

MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION PICNIC AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS



Reservation of Picnic Dates and Areas:

Starting at noon on February 21, 2012, groups will be able to reserve picnic dates online. In a continued effort to go “green” and make the picnic reservation process as easy as possible, groups will be able to check availability at all our picnic areas, reserve a date, pay for your picnic online and print the permit for the use of the grounds. Keep in mind that NO picnics will be scheduled before February 21, 2012 at noon.

Open grove areas are for small family picnics and do not require a permit. Groups that wish to picnic in a reserved area will be required to obtain a permit. There will be no alcohol permits issued for picnics using the open grove areas. **Under no circumstances will a picnic date be held without a completed application and payment.**



Fee Schedule for County Residents

	<u>Mon.-Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat./Sun./Holiday</u>
Mercer Park East	\$125	\$200	\$275
Mercer Park West	\$125	\$200	\$275
Princeton Country Club	\$125	\$200	\$275
Rosedale Park	\$125	\$200	\$275
Valley Road	\$125	\$200	\$275

Fee Schedule for Non-County Residents

	<u>Mon.-Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat./Sun./Holiday</u>
Mercer Park East	\$200	\$275	\$375
Mercer Park West	\$200	\$275	\$375
Princeton Country Club	\$200	\$275	\$375
Rosedale Park	\$200	\$275	\$375
Valley Road	\$200	\$275	\$375



Exemptions:

Exemptions apply Monday through Thursday only and each group is permitted **one exempt picnic per month**. The following groups are eligible for an exempt picnic: **Grammar, Middle and High Schools; Churches; and Senior Citizen Groups.**



Cancellations:

Request for reimbursement of fee paid must be made to the Park Commission Office at least one month prior to the scheduled picnic date. Refunds will be issued to permit holders that submit a written request and return their originally issued permit with one month cancellation notice.



Inclement Weather:

In the event of inclement weather, the permit holder is responsible for contacting the Park Commission at (609) 448-1854, or email kdrulis@mercercounty.org within 48 hours after their scheduled picnic to request reimbursement. The Park Commission will try to accommodate permit holder with another date, or a refund will be given. No refunds will be given if the Park Commission is not notified within the 48-hour time frame.



Hours:

Picnic areas are open from 10 a.m. to sunset.



Alcoholic Beverages:

Alcoholic beverage consumption is limited to moderate amounts of beer and wine during a meal. Beer must be in cans and wine in boxes only. Consumption is

restricted to designated picnic areas only. One individual must be responsible for compliance with rules pertaining to the consumption of beer and wine.



Sports Equipment:

The Park Commission will not provide any sports equipment.



Recyclables:

All recyclables must be placed in proper containers.



Vehicle Deliveries:

Vehicles used for delivery of food and beverages must be moved to parking areas within 30 minutes of event starting time issued on permit.



Emergency Assistance: Dial 911



Park Ranger's Assistance:

(609) 443-8956 or 448-8974; Monday – Friday 7am- 4pm



Sheriff's Department:

(609) 989-6111 - Monday - Friday 4pm – 7pm; Weekends – 24hrs. a day



**THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED IN DESIGNATED
PICNIC AREAS:**

- DISORDERLY CONDUCT
- GAMBLING ON PREMISES
- SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
- GLASS BEVERAGES
- EGG-TOSSING CONTEST
- PONY RIDES
- TENTS OF ANY TYPE

No person shall call or hold any meetings or give any concert or public entertainment of any kind within a County Park or Recreation Area without first having obtained written permission in advance from the Director of Recreation and Events, or his duly designated representative, no later than one (1) month before the proposed date of use.

No person shall use loudspeakers, public address systems or amplifiers within a County Park or Recreation Area without first having obtained written permission in advance from the Director of Recreation and Events, or his duly designated representative. Nor shall any portable radio compact disc player or musical instrument be played in such a manner to create a nuisance.

