

# THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE RENTING A SHELTER/ PAVILION AT SANDY POINT STATE PARK

## PARK ENTRY/ FEES/ PARKING

- **SHELTER HOURS** – WEEKENDS - 9am to DUSK / WEEKDAYS - 10am to DUSK. Shelters will not be available for reservation on the following holidays: Memorial Day weekend, Juneteenth, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day weekend.
- **FLYER INFO** – While there is parking allotted for shelter rentals (East Beach), the remainder of the park often fills to capacity. Once it reaches capacity, traffic will be directed away from the park. In order for your guests to enter the park, you will need to provide them with an invitation or flyer. The flyer must be displayed in the dash of each guest's vehicle (colored paper is preferred but not necessary). Guests should be prepared to show the flyer to the Law Enforcement Officers and Park Rangers stationed near the park entrance. Information from a cell phone will not be accepted.
  - Flyers must contain the following information: "GROUP NAME", DAY & DATE, and SHELTER NAME. This information will be confirmed prior to entry into the park.
- **ADMISSION FEE** – Reservation fees only cover the cost of the shelter. A separate entrance fee will need to be paid by you or your guests. If you would like to purchase prepaid tickets for your guests, please contact the park (410-974-2149). These must be provided to your guests prior to the day of your event. The park cannot assist with the distribution of prepaid tickets.
  - Day-use Admission Fee (May 1 - September 30): Weekends and holidays - \$5/person, Weekdays - \$4/person
- **PARKING** – All shelters have been given a designated allotment of parking spaces. Once shelters have met this allotment, your guests may be asked to park in another parking area in the park. All vehicles are to park in the parking lot. Vehicles are not permitted on the grass at any time. Access roads to the shelters are to be used for loading and unloading supplies only. Only ONE vehicle at a time is permitted at the shelter.
- **PETS** – Pets are not permitted at the park from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. After October 1<sup>st</sup>, pets must be on a leash at all times. Click [here](#), for the Maryland Park Service's statewide pet policies.

## PARK & SHELTER DETAILS

- **Inclement Weather** - When planning your event always take into consideration the possibility of inclement weather. Refunds are not issued due to inclement weather, unless the park has been officially closed by management. In this case we will notify the

contact person as soon as possible. Always contact the reservation center (1-888-432-2267) to review the refund policy or review our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

- **MARINA AND EAST BEACH STORES** – Picnic supplies, Ice, boat rentals, fishing/crabbing gear, and souvenirs are available at these stores.
- **TRASH** – Maryland State Parks practice [Leave No Trace ethics](#) regarding trash. We ask that you leave shelters and surrounding areas as you found it. It is your responsibility to provide large trash bags to accommodate your group's trash. Dumpsters, located near the East Beach exit, are available for your use.
- **SWIMMING** – Lifeguards on stand are not guaranteed in the East Beach area. Pending staffing, lifeguards may be on roving patrol if staff is not available to set up a lifeguard stand. If you would like to swim in a fully guarded area you may have to go to the South Beach swimming area. NO GUARDS are on duty at any beach PRIOR TO Memorial Day or after Labor Day.
- **BEACH** – Glass and fires are not permitted on the beach. We ask that you try not to have any glass in or around the shelter area.
- **ELECTRICITY** – The electricity in the shelters is only 20 amps. This is not enough to run large equipment. Generators are NOT permitted.
- **WATER SPIGOTS** - Spigots are not for children to play in, only to be used to get water for use at the shelter or grill area. Water spigots should be used by adults only.
- **RECREATION** – There are ball fields, a play courts, volleyball nets, horseshoe pits, and a basketball court in the shelter area. Guests may bring their own equipment or, if available, the store in the shelter area rents some equipment on a first come first serve basis.
- **OPEN SPACES** - All areas away from the shelters are considered open spaces for use by all patrons. Shelter guests must keep within the space close to their shelter. Our staff reserves the right to request anything or anyone to move back to their shelter area.
- **CANOPIES** - Use of canopies are allowed (nothing any larger than a 10 x 10 open sided canopy) as long as they are kept next to your shelter and no more than 2 per shelter. Canopies are not allowed out in the open space areas. NO enclosed tents.

## FOOD & BEVERAGES

- **CATERERS** - Catering companies must pay the entrance service charge and adhere to all policies and procedures of the park. Catering companies will not be permitted into the shelter area prior to the area's opening time. Vehicles, including beer trucks, oversize grills/cookers are not permitted on grassy areas at any time.
- **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** – An alcohol permit is required for the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the shelter. Permits may be purchased through the DNR reservation center at the time of the shelter booking.

- **COOKING LIQUIDS AND GREASE** – There are no accommodations available for the dumping of cooking liquids & grease. Cooking liquids & grease are not to be poured on the ground or disposed of in the bathhouse. The group is responsible for making arrangements to remove these items from the park and dispose of them properly.

## **DECORATIONS & ENTERTAINMENT**

- **AMPLIFIED SOUND** – Amplified music, DJ's, bands or speaker podiums w/microphones are not permitted. Music from a CD player or iPhone is allowed. The volume must be kept low so as to not interfere with other shelter guests. If the amplified sound is too loud, park staff reserve the right to ask the sound be turned down or off completely.
- **DECORATIONS** – Use only tape to secure decorations in the shelter. NO BALLOONS. Do not use staples, tacks, nails, etc... All decoration materials and adhesives must be removed after your event.
- **ENTERTAINMENT** – Carnival type games and booths (including but not limited to slides, moon bounces, cotton candy machines...) are not permitted. This equipment creates a visual distraction to other park guests as well as causes damage to the natural resources. NO kiddie pools/waterslides or hoses at the shelter. If you have questions, please contact the park (410-974-2149). We are open to suggestions, but you will need to have permission prior to your event.