

Forsyth County Parks Rental Policies & General Information

Thank you for choosing us to host your event at a Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Facility!

Our park facilities are perfect for clients who want to create a unique event in a natural setting! We provide a safe and clean facility to host your event and you do the rest! We are always happy to discuss vendor recommendations, set-up options and policies prior to your event.

While we do everything we can to ensure that your event is enjoyable, we also do the same for our other park patrons. Please keep in mind that you are choosing to host your event at a public park and members of the public will be nearby.

Waiver and Release

- The use of Forsyth County parks and facilities is at your own risk. The Client takes full responsibility and assumes all risks for the use of Forsyth County parks and facilities. The Client agrees to hold Forsyth County, its officials, officers, and employees, free and harmless from and against any damages, claims, expenses (including attorneys' fees), costs or other expenses or liabilities of any kind arising out of or relating to the use of Forsyth County parks.
- **Violation of any of the park rules may result in expulsion with denial of future rental privileges. Forsyth County Parks and Recreation reserves the right to cancel the function or substitute the facility at any time.**
- **Weapons** are prohibited except concealed handguns, with proper permit, as allowed by County Ordinance and the N.C. General Statutes. **Warning: School sponsored curricular and extracurricular activities occur at County Parks. It is a felony to knowingly possess or carry any firearm (whether openly or concealed) to any activity sponsored by a school.**
- Outdoor water spigots do not provide potable drinking water. These spigots are not available for public use

Cancellations & Payment Policy

- All agreements are rain or shine. **There are no refunds or rain dates available.**
- **Client may not move date or location once agreement has been signed.** If client decides to move date or location, all deposits and payments will be kept by Parks and Recreation and not credited to the new changed date/facility reservation.
- If a facility or date is cancelled at one of our facilities, all payments are forfeited by the Client.
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Reservation Information

- **Reservations do not close the entire park.** The park remains open to the public. **The Client has reserved only the facilities marked on the Reservation Agreement. The playground areas and restrooms remain open to the public.**
- The horseshoe pits and volleyball court adjacent to the shelter come with your shelter reservation. (The volleyball complex by Triad Park's Shelter #4 is reserved separately for an additional fee)
- The reservation times begin, and end as stated on the Facility Agreement. **All shelter reservations end 30 minutes prior to the park closing.** Park closes prior to sunset to allow employees time to secure facilities and equipment. Park closing time is posted at the park and available in the main office if needed.
- The Client cannot exceed maximum capacity at shelters. Canopies cannot be used to extend maximum capacity. If capacity is exceeded, Forsyth County Parks and Recreation can deny users entry into the park as well as deny future reservations.

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- **Shelters have limited drive up access to the facility. The Client must be prepared to carry items from the designated parking lot.**
- Any vendor, contractor, or caterer brought in for the event by the client must be approved in advance and will be required to provide various forms of a valid proof of insurance.
- **The following is not permitted at County Parks: drones, water slides, amusement rides or equipment, petting zoos, pony rides, hot air balloons, helicopters, fireworks, sparklers, confetti, piñatas, chalk, water balloons, water guns/pistols or unauthorized oversized vehicles.** Check with Tanglewood Park's Marketing and Events Division and Recreation Manager for exceptions at Special Events.
- **Fundraising on Park property is prohibited** with exceptions to Special Events that receive approval from Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Event Planners or Reservation Staff. Clinics, professional trainings, and for-profit classes or events are also prohibited without written approval. Solicitation is prohibited.

Alcoholic Beverage/ Tobacco Regulations

- **Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in County Parks** with the exception of a paid reservation at Triad Park's Woodland Hall Banquet Facility or Amphitheater or a paid reservation at Tanglewood Park.
- There is to be no usage of Tobacco products at the Highland Ave Park/Amphitheater which is Forsyth County property.

Property Damage/Clean-up

- **Client is responsible for any damage done to the property** by the client's guests, attendees, employees, independent contractors, or other agents under the client's control.
- **Disposal of cooking oil/grease is not permitted in the park.** The Client must take oil and grease off-premises after your reservation take proper precautions to prevent oil spillage. A grease pan must be placed under the grill.
- **Dispose of ice in parking lot near a storm drain, not in grass or other areas.**
- **Groups must monitor grounds and remove all trash; food should be disposed up properly in trash cans only.**
- **Absolutely NO confetti, lime, chalk, paint, or any items nailed, stapled or tacked to walls, beams, or light fixtures.** Violations will be considered an excessive cleanup and will be charged to the Client.
- **Picnic tables shall not be moved.**

A maintenance fee no less than \$250 will be charged for any maintenance above and beyond normal use.

