



Park Shelter FAQ's

- How many people will a shelter accommodate?
 - Each shelter is approximately the same size and will accommodate about 150 people.
Note: Veterans Memorial Shelter #1 and the Neshonoc Shelter have a fireplace.
- Do the shelters have running water?
 - Shelters do not have running water but have potable hand pumps for water in close proximity to each building.
- Do the shelters have electricity?
 - All shelters have electricity – if plugging in multiple slow cookers, crock pots, NESCO cookers, etc., please bring surge protectors and extension cords as needed.
- How many tables are in each shelter?
 - All shelters have 8-10 picnic tables inside the shelter with more tables around the outside for seating – a longer serving table is also present in each shelter. Tables range in length from 6 feet to 8 feet.
- Do the shelters have bathrooms?
 - Vault toilets are present near each shelter.
- What are the shelter hours?
 - Each shelter is rented for an entire day. The earliest a shelter can be opened is 8:30 am and the parks close at 10:00 pm.
- Is amplified sound permitted?
 - Amplified sound is not permitted in County Parks – per County Ordinance Chapter 19.
- How is garbage handled?
 - Garbage cans are present at each shelter. At the end of your shelter use, put the garbage cans inside the shelter. Park staff will then remove the garbage.
- Do I receive a key for unlocking and locking the shelter?
 - No. Park staff will unlock the padlock for the shelter at the designated time. At this point you are responsible for the shelter. If planning to come and go, bring a lock to secure the building. When leaving the shelter for the day, simply lock the padlock for the shelter.
- Do I have to clean the shelter?
 - Shelters should be left as they are found. Leave all garbage cans inside the shelter and lock the padlock before leaving for the day.
- Are weddings permitted?
 - Weddings are permitted provided they comply with all County Ordinances.
- Is alcohol allowed?
 - Yes, but sales are prohibited and disorderly conduct is prohibited. County Ordinance reads:
19.12 DISORDERLY CONDUCT PROHIBITED. No person shall engage in any disorderly conduct as defined by s. 947.01(1), Wis. Stats., in any County park, nor shall any intoxicated person be or remain in any County park.
19.13 SALES OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES PROHIBITED. No person shall sell or offer for sale any intoxicating liquors or fermented malt beverages in any County park, except as authorized by the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.
- Can I hold a fundraising events in the parks?
 - All fundraising events require approval from the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee. If you plan to hold an event with the intention of raising money or charge a fee for admission/programming and it will be open to the public, you must first receive approval from La Crosse County. The process starts with a letter detailing your proposed event. The letter must answer the questions of who, what, where, when, why and how. Include complete contact information for who is making the request and for all involved in organizing the event. Explain what the event is, where, when and why you want to hold the event. Lastly include details on how you plan to run the event including set-up, tear-down, parking, event times, etc. La Crosse County requires an insurance certificate in the amount of \$1,000,000 listing La Crosse County as additional insured for all events of this type. Be sure to indicate that you can meet this requirement in your letter. Don't wait until the last minute. Committee meets one time per month and we highly recommend you seek approval at least 3 months prior to your event.
- What is the cancellation policy?
 - Cancellation requests must be received by the Facilities Department at least 14 days prior to the shelter use date to receive a partial (50%) refund of the shelter fee. Cancellation within 14 days of the reservation date will result in no refund. All refunds are made in the form of a check.
- What should I do with my permit?
 - Please sign the signature line to acknowledge that you have read the permit and the information is accurate. Keep the permit with you the day of your shelter rental. There is no need to display the permit unless park staff would ask to see it.
- What happens if there is high water at Goose Island Park (Mississippi River)/Veterans Memorial Park (La Crosse River)?
 - Flood preparedness actions are necessary if the river stage is projected to rise to the flood stage warning level. Facilities Dept. may need to close a shelter as part of our flood preparedness actions (example: road to the shelter is flooded). If available, Facilities Dept. will attempt to relocate your event to another shelter or offer you an alternate date.