

Barbecue Reservations FAQ

Park Rangers and Police Officers patrol the parks to ensure compliance with all rules and regulations. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Q: How early in advance can I reserve a BBQ picnic site?

A: Mountain View residents and businesses based in Mountain View may reserve up to one year in advance. Non-residents and businesses outside of Mountain View may reserve up to 30 days in advance.

Q: How can I cancel or change a BBQ permit?

A: A written request is required for all cancellations and changes can be made by sending an email to BBQReservations@mountainview.gov or by submitting a BBQ Cancellation Form via e-mail. Cancellations require a ten (10) business day notice and are subject to a \$22 processing fee. Alcohol permits are non-refundable.

Any change to the original permit after payment will incur a \$10 amendment fee. Alcohol permits may be added at least three (3) business-days before an existing permit date. All changes must be approved by Recreation staff.

Q: Who should I contact in case I have an urgent matter on the day of my reservation and the park rangers are not present?

A: If you have an urgent matter on the day of your reservation and the park rangers are not present, please contact the Recreation Division during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm) at (650) 903-6331 or, if it is after business hours, please contact Mountain View Police non-emergency hotline at (650) 903-6395. Please ensure the permit holder is present and has the permit when calling.

Q: May I have alcohol as part of my BBQ reservation?

A: Alcohol permits (beer and wine only) are for the large group areas only and will be enforced. Alcohol is not permitted at the family tables. Alcohol permits must be purchased at least three (3) business days in advance of the rental. Alcohol permits are non-refundable.

Q: Is smoking allowed?

A: Smoking is prohibited in any picnic area in a City park where picnic tables are located and designed, established or regularly used for consuming food or drink. In addition, a buffer zone of 25' extends from all "picnic areas" (Mountain View City Code Section 21.49).

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Q: Are portable air jumpers and commercial-sized barbecues allowed in parks?

A: Portable air jumpers and commercial-size barbecues (no Webers) are allowed only if you have reserved all the large group sections. Dimensions of commercial-size barbecues must not exceed 10' x 12'.

Q: Are there electrical outlets available?

A: Electrical outlets are available in group BBQ areas for standard electrical appliances such as coffeepots, etc. Commercial popcorn poppers and similar machines are not compatible with the electrical source.

Q: Can I have amplified sound?

A: No DJs or amplified performances allowed. Single speaker microphones and boom-box radios with a power output not exceeding 25 watts are permitted, provided all Recreation guidelines are followed.

Q: Can I put tape on the picnic tables? What about decorations?

A: You may use painter's tape on picnic tables. However, you may not use staples, tacks, nails, or screws to affix any decoration or signs to any tables, trees, fences, or posts throughout the park.

Q: Are petting zoos, ponies, dunk tanks, propane, butane, portable BBQs, and tents are not allowed in the park?

A: Use of portable equipment (portable barbecues, propane, butane, tents, dunk tanks, etc.) is PROHIBITED in all parks. However, you may add up to 1 table and 8 chairs per table reserved in the family area.

Q: Are EZ-UPs/canopies permitted?

A: EZ-UP/Canopy shade structures no larger than 12'x12' and that do not have walls/sides are permitted. Stakes may not be driven into the ground.

Q: Who can I contact if I have more questions?

A: Please contact our Reservations Office at BBQReservations@MountainView.gov or by calling [650-903-6407](tel:650-903-6407).

Please review your contract for additional rules and regulations.