

## FAQ's for Group Picnic Areas

### 1. I am planning a picnic at one of your parks, may I use the picnic tables and BBQ grills?

Picnic tables and small BBQ grills are dispersed throughout most City of Cupertino parks and are available on a first come, first serve basis for a family or small group. For large groups, reservable group picnic areas with large BBQ grills and grouped tables are recommended and are available for rental reservations.

### 2. Which parks have reservable group picnic areas and how do I reserve one?

Linda Vista, Memorial and Portal Park: Rentals are available year-round (City holidays excluded) and must be reserved at least seven days in advance online at [reg4rec.org](http://reg4rec.org) or in-person at the Quinlan Community Center (QCC) Recreation Office during regular office hours. For more information contact (408) 777-3120.

Blackberry Farm: Rentals are available only from May through September and must be reserved at least 30 days in advance online at [reg4rec.org](http://reg4rec.org). For more information contact (408) 777-3140.

### 3. What are the fees and capacity of reservable group picnic areas?

Some fees depend on residency category. For fee and site capacity detailed information, please see the [Park Rental Fee Matrix](#) on our picnic areas webpage.

### 4. What is the cancellation and refund policy for a park site reservation?

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing by the permittee to the QCC Recreation Office or email [refunds@cupertino.org](mailto:refunds@cupertino.org) at least 10 days in advance of your rental date. Refund requests due to rainout must be submitted by end of next business day after your rental date.

### 5. May I play music in the park?

The use of any system for amplifying sounds (ex. speakers, microphones, etc.) whether for speech or music is prohibited in the parks and amphitheater. Community festival events are excepted per their approved exclusive park use permit.

### 6. May I have a Bounce House set up in the park? May I bring my own?

A Bounce House is allowed only at Memorial Park at a designated location in conjunction with a Group Picnic Area rental that includes a Bounce House permit. A personal Bounce House is **not** allowed. It must be separately rented only from our approved vendor(s) and fees depend on your selection. For vendor list and details see [Bounce House](#) information.

**7. Which group picnic site has the most tree shade? May I bring my own shade canopy?**

In order of most to least shade are Linda Vista, Portal and Memorial Park. A pop-up shade canopy no larger than 10 ft. x 10 ft. is allowed, and must be free standing and anchored by weights.

**8. Is the grass field next to the group picnic area included in my reservation? May we use the Softball field for a friendly game?**

Exclusive use of the grass field area next to a group picnic site is not included. It is available on a first come first serve basis. A Memorial Park Softball field use permit must be obtained at the QCC Recreation Office if you want exclusive use by your picnic group.

**9. May I bring my BBQ grill to use at the park?**

Yes, your personal gas or charcoal grill may be used. It may not be used in a grass area and must be placed next to an existing park BBQ grill in the designated cooking area location.

**10. May I bring my dog(s) to the park?**

Yes, dogs are allowed in park areas designated by park signs. They must remain on a leash, except at Jollyman Park in the designated Dog Off-Leash Area ([DOLA](#)) and the Mary Avenue [Dog Park](#).

**11. Are alcoholic beverages allowed at the park?**

Yes, alcoholic beverages (except kegs and hard liquor) are allowed when served with a meal. They are not permitted on or around the softball field, tennis courts, or playground areas.

**12. May I bring a caterer or vendor food truck to my picnic area event?**

Yes, it is allowed in conjunction with a site reservation and only for your private event use. Pre-approval is required. For detailed requirements please contact the QCC Recreation Office.