

Recreation and Parks – Elms Beach Park

- Location:** 19350 Back Door Road (turn at Bay Forest Road, then Back Door Road) Lexington Park, MD 20653
- Size:** 476 Acres (County and Board of Education Activities)
- Dedication:** 1978
- Hours of Operation:** **Spring, Summer and Fall Months:** April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November - The park is open **MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY** - for vehicular traffic and all pedestrian users from 7:00 a.m. until sunset. The park is not staffed during the weekdays. **There are no entrance fees during the week.**
- Saturday, Sunday and Holidays:** 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The park is staffed during the **WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. Entrance fees are charged on weekends and holidays.** (See fees below.)
- Winter Months:** December, January, February, March
- Weekday and Weekend:** The park gate is closed for vehicular traffic. You may walk in the park during these months. **No fees are charged at any time.**
- Directions:** From Route 235 South, turn left on Bay Forest Road, then turn on Back Door Road to the park. [Map](#)
- Contact Information:** Please call 301-475-4200 ext. 71800 for more information; call the Parks Division at 301-863-8400 ext. 73570 for maintenance related issues.
- Additional Information:** The park offers wonderful views of the Chesapeake Bay and unsupervised swimming, hiking, picnicking, fishing and environmental interpretation.
- Fees:** **May 4, 2019 through September 2, 2019 Weekends and Holidays**
Fee: Walk-Ins and Bicyclers, Groups of 4 or a single person will be charged.
- DAILY PASS:
County Resident \$7.00 per Vehicle
Out of County Resident \$15.00 per vehicle
- SEASON PASSES:**
One Park - County Resident = \$25.00
One Park - Out of County Resident = \$60.00
Two Parks – County Resident = \$30.00
Two Parks – Out of County Resident = \$70.00
Three Parks – County Resident = \$55.00
Three Parks – Out of County Resident = \$115.00
- Season passes will be available for purchase beginning March 1, 2019. Season passes can be purchased at Recreation and Parks main office, 23150 Leonard hall Drive, Leonardtown. Passes will also be available for purchase at the gate on weekends only. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 71800.

PARK AMENITIES

Playground	Yes	
Pavilion	Yes	The large picnic pavilion is available for rental to the public for family picnics, reunions, parties, weddings and business gatherings. Electricity is available, no running water. Pavilion is Alcohol Free and not available for rental on holiday weekends. Please call (301) 475-4200 ext. 71800 to make reservations.
Picnic Tables	Yes	
Restrooms	Yes	Portable Restrooms
Grills	Yes	Patrons may use the on-site charcoal grill where provided; patrons may not bring their own charcoal grills to the park, but may bring in small gas grills
Pets	Yes	All pets must be kept on a leash in parks. Pet owners are responsible for the actions of their pets and must clean up after pets.
Waterfront Activities	Yes	Unsupervised swimming No lifeguards Crabbing and fishing
Baseball/Softball	No	
Basketball	No	
Soccer	No	
Tennis/Pickleball	No	



Pavilion Rental Information

Reservations will be accepted over the phone with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard) for the months of April through October starting on February 1st. Please call (301) 475-4200 ext. 71800 to make reservations.

2019 Pavilion Fees

Small Pavilion - \$150 - groups less than 60 people
(Chancellors Run, Nicolet, Dorsey #2, Baggett Park, & Snow Hill)

Large Pavilion - \$200 – groups of 61-150
(Fifth District, Dorsey #1, Cecil & Elms)
150+ people will incur an additional staff fee of \$15 per hour. Reservations must be made a minimum of two weeks prior to rental date.

Alcohol Consumption Permit - \$100

Alcohol permit not available for Chancellors Run, Elms Beach, Snow Hill, Lancaster Park or Nicolet Park Pavilions.

For reservations or more information please call 301-475-4200 ext. 71800.
All prices are subject to change.

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Park Pavilion picnic usage Regulations and Permits

1. Park staff will periodically check activities in the park and will monitor pavilion usage. The park staff will return at the end of each day to close the park.
2. **It is unlawful to consume alcoholic beverages in county parks, except by a permit issued from the Department of Recreation and Parks. Nicolet Park, Chancellors Run Regional Park and Elms Beach Park are alcohol-free parks; therefore, permits will not be issued for these parks. Unless otherwise stated on the permit, *alcohol usage is restricted to the Picnic Pavilion area only.***
3. Where grills are available, please extinguish all charcoal fires before leaving the park. ***Please, do not dump hot coals from charcoal fires on the ground.***
4. **ABSOLUTELY NO OPEN CAMP FIRES** are permitted in public parks.
5. Citizens may bring a personal gas grill to the park. Personal charcoal grills are not permitted.
6. Lifeguards are not on duty at waterfront parks.
7. Park usage is at your own risk.
8. Medical insurance is not provided.
9. To receive a refund, pavilion cancellations must be made in writing to ken.guyer@stmarysmd.com at least two (2) weeks prior to the reservation date. A \$25.00 refund fee will be withheld for cancellations. Without the required notice, refunds will not be permitted.
10. In case of inclement weather check the Department cancellation line at 301-475-4200 ext. 71840 or visit the website at www.stmarysmd.com/recreate click on updates. **Inclement weather refunds are only given if the Department of Recreation and Parks cancels a**

reservation. If pavilion rentals are canceled due to inclement weather the cancellation information will state “pavilion rentals” canceled. **Pavilion rentals are not canceled based on “field closures.”**

11. Parks close at sunset. (Elms Beach and Snow Hill Park close at 8:00 p.m. from May 1st through Labor Day). Users must be out of the pavilion at the designated time unless the Department of Recreation and Parks grants special permission in writing.
12. Please dispose of all trash and refuse in receptacles.
13. Ball Fields are permitted if requested at the time of a reservation. If you did not reserve the ball field at the time of the reservation (permit must be indicated on your receipt), ball fields may be used on the day of your event only if available. League use and tournaments take precedence.
14. If you are planning to bring **extra entertainment** (i.e. pony rides, moon bounce, etc) you must submit a request in writing at least **four (4) weeks prior** to your rental. Proof of liability insurance for extra entertainment will need to be submitted to the Recreation and Parks office at the time of rental of the pavilion. Purchasing liability insurance is the responsibility of the party renting the pavilion. Park staff may ask to see the proof of insurance; take a copy with you on the day of your event.
15. Water activities such as dunking booths, slip and slide activities and water balloons are not permitted in public parks.
16. Picnic tables are bolted under the pavilion and are not removable.
17. The advertised fee will be assessed if numbers attending go over the projected amount at the time of rental; this price increase ranges from \$50-\$100.
18. Groups conducting fundraisers and/or groups requesting exclusive use of the park will be required to provide Recreation and Parks with a Certificate of General Liability Insurance indicating limits of \$2,000,000 aggregate and \$1,000,000 per occurrence and naming the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County as an additional insured. This Certificate of Insurance must be submitted two (2) weeks prior to the event being held.
19. A 110v electrical outlet is available at select parks. If an electrical outlet is blown, it will not be reset during your event.
20. Renters and/or caterers do not have access to concession stand buildings at parks.
21. Please bring your pavilion rental receipt, letter of confirmation and Alcohol Permit with you on the day of your rental. If you have been given approval for “special/extra entertainment,” you are required to bring the copy of liability insurance as well.