

Picnic Reservations
Frequently Asked Questions

Who can reserve a picnic area?

Picnic reservations can be made by residents, non residents, schools, and the general public.

Where do I make reservations for a picnic area?

All outdoor picnic reservations are completed done through the MORPD District Office at 3344 Mission Avenue, Carmichael, 95608. We have four parks that we reserve; Mission North, Gibbons, Ashton and, Swanston.

- Mission North has three areas; Oak, Camphor and Poplar.
- Gibbons has two picnic areas; Liquidamber and Sycamore.
- Ashton has three picnic areas; Alder, Redwood and, Hackberry.
- Swanston has four picnic areas; Pine, Walnut, Holly Oak and Aristocrat.

All the other parks are a first come first serve basis.

How much does it cost to reserve a picnic area? Can I rent the whole park?

Each area is has a \$75.00 fee. Picnic site reservations fees are not to be considered as a deposit and are not refundable. They can reserve all areas but not the whole park.

When is payment due?

Payment is due when the reservation application is submitted. A picnic area will not be held without payment.

What are the rules for picnic areas?

General Rules

- A. You may use masking tape on picnic tables. However, you may not use staples, tacks, nails or screws. Before leaving, you are required to remove all decorations and throw all trash away in the garbage cans provided on site.
- B. Rock climbing walls and animal or pony rides shall not be brought onto the site for events.
- C. Vehicles are allowed only in designated parking areas, and are not allowed on park grounds.
- D. Amplified sound, including public address system, disc jockeys, or music is not permitted without the written permission of the district.
- E. Groups planning to hire a caterer that will require a large group portable barbecue or cooker will be advised to rent a picnic area at Gibbons Park. The equipment must be set up in an area of the parking lot, with attention paid to protecting the asphalt from the heat and debris.
- F. Groups planning to bring in jump houses and/or dunk tanks must provide a Certificate of Endorsement, naming the District as additionally insured, and meets the following minimum requirement of **\$1,000,000 (one million dollars)**

for Bodily/Property Liability, Combined Single Limit is necessary. The following are examples of groups needing this; wedding reception, group party of 75 or more, use of jump houses, dunk tanks, caterers preparing food, non-profits, schools, public agencies and private business/company picnics. There is no electricity or water available in the parks; however you may bring in a small generator.

G. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

H. The district does not provide tools or apparatus to facilitate water and electrical use, such as quick couplers and electrical outlets.

The rules are repeated on the reservation application form and applicants must initial the application in agreement and understanding.

What can I expect from a reservation?

A reservation provides:

1. The reservation does not entitle you to staff presence or law enforcement services during the event.
2. Picnic areas clean of debris and graffiti at the beginning of the event. Empty trash containers and clean restrooms.
3. A sign posted in the area on the day of reservation.
4. When these areas are not reserved, they will be open for use by the general public on a first-come, first-served basis.

How far in advance should I reserve a picnic area?

Picnic areas may be reserved up to one year in advance for public or private use. A minimum of seven (7) days prior to the reservation date is required to process the request.

Can I cancel my reservation? Can I get a refund?

Refunds will be considered if a refund request is submitted seven working days prior to the reservation date. A refund will not be considered for "no shows".

What time during the year do we reserve a picnic area?

Reservations are available year round, seven days a week, weather permitting. Weekend reservations are strongly suggested for groups over 50 people.