

Information as of April 1965

I. Fairfax County Park Authority, CL 6-8282

suggested I call individual managers of recreation areas:  
do all charge admission???

A. Burke Lake: Mr. Hamilton, 273-5001

hours: 8 am-dark M-F, 6 am-dark S&S

No electricity

No shelters

Marina with candy bar (no sandwiches)

Make reservations if large group

Park is in process of development; they are building a new marina  
(will have hot-dog bar)

Facilities for picnicking, boating, fishing

B. Lake Accotink (at Highland Ave. in Springfield): Mr. Hayes, 321-7981

Has shelter, boats, playground, hot-dog counter, plus picnic areas

In summer Girl Scouts use for day camp M-Sat, no reservations taken  
for Sun.

C. Great Falls (Va.) large park apparently run by a concessionaire for  
the county (?): Mr. Heberlein, 759-2460

hours: 8 am to dark

admission fee to park: 50¢ per car

mgmt reserves right to assign areas: may be racially segregated inside  
grounds

one pavilion-shelter, holds about 150, in main area (near falls & crowd)  
food available (incl. restaurant)

no noise (bands, record players, etc.) on Sundays, and never on scenic  
area (but will listen to reason on small p.a. systems, depending)

no money transactions on premises (we can't sell tickets)

limit 2 cans beer per person, no bottles or kegs. none in shelter.

says they have one large (c. 500) picnic area in relatively quiet corner

have carousel & other amusement-park things

relatively crowded

**II. Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Laurel, Md. AP 7-2200**

coordinates county park systems in the Washington area  
reservations may be made by telephone within 60 days of the event

**Buildings:** majority of users must be residents of the particular county

**Permit** (for using fireplaces) issued (see above)

No other restrictions on use of outdoor facilities

**Hours:** close at dark (some buildings open after dark)

A guide to parks will be available in about a month (i.e. end of May 1965)

No money may change hands in parks; nothing sold

III. D.C. Recreation Dept., X 3149 - 16th St., N W, AD 4-2050

Areas available for large groups: Fort Dupont Park, Rock Creek Park (several large areas: 16th & Kennedy, Beech Drive N of Military Rd.) will hold up to 500 persons, parking, comfort stations, etc.

Permit required (call office; permit is mailed)

No money or admission charge

No liquor

Hours: to 11 p.m.

No electricity available

Fireplace sites in picnic areas

No buildings or shelters

IV. National Park Service, Capitol Region, 393-5973

Large picnic areas available at Fort Hunt and Fort Washington.

Picnic tables, charcoal fireplaces, comfort stations, etc. available

Beer permitted (not <sup>to</sup> minors)

Hours: to dark

No admission may be charged nor money change hands

No electricity

Obtain permit from Park Service (call; will be mailed)

Fort Hunt: currently closed for improvements, will be open in summer

Very large area, including baseball field, large (200-300 people) pavilion, probably 50-100 picnic tables. Trees mainly along edge of park. Off Geo. Washington Parkway; fairly secluded. Probably can handle 1000-2000 people. Terrain very flat.

V. Arlington County, Recreation Dept. JA 4-7000

One member of the group must be a resident of Arlington

Hours: to dark

No liquor

No electricity (but see below)

Campfire sites, picnic areas, some baseball fields

Pavilion (some with fireplaces)

- A. Barcroft (S. 4-mile Run Drive and Columbia Pike): largest area, will handle 500 persons. 300 tables; campfire site. Shelter will hold 120-150 persons. Snack bar open only for baseball games.

- B. Glen Carlyn

- C. Lubber Run (off Columbia Pike): will hold perhaps 200 persons, more if spread out. Site includes small outdoor amphitheatre (run down, but usable) with concrete-floor stage, campfire ring (log seats), picnic tables, swings, a shelter (perhaps 220-person capacity), and Lubber Run, with rocks, trees, and a little water. Parking in small lots and on street spread around the park. No access except by foot (except to Park Dept trucks). In residential area, but not too close. Amphitheatre stage is wired for lights and electricity, but sockets and wiring in very poor condition.

Addendum (from JKS): To reserve an area, call Arlington Rec., Dept., JA 4-7000, Ex. 46, Mrs. Robey. Inform of date, time, and which facilities. Amphitheatre also used by Rec. Dept. drama group and Children's group.

VI. City of Alexandria, Recreation & Park Dept. (City Hall, 549-7700)

No facilities for large groups, except Fort Ward: Col. Mitchell, 549-1509

Fort Ward (Braddock Road near N. Howard St. and Shirley Hwy, in NW Alex.)

Historical restoration and picnic area, partly restored, development not yet complete. 40 acres. Est. capacity: 200-250 persons.

Main purposes to preserve the historic area (i.e. no baseball, football, or climbing on cannon) and provide recreation facilities (in a separate area). Very friendly; reasonable use encouraged.

Facilities: small museum, restored "Northwest Bastion" with cannon, parapets, etc. ; comfort station; limited off-street parking (perhaps 80 cars); a few barbecue ovens (portable grills allowed), 18 picnic tables. Relatively isolated (flanked by school, highway, tract being bulldozed). Electricity may be available (they have lights on the cannon) if we negotiate.

Rule against business activities mainly directed toward hot-dog stands; would have no objection to our selling supper tickets or asking for donations.

Museum open 9-5 M-Sat, Sun 12-5. Park open 9 a.m.-sunset all days.

*Executive Board ideas of places  
for picnic-festival 5-5-65*

Addenda

Farm in or near Accokeek, Md. (Private)

Camp Sheemar

Camp High Road

Watermelon Park (Private)

Old Dominion Park (Private)

Shiloh Dude Ranch

Miscellaneous information in re picnics, etc.

1. Comfort stations

Rental (including transportation of units to and from location):

Johnny-on-the-spot (Kenilworth): \$30. per unit for one day (in McLean)

2. Police regulations/ Health dept. regulations/Fairfax Co.

No regulations, other than those pertaining to damaging other people's property, obstructing traffic, etc. However, if we notify them that a large crowd ~~is~~ expected, they will check by periodically.

Health dept. has no regulations regarding private picnics, and only becomes involved if we poison people.

3. Washington Folk Music Guild picnic (info. from Jack Weaver)

Held on a private tract

No program

Free to members; nonmembers paid \$1.75

Food catered (firm near Baltimore), included cleanup afterward

Asked for reservations by mail, added 25% (total of 130 persons showed up, 15 more than were expected). Gave caterer head count and budget.