Security

- The Client is responsible for making sure all items are removed from the rented facility by the end of the rental period, including decorations and rented items from outside vendors. If not, late checkout charges, labor costs, and additional rental fees will apply. **Forsyth County is not liable or responsible for any missing or damaged items.**
- Forsyth County Parks is not responsible for storing or moving equipment.
- All items must be delivered and picked up the day of the function. **Forsyth County Parks does not allow for storage or moving of items.**
- All vehicles must park in the parking spaces provided. Parking on the grass or alongside roads is prohibited. **No camping, except at the Tanglewood RV Campground (RVs only).**

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- **Dogs must be on leash at all times per County ordinance.** The leash must not be longer than six feet. The only exceptions are at Horizons Park Happy Hounds Dog Park and Tanglewood Park Tanglewoof Dog Park (Off-Leash Areas). Please be considerate and pick up your dog's waste. Horses are permitted at Tanglewood Park and Horizons Park.
- Abusive language and/or behavior may result in expulsion from Park Property.

Weather

Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure to perform under this Agreement if such delay or failure is:

(i) directly caused by acts of God, war, acts of terrorists, explosion, fire, flood, earthquakes, epidemics, acts of civil or military authorities or civil disturbance, and; (ii) could not have been prevented or circumvented by the non-performing Party's reasonable precautions or commercially accepted processes (including through the use of substitute services, alternate sources, work-around plans, the implementation of appropriate security measures or disaster recovery measures) (a "Force Majeure Event").

The Party experiencing any delay or failure as a result of any such Force Majeure Event shall: (i) provide prompt written notice of the actual or anticipated delay or failure to the other Party, and; (ii) use reasonable commercial efforts to either remedy the delay or failure, or implement a plan (including a business continuity and disaster recovery plan) to remedy the delay or failure in a manner which minimizes the disruption to the other Party. The non-performing Party shall not be excused in this section for any non-performance of its obligations under this Agreement having a greater scope or longer period than is justified by the Force Majeure Event, or the performance of obligations that should have been performed prior to the Force Majeure Event.

Forsyth County Parks and Recreation shall not be responsible for any damages or other costs due to weather. Clients agree that any weather that may prohibit any part of their event does not put fault on Forsyth County Parks and Recreation. Clients understand that last minute changes may be necessary and Forsyth County Parks and Recreation will determine if and when an event may need to be cancelled due to weather. All payments are non-refundable, non-transferable.

The Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Department or designated representatives shall have the authority to close the multi-use field fields whenever weather or field conditions dictate. Field use or playability will be determined by safety conditions and/or hazards that could be deterrent to the welfare of user/players; existing and forecasted weather conditions for the day; and potential damage to the field due to play or practice use.

Groups cannot play on fields that have been closed. If use does take place on closed fields, the Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Department may bill the user group for damage to the fields and/or revoke future reservations. User group is responsible for any damages caused to a field by playing in questionable weather. This includes damages done trying to improve field conditions

Athletics and Recreation

- Reservations of athletic fields are open April 1st- October 31st each season. Contact admin office for more information.
- Parks and Recreation offers rain dates within the same season for field rentals, but no refunds. Rain dates cannot be carried over into the next reservation season.
- Use of athletic fields during rain, thunderstorms, or when wet is not allowed.
- Parks and Recreation does not line soccer fields. If the Client wishes to line the fields for the reservation, the Client must use approved turf paint.
- Hunting and the disposal or release of waterfowl, rabbits, or other pets is prohibited at County Parks.

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- Kite flying is only allowed in certain areas as designated by park staff. Do not fly kites over walking paths or heavily populated areas within the parks. Hitting golf balls is not permitted in the parks.
- Metal detectors or motorized equipment are not permitted. The operation of **go-karts, motorized trail bikes, mini bikes, all-terrain vehicles, hobby equipment (cars, rockets, drones, personal watercraft, etc.), etc.** are not permitted on park grounds or water.

