

Picnic FAQ's

- Are animals allowed in the park?
 - Animals are allowed at our parks only with an approved permit. Please check with the City of Palo Alto Police Department to see if the animals you are bringing into the park require a special events permit.
- Can I have a DJ or band?
 - Bands and DJs are allowed at our parks. Bands or DJs cannot bring in any electrical equipment or generators. Please check with the City of Palo Alto Police Department on our sound requirement policies.
- Can I bring my own tables and/or chairs?
 - Personal tables or chairs are not allowed at any of our parks. Patrons must only use the designated tables or benches at the park.
- Are tents, umbrellas, or canopies allowed?
 - Tents, umbrellas, and canopies are allowed as long as they are not being pitched into the ground or otherwise damaging city property.
- How will I know if a table is reserved?
 - Group and individual picnic areas will be marked as reserved by City of Palo Alto parks staff.
- Are there electrical outlets?
 - There are no electrical outlets at the park and side energy sources (ie. Generators) are not allowed.
- Can I decorate the picnic area?
 - Decorations are allowed as long as they do not violate any city ordinances. Patrons must clean up decorations at the end of their event.
- Are there shaded areas?
 - Shaded areas can be found throughout most of our parks.
- Do you allow bouncy houses?
 - Bouncy houses are not allowed in any of our parks.
- Are food trucks allowed?
 - Food trucks are not allowed in the parks. They can be parked only on the streets.
- Can we cater our event?
 - Catering is allowed. However, caterers cannot bring in any heat sources and can only use the designated picnic site BBQs.
- I am a resident of East Palo Alto, am I considered a resident of Palo Alto?
 - Residents of East Palo Alto are not considered residents of Palo Alto and must pay the non-resident rate.

- I am a resident of Stanford, am I considered a resident of Palo Alto?
 - Residents of Stanford are not considered residents of Palo Alto and must pay the non-resident rate.
- I have a business in Palo Alto, can I make a reservation as a resident?
 - Businesses within Palo Alto may reserve group picnic sites as residents.
- I am not a resident of Palo Alto, can a resident reserve a group picnic area for me?
 - Residents can reserve picnic areas for non-resident's events. However, the resident reserving the picnic area must be present at the time of the event.
- How many individual picnic tables can I reserve?
 - Residents and non-residents can reserve a maximum of 2 individual picnic tables per event. Reserving multiple tables to form a larger group is not allowed.