

Staunton State Park

Ranch Hand Group Picnic Area – Picnic Pavilion

Events – Frequently Asked Questions



What is the cost to rent the pavilion?

The pavilion costs \$160 (\$150 plus a \$10 non-refundable reservation fee) for the day.

All vehicles including vendors are required to have a park pass.

What if I transport my guests in a commercial bus, is there a different fee?

Yes, 1-15 passengers is \$10, 16-30 passengers is \$40, and 31+ is \$50. This pass can be purchased at the entrance station.

What is the standing capacity of the pavilion?

100 people – seated capacity is approximately 80 with the provided picnic tables.

What time frame is a day?

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

What is included in that price?

You and your guests get the use of the pavilion for the entire day. The adjoining parking lot is included. It has 28 spaces (2 handicapped). There are 2 charcoal grills. You will be provided with 2 large garbage bags when the Park Ranger checks you in. In addition, there is a bear proof garbage can. Upon request, we can provide horseshoes for the pit that is located behind the pavilion. A new bocce ball court is next to the horseshoe pit.



What does the pavilion have?

The pavilion is covered and is approximately 1200 square feet. It has 10 picnic tables that are 29 inches wide and 95 inches long. They seat approximately 8 adults (4 on each side). The seats are 10 inches wide by 71 inches long. There are 11 electrical outlets located inside the pavilion. It has a long serving shelf inside the pavilion. One side of the shelf is 6 feet long (almost 2 feet deep) and the other adjoining side is 43 inches long.





Are there any upper lights in the pavilion?



There are 3 lights in the ceiling of the pavilion.

Can I cook there?

There are two permanent charcoal grills. The surface area of the grill is 26 inches by 17 inches and there are 4 surface areas. Open fires are not allowed.



Where do I throw my trash at the end of the event?

There is a dumpster at the end of the parking lot.

Can I bring alcohol?

Yes but please make sure your guests know that it is prohibited to be on the park when under the influence of alcohol or any other controlled substance to the degree that it may endanger oneself or another person, damage property or resources, or may cause unreasonable interference with another person's enjoyment of the park.

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.

May I hang decorations?

Decorations and signs may not be secured by nails, staples, or tape to any park structure, fence, sign, or tree.

Does my professional photographer have to get a special permit?

Yes, professional photographers need to arrange for a "Special Use Permit". This permit is \$45 for a 3 month period. Please contact our Park Manager, Zach Taylor, to arrange this permit.

Can I have a food truck?

Yes, food trucks are allowed. Vendors are required to have a park pass. If the food truck is hired by you and is there for your guests, there is no need for a "Special Use Permit".

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.

Can I extend my party beyond the pavilion?

We kindly ask that you stay in the pavilion area. We do not want damage to the resources and vegetation outside the pavilion area. If you have a question, please talk to your Park Ranger when he/she checks you in.