service is prohibited.
19. Use of devices capable of discharging a projectile is prohibited.
20. Glitter, rice, silly string, confetti, birdseed, and water balloons are prohibited.
21. Music should not be audible beyond the immediate vicinity nor should it disturb other visitors or permitted groups.
22. Do not mark on or affix anything (tents, signs, banners, balloons, piñatas, etc.) to trees, District signs, shelters, structures, or buildings. Strapping, pinning, gluing, or stapling to any shelter post, table, or other District structure is prohibited.
23. Pets must be leashed. Leashes in excess of 10 feet are not allowed. Owners must clean up after pets.
24. All trash must be cleaned up and placed in designated trash receptacles upon departure.
25. Permit holder and all guests must exit the preserve at the end time listed on the permit.
26. Call 911 in an emergency.
27. In a non-emergency, call the Will County Sheriff's dispatch at 815.727.6191 to reach a Forest Preserve officer.

I agree to the Rules and Regulations as stated above and will abide by the Forest Preserve District of Will County General Regulation Use Ordinance #124.

I agree not to hold the Forest Preserve District of Will County liable for any loss or damage to persons or property arising from my use of the facilities or engaging in the activity for which this permit is granted.

I agree to defend and hold harmless the Forest Preserve District of Will County from any and all claims or actions brought by myself, my heirs, my guests, contractors or invitees, brought as a result of the exercise of the rights granted under this permit.

I read and understand the rules of the Forest Preserve for the public lands and their usage. I attest that the information I have provided is factual, accurate and honestly represents the nature of my event and intent. Failure to abide by any of the above rules leaves the permit holder liable and susceptible to receiving a ticket and/or suspension from District property by Forest Preserve District of Will County Police.