Tent/Fire Regulations

- No tents (any temporary structure larger than 12' x 12') are allowed.
- **Canopies** are permitted but **must be 12'x12'** or smaller. Canopies may not be staked into the ground.
- **Park grills are designed for charcoal only. It is unlawful to gather and burn wood on County Park property.**
- **Personal grills (Gas or Charcoal) or pull-behind cookers are permitted (*Renters must make reservation staff aware that they are planning on using personal grills or fryers.*)** Grills and deep fryers may be used outside the shelter only.
- **Disposal of grease is not permitted in the park.** The Client must take oil and grease off-site taking proper precautions to prevent oil spillage or burns to park patrons. A grease pan must be placed under the grill.
- Coals should not be removed from grills by clients or guests. Park Attendants are equipped to handle and dispose of these hot coals and removing coals can be a potential hazard. Forsyth County Parks and Recreation is not responsible for any injuries.

Audio/Visual

- Amplified music/PA systems, and Live Music are prohibited.
- Forsyth County Parks does not provide audio visual equipment. The Client is responsible for any A/V needs.

Triad Park

- **Amplified music/PA systems** are only permitted with a reservation or special event at Triad Park. For the courtesy of other park patrons, music must be only loud enough to be heard in immediate facility area only.
- **Dunking booths, moonwalks, and inflatables are only permitted in the Triad Park Vendor Areas** rented in conjunction with Shelter 1, and Shelter 7. Vendor(s) must provide certificate(s) of insurance six weeks in advance to Forsyth County Parks and Recreation. **No staking into the ground is permitted, weighted anchors ONLY.** Dunking booths are permitted only at designated location in the parking lot at Shelter #1 and Shelter #7. The Client must schedule the exact ETA with Parks and Recreation and booth vendor to coordinate filling. Vendor must provide plywood under the dunking booth to prevent damage to asphalt. Park staff will not provide a water key or hoses. Water can be dumped in parking lot so that water will flow into a storm drain. A surcharge of \$25.00 will be added to the reservation for the utility costs.

School Reservations

- School Group(s) that reserve facilities are responsible for all damages and excessive clean up that may occur as a result of reservation.
- Schools must provide adequate adult supervision for all students and students must be monitored at all times. This is to

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include properly stationing teachers/chaperones at restrooms, playgrounds, and shelters to prevent damages. Students must be accompanied on trails and in all areas by an adult.

- For high school groups, students must be transported to park facilities by an activity bus due to limited parking.
- For all high school reservations, at least one school resource officer must be present.
- Group must monitor grounds and remove all trash. Trash must be placed in provided receptacles.
- All school group usage must be done by advance reservation.
- If damages occur or excessive clean up must take place the reserving school will be billed for all cost.

Kernersville Lake Park Rules and Information

- Kernersville Lake Park is open March to mid-November (closed mid-November through February). The park is closed on Wednesdays.

Park Hours:	March 1 – April 30	7:00 am - *
	May 1 – August 31	6:30 am - *
	Sept 1 – mid-November	7:00 am - *

*** Varies from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm based on season**

- Any **polluting** of the water by urination, defecation, littering, etc. is prohibited and will result in forfeiture of use of Kernersville Lake Park.
- **Bank fishing** is allowed in designated areas.
- All NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FISH and GAME regulations apply.
- **Boats:** The public is not permitted boat access except for the use of park rental boats. Public may use their own **battery-operated trolling motors** on rented row boats. Speeds shall not exceed **5 mph**. Batteries and motors must be removed when boats are not in use.
- Life jackets must be worn by all boaters. There are no exceptions. Users must be able to sit up on their own in a designed boat seat—users cannot sit on another’s lap. Life jackets are provided by Kernersville Lake Park.
- Patrons must pay rental fee at boathouse prior to using boats. Pedal boats must be used in designated area only. One user must be 16 years or older. There is a maximum of 4 people in each pedal boat. Row boats may have 4 users if one is under 16 years old, otherwise only 3 users are allowed. Boat rentals will cease 2 hours prior to park closing. Boats must be returned to the dock 1-1/2 hours prior to park closing. No inappropriate conduct or horseplay while using boats or on park property.
- No pets are allowed on the boats.
- No Skateboarding Allowed.
- Customers must exit the park prior to closing. No customers are allowed in the park after closing.
- The lake is stocked seasonally with catfish. Some fish feeders are located off bank, while others deeper into the lake are accessible by rental boat. Live minnow bait is allowed in Kernersville Lake. Daily catch limits are per NC Wildlife Resources Commission rules and regulations unless otherwise posted.

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**I have read and agree to comply with the Forsyth County Parks Rental Policies and Forsyth County
Parks Rules and Regulations**

Client Signature

Date