

**Santa Cruz County Parks** 

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## **Picnic Area Conditions of Use**

<u>Hours</u>: Parks facilities may be reserved daily between 10:00 AM - Dusk. Outdoor facilities must be reserved a minimum of 4 hours on weekdays. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays must be reserved a minimum of 8 hours and the day rate fee will apply to a full day booking, 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM at the latest (or 7:00 PM for Pinto Lake County Park). The 4-hour minimum may be applied to weekend reservations made within 21 days; however no new reservations will be made within three days of the desired weekend date or within one week of a weekday date. Online picnic reservations require an 8-hour minimum and cannot be made within one week of the event date.

<u>Reservations</u>: Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis and can be made up to one year in advance. Minors (under 18) are not eligible to reserve facilities. Full payment is required when the reservation is made.

**Alcohol:** Alcohol consumption is not permitted in the County Parks outdoor facilities.

<u>Sound Permit</u>: Live or amplified sound or music is not permitted at Anna Jean Cummings Park, Brommer Street Park and Jose Avenue Park reservable picnic areas. Sound Permits are issued at Pinto Lake County Park from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm on weekends from May to September only.

<u>Time Limits:</u> Entrance to the facility is permitted for the time approved on the permit. Renters are also expected to leave at the time specified. The times of the reservation permit must include all set-up and clean-up time.

<u>Cancellations</u>: Reservations may be cancelled in person or in writing not less than 14 days prior to the scheduled event, with a permit processing fee of \$100.00 or 50% of the permit fee, whichever is less. Cancellations of less than 14 days receive no refund of fees. Refunds are not given for inclement weather.

<u>Damage</u>: Damage done during events or additional clean-up required by maintenance staff that do not have a deposit or is not covered by the amount of the deposit, will be sent an invoice. Labor to repair the facility is charged at current maintenance staff hourly rate. Bills unpaid after 30 days are sent to collections.

<u>Decorating:</u> Light adhesive, removable tape (i.e. poster tape or painter's tape) and florist wire are the only fasteners permitted. No staples, tacks, nails, screws, or stakes longer than 6 inches please! Release of balloons, birds or butterflies is prohibited by Parks policy. Biodegradable confetti only; no rice throwing.

**Flammable Materials:** Candles, fuels and hazardous materials will not be permitted in the park buildings and facilities. Fires must be confined to designated fireplaces and barbecue areas. Portable barbecues and cook stoves (i.e. propane stoves, comal pozo/disco) are not permitted. Subject to approval, Taco Stands with sturdy work stations may be allowed.

Smoking: Smoking and tobacco products are prohibited in Santa Cruz County Parks.

**No Overnight Storage:** If you choose to bring rental equipment, you must arrange for it to be delivered and removed the same day as your reservation.

<u>Activities for Minors</u>: Groups, which are comprised predominately of participants under 21 years of age, must be chaperoned at a ratio of one adult (over 21 years) to 12 minors.

<u>Checks</u>: Checks returned for insufficient funds and chargebacks are charged at the current processing fee. Please note that credit cards are charged by ACT\*SCCountyParks.

<u>Changes to the Permit:</u> Any changes to the permit must be made in writing by the permittee only. No changes will be made with less than one week notice. Date changes are subject to a \$25.00 change of date fee and Department approval and must be made with at least fourteen days advance written notice.

<u>Sub-Lease</u>: Permittee shall not assign or sub-lease any portion of the premises, or any rights under approved permit, without prior written approval of the Department.

<u>Special Conditions</u>: For large, special or unique events, the department may require additional services, including security, traffic control, first aid services, fire control, special trash collection, and sanitary facilities beyond those available by the Department.

<u>Concessions</u>: The County reserves sole right to control all concessions in and about department buildings and park facilities through separate agreements.

<u>Public Use:</u> You are reserving a space at a County Park and the park will remain open for use by others. At some parks there may be other events happening at the same time as yours.

Lost Items: County Parks is not responsible for items left.

<u>Set-up and Clean-up</u>: Responsibility for general set-up and clean up of premises shall be the responsibility of the Permittee. Please leave facilities and grounds free of debris and other refuse from use. All recyclable materials should be placed in the provided containers. The facility must be restored to pre-use conditions.

## Picnic Area Clean-Up Requirements:

Place all garbage in trash containers

Recycle glass, cans and plastic in designated containers

Remove all decorations

Clean up spilled food on picnic tables

Remove all personal belongings by end of reservation time.