**All picnic areas are operated and maintained by the
Mercer County Park Commission
Recreation and Events Center
1638 Old Trenton Road
West Windsor, NJ 08550**



MERCER COUNTY PARK EAST

Located off Dutch Neck-Edinburg Road in West Windsor Township, Mercer Park East can be reserved for any day of the week. The area includes a 30-foot by 60-foot pavilion with 4 charcoal cooking grills, electricity, and running water.

Park Amenities

- Can accommodate up to 300 people
- 10 picnic tables under pavilion
- 7 electrical boxes
- 1 water fountain
- Softball Field (2 benches on field)
- Volleyball Court
- Quoits pit
- Children's play area
- Walking Trail
- Restroom improvements with handicap accessibility
- Ample parking
- Trash/Recycling containers on premises



MERCER COUNTY PARK WEST

Located alongside Lake Mercer and within walking distance of the Marina, is the Mercer Park West Picnic Area. The area includes a 30-foot by 60-foot pavilion and is equipped with 1 large and 1 small charcoal cooking grill, electricity, and running water.

Please note that when reserving this area, you are reserving only the pavilion with the tables and grills. The adjacent grills and playground equipment are open to the public.

Park Amenities

- Can accommodate up to 100 people
- 14 picnic tables under the pavilion and scattered throughout picnic area
- 7 electrical boxes
- 1 water fountain
- Benches overlooking Lake Mercer
- Restroom improvements with handicap accessibility
- Ample parking
- Trash/Recycling containers on premises

***Anyone 16 years or older who wants to fish New Jersey's fresh waters must purchase a fishing license through the state.**



PRINCETON COUNTRY CLUB

Located in West Windsor Township, the Princeton Country Club Picnic Area can be reserved for any day of the week. Adjacent to the Princeton Golf Course, this picnic area is ideal for a picnic/golf outing. The picnic area includes two newly constructed pavilions equipped with 2 charcoal cooking grills, electricity, and running water.

Park Amenities

- Can accommodate up to 300 people
- 24-foot by 65-foot pavilion
- 24-foot by 42-foot cook stand
- 30 picnic tables under the pavilions and scattered throughout picnic area
- 11 electrical boxes
- 2 water fountains
- 3 beverage sinks
- Softball Field
- Volleyball Court
- Quoits pit
- Children's play area
- Permanent restrooms
- Ample Parking
- Trash/Recycling containers on premises





ROSEDALE PARK & PICNIC AREA

Located in Hopewell Township, Rosedale Park comprises 472 acres including a 38-acre lake stocked with trout. The park has two picnic areas, a family picnic area, which is open to the public, and a group picnic area available by reservation.

The family picnic area is situated alongside the lake and has picnic tables, charcoal grills and children's play area.

The group picnic area includes two newly constructed pavilions equipped with 2 charcoal cooking grills, electricity, and running water.

Park Amenities

- Can accommodate up to 300
- 40 foot by 44-foot pavilion
- 20 foot by 40-foot cook stand
- 30 picnic tables
- 11 park benches scattered throughout area
- Softball Field
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball Court
- Children's play area
- Walking trail along lake
- 10 electrical boxes
- 4 beverage sinks





VALLEY ROAD

Located in Hopewell Township, Valley Road Picnic Area is a 19-acre facility in its natural state equipped with a 30-foot by 60-foot pavilion that includes 2 charcoal cooking grills, one barbecue pit, electricity, and running water.

Park Amenities

- Can accommodate up to 300 people
- 25 picnic tables under the pavilion
- 16 park benches scattered throughout the area
- 12 electrical boxes
- Softball Field
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball Court
- Quoits pit
- Children's play area
- Permanent restrooms
- Ample parking
- Trash/Recycling containers on premises



Directions To Mercer County Park East

- **North/South via Interstate 295**

Take 295 to exit 65A, Sloan Ave. Head East on Sloan. At the third traffic light, make a left onto Edinburg Road. At the third traffic light on Edinburg, make a left onto Dutch Neck-Edinburg Road. Mercer Park East is on your left.

- **North via US Route 1**

Take Route 1 South of Princeton to Quakerbridge Road (Route 533). Bear right off of Route 1 into jug handle, cross over Route 1 onto Route 533. Travel 2.2 miles and turn left onto Hughes Drive. Proceed on Hughes Drive. to the first traffic light. Make a left onto Edinburg Road (Route 535). At the second traffic light on Edinburg, make a left onto Dutch Neck-Edinburg Road. Mercer Park East is on the left.

- **South via US Route 1**

Cross Toll Bridge into New Jersey on US Route 1. Take first right onto Quakerbridge Road (Route 533). Travel 2.2 miles and turn left onto Hughes Drive. Proceed on Hughes Drive. to the first traffic light. Make a left onto Edinburg Road (Route 535). At the second traffic light on Edinburg, make a left onto Dutch Neck-Edinburg Road. Mercer Park East is on the left.

- **South via Route 130/206**

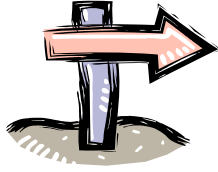
Follow Route 130 North to Route 526 Robbinsville. Turn left at traffic light on Route 526 and right at the next light. From this point, travel 3 miles to Edinburg Road (Route 535). Turn right on Edinburg Road. At next traffic light, make a left onto Dutch Neck-Edinburg Road. Mercer Park East is on the left.

- **North via NJ Turnpike**

Take Turnpike South to Exit #8 at Hightstown. Follow Route 33 West and turn right onto Route 571. Travel on 571 for 2.2 miles to Edinburg Road (Route 535). Turn left onto Edinburg Road. Proceed 3.2 miles to traffic light. Make a right onto Dutch Neck-Edinburg Road. Mercer Park East is on the left.

- **South via NJ Turnpike**

Take Turnpike to Exit 7A. Follow west on I-195 to exit 5B. Travel north on Route 130 to second traffic light (Route 526). Turn left at light and right at next light. Travel 3 miles to Edinburg Road (Route 535). Turn right on Edinburg Road and travel 0.2 miles to traffic light onto Dutch Neck-Edinburg Road. Mercer Park East is on the left.



Directions To Mercer County Park West

- **North/South via Interstate 295**

Take 295 to Exit 65A, Sloan Ave., East on Sloan Ave. After the second traffic light, travel 0.7 miles to Paxson Ave. Turn left onto Paxson and proceed 0.9 miles to intersection of Hughes Drive and entrance to Mercer County Park. The West Picnic Area is the first left turn inside the park.

- **North via US Route 1**

Take US Route 1 South of Princeton to Route 533 (Quakerbridge Road). Make right into jug handle crossing over Route 1 onto Route 533. Travel 2.2 miles and turn left onto Hughes Drive. Proceed on Hughes Drive 0.5 miles to entrance on Mercer County Park on left. The West Picnic Area is the first left turn inside the park.

- **South via US Route 1**

Cross Toll Bridge into New Jersey on US Route 1. Take first right past the Quakerbridge Mall onto Quakerbridge Road. Travel 2.2 miles and turn left onto Hughes Drive. Proceed on Hughes Drive for 0.5 miles to entrance of Mercer County Park on left. The West Picnic Area is the first left turn inside the park.

- **South via Route 130/206**

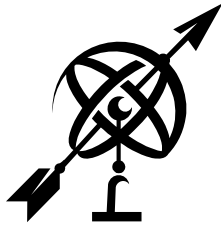
Follow Route 130 North to Route 526 Robbinsville. Turn left at traffic light at Route 526 and right at the next light, (still Route 526). From this point, travel 3 miles to Route 535 (Edinburg Road). Turn left onto 535 and travel 0.2 miles to entrance of Mercer County Park on right. Once inside the park, follow past the ball fields and make a right at the intersection. The West Picnic Area is the third right.

- **North via NJ Turnpike**

Take Turnpike South to Exit 8 at Hightstown. Follow Route 33 West and turn right on 571. Travel on 571 for 2.5 miles to Route 535 and proceed 4 miles to entrance on Mercer County Park on right. Once inside the park, follow past the ball fields and make a right at the intersection. The West Picnic Area is the third right.

- **South via NJ Turnpike**

Take Turnpike to Exit 7A. Follow west on I-195 to Exit 5B. Travel north on Route 130 to first light (Route 526). Turn left at light and right at next light (still 526). Travel 3 miles to Route 535 (Edinburg Road). Turn left onto 535 and travel 0.2 miles to entrance of Mercer County Park on right. Once inside the park, follow past the ball fields and make a right at the intersection. The West Picnic Area is the third right.



Directions To Princeton Country Club

- **From Trenton Area**

Travel north on US Route 1. Stay on US Route 1 for 1.5 miles past Quakerbridge Road to Meadow Rd. overpass. Take Meadow Road West to Canal Point Blvd. and turn left. Travel Canal Point Blvd. to stop sign. Continue through stop sign, Princeton Country Club is on the right. Picnic area is straight ahead.

- **From Princeton Area**

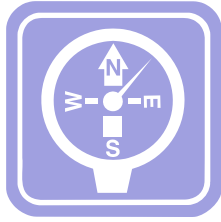
Travel South on US Route 1:

From Harrison St., travel 2.7 miles:

From Washington St., travel 2.1 miles:

From Alexander Road, travel 1.6 miles:

To Meadow Road overpass. Make a right onto Emmons Drive. Travel 0.2 miles, and turn left onto Wheeler Way.



Directions to Rosedale Park

- **From Trenton Area**

Travel north on Route 31 to Pennington Circle, turn right at Wilson-Apple Funeral Home onto Route 546 East. Proceed to the first intersection at traffic light. Cross the road onto Blackwell Road and proceed 1.3 miles to “T” junction. Turn left onto Federal City Road. Travel 0.4 miles; Rosedale Park will be on your right.

- **From Hamilton Township Area**

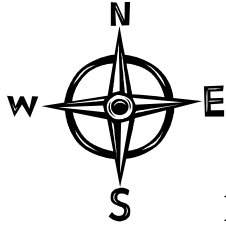
From Route US 1, travel west on Route 546 to The Lawrenceville School at the corner of Route 546 and Route 206. Continue on Route 546 west for 3 miles, and turn right onto Blackwell Road. Travel 1.3 miles to the “T” junction. Turn left onto Federal City Road. Travel 0.4 miles; Rosedale Park will be on your right.

- **From Princeton Area**

Proceed south on Route 206 to Carter Road. Turn right onto Carter Road (toward Hopewell); continue 1.7 miles to Cold Soil Road, and travel 1.5 miles and turn right onto Blackwell Road. Travel 1 mile and turn right onto Federal City Road. Proceed 0.3 miles to the entrance of Rosedale Park.

- **North via Interstate 295(Interstate 95 South)**

Take 295 to Exit 5, Federal City Road. Turn left at first traffic light onto Lawrenceville-Pennington Road. Make a right at next light onto Federal City Road. Travel on Federal City Road for 1 mile, and Rosedale Park will be on your right.



Directions To Valley Road

- **From Trenton Area**

Travel north on Route 29, and proceed 7.5 miles north on Route 29 from the I-95 Scudder Falls Bridge. Turn right onto Valley Road. Valley Road Picnic Area is past Belle Mountain Ski Area, on the right hand side.

- **North/South via Interstate 95**

Take I-95 to Exit 1, Route 29 North. Travel 7.5 miles north on Route 29 to Valley Road. Turn right onto Valley Road. Valley Road Picnic Area is past Belle Mountain Ski Area on the right hand side.

- **Flemington/Somerville Area**

Travel south from the Flemington Circle on Route 202/31. Take exit for Route 179 to Lambertville. Stay on Route 179 into Lambertville and pick up Route 29 South. Travel on Route 29 South for 2.5 miles and turn left onto Valley Road. Valley Road Picnic Area is past Belle Mountain Ski Area on the right hand side.

- **Lambertville/ New Hope Area**

Travel south on Route 29, 2.5 miles from Lambertville. Turn left onto Valley Road. The picnic area is past Belle Mountain Ski Area on the right hand side.

