

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?

Creekside, 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 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. 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 visit 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 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 Creekside or Memorial Park at the designated locations in conjunction with a Group Picnic Area rental that includes a Bounce House permit. It must be separately rented only from our approved vendor(s) and fees depend on your selection. A personal Bounce House is **not allowed**. For vendor list and requirement details, visit the Picnic Areas webpage to view amenities information under Rental Rates.

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 Creekside, Linda Vista, Portal and Memorial Park. Pop-up shade canopies no larger than 10 ft. x 10 ft. are allowed in a group picnic area (maximum of four), 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 to reserve it for use by your picnic group.

9. May I bring my BBQ grill to use at the picnic area?

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 picnic area?

Dogs are allowed in park areas designated by City park signs, but must remain on a suitable leash no more than six feet in length. Dogs off leash are only allowed at Mary Avenue [Dog Park](#) , and Jollyman Park or Linda Vista Park in the designated Dog Off-Leash Area ([DOLA](#)).

11. Are alcoholic beverages allowed at the picnic area?

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, a caterer is allowed in conjunction with a site reservation. A vendor food truck is allowed only at non-Blackberry Farm group picnic areas. Either must be there only for your private event use. For detailed requirements and pre-approval, please contact the QCC Recreation Office.