

Staunton State Park

Davis Ponds

Events – Frequently Asked Questions



What is the cost to rent Davis Ponds?

It costs \$100 for the day - \$90 rental fee and a \$10 non-refundable reservation fee. There is an entrance fee for each vehicle.

Is there parking close to Davis Ponds?

When you rent the pavilion at Davis Ponds, you have special access from the entrance off Elk Creek Road. Please be aware of your arrival time, try to come during non-peak times because entry is dependent on the availability of a Park Ranger.

How far is it to walk from the Visitor's Center to Davis Ponds?

Some guests like to hike to Davis Ponds. The short hike is approximately 1 mile (one way) to the ponds.

What does the pavilion have?

The pavilion is covered and is approximately 400 square feet. It has 4 picnic tables that are 29 inches wide and 95 inches long. They seat approximately 8 adults (4 on each side). You can add your own chairs or wheelchair to the side. There is a vault toilet located close to the pavilion. It also has one charcoal grill. Open fires are not permitted. It is advisable to check with the Park office to see what fire bans are in effect.

What is the seated capacity for Davis Ponds?

The seated capacity is approximately 32-35 people. You can bring in your own tables if you need to increase the capacity.

What time frame is a day?

The park opens at 6 am and closes at 10 pm. The area would need to clean and vacated by 10 pm. Hours of availability are 9 AM – 9 PM unless other arrangements are made.

What is included in the price?

You and your guests get the use of the use of the Davis Ponds pavilion for the entire day.

Is there any electricity?

No

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Do I have to purchase a vehicle pass?

Yes. Your guests can purchase the pass at the Visitor's Center. The group can meet at the Visitor's Center parking lot so that everyone can be escorted to the area by the Park Ranger.

Can I pay for the vehicle passes for my guests?

Yes, we can do an "Event Pass" for you. You will note this on your contract. We count the number of vehicles that are here for your event, issue them a pass, and charge your credit card at the end of the day. Any vehicles that have a valid annual pass, hangtag, or DV plates will not be included in the count.

How close can I get to unload supplies?

The parking lot is a short walking distance from the pavilion.

May I have music?

Music is permitted but volume must not interfere with the use and enjoyment of other park visitors, as determined by park staff.

May I hang signs to direct people to the event?

Signs cannot be nailed on trees or adhered to existing park signage. You can bring in free standing sandwich boards that do not block any guest's use of the park.



View of the Davis Ponds from the Pavilion



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