**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 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. 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 beginning in May. (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.

**ALL St. Mary’s County owned and leased parks and facilities are TOBACCO AND VAPE FREE EFFECTIVE 1/1/2020.**

**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.

**Hours:**
8:00am – 8:00pm, 7 days a week

**Who:**
ST. MARY’S COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY MAY ENTER
*Driver’s license will be checked for anyone in the vehicle ages 18 and up. *Anyone 16 to 18 years must have Driver’s license or School ID. Driver and passengers should be prepared to show ID at the gate.

**Entry Fee:**
Beginning Saturday, May 30, 2020 (Weekends and Holidays)
- Daily Pass: $7 per car
- Season Passes for waterfront parks are available:
  - 1 Park: $25
  - 2 Parks: $30
  - 3 Parks: $55

Season passes can be purchased at online at [www.stmarysmd.com/recreate](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate) click on pass memberships to take you to the purchase page. Passes will also be available for purchase at
the gate both weekdays and weekends. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 71800.

**Permissible Uses:** Exercise such as walking, jogging, running, swimming and sunbathing. Playground at Elms Beach is open – practice social distancing.

**Non-Uses:** Picnics and cookouts are not permissible (includes food and snacks). Grills may **not** be used, and large coolers are **not** allowed.

**Capacity:** The waterfront parks operate under a restricted capacity. Once the capacity is reached, additional patrons will not be allowed to enter until others leave the park.

**Park Access:** You may not enter the beach area through the waterways. All entry must come through the main entrance.

**ENJOY YOUR TIME IN THