

Weddings or Receptions in Aurora Parks

Each year we hear from couples interested in holding their wedding or reception at an Aurora park site. We offer several outdoor picnic shelters, and one indoor site, that may be reserved for your wedding or reception. However; there are important details to consider before planning a wedding or wedding reception in a public park.



Can I reserve a picnic shelter for my wedding or wedding reception?

Yes, twenty park sites have picnic shelters that may be reserved in advance. The rest of our shelters are first come, first served. It's strongly recommended to visit the park where you wish to hold your wedding or wedding reception. If you are interested in booking our indoor site, appointments will be arranged Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations can be made starting on the first business day of the New Year. To reserve a picnic shelter please visit: www.auroragov.org/ShelterRentals

It's important to note that renting a picnic shelter means you have reserved the shelter, as well as the tables and seats beneath the shelter, but the rest of the park will remain open to the public. There may be other people in the park playing football, walking their dogs, or enjoying the outdoors. Reserving a park shelter for any event, including a wedding, does not give you exclusive use to the park or other facilities.



Do you charge more for weddings?

No. Our rental fees for reservable shelters remain the same whether you're having a group picnic, a birthday party, or a wedding.



How many people can a shelter hold?

Shelters come with seating for as few as 8 or as many as 100+, depending on the site. You may bring in your own tables, chairs and blankets to set up around the shelter. Please review our website for shelter capacity, or the total number of attendees that a shelter and the adjacent perimeter can comfortably accommodate.



What about restroom facilities?

Most parks with a reservable shelter have a san-o-let (porta-potty) or a vault toilet (or pit toilet, an enclosed toilet that does not need water). Most wedding parties choose to arrive dressed for their event as 'changing space' is limited in public restrooms.





Can I decorate the shelter?

The shelter can be decorated but no staples, nails or similar items can be used and decorations must be removed at the end of the event. Decorations staged the night before could be vandalized or stolen.



Am I allowed to serve alcohol?

You may serve 3.2% alcohol in metal cans (no glass containers) without requiring an additional permit. If you desire beverages with higher percent alcohol, including spirited liquors, wine and most craft beers, you will be required to complete a Temporary Use Permit to secure approval.



Can I play music or have a band perform?

Music from a portable sound system should be kept to a reasonable level. City code limits residential sound levels to 55 decibels during the day which, for example, is the sound of a normal conversation. Amplified sound, such as a band or deejay, is only allowed at a handful of park locations. Please speak with an Aurora park representative if you wish to have amplified sound at 303.739.7889.



Will you clean the park before my ceremony?

We take great pride in keeping our city parks clean. Regular maintenance activities, like trash removal, are conducted in a systematic manner. If you reserve a picnic shelter, the shelter will be cleaned and serviced prior to your event. However; occasionally the shelter or surrounding area may become littered with trash after we service it. Please keep this in mind and if this is your special day, arrange to have a friend who can readily help put trash in its proper receptacle. Parks are public land and sometimes misused. We will maintain the parks in a safe, clean manner but will not be able to honor specific requests for the event or requests to alter infrastructure or landscaping.

For more information or questions, call us at 303.739.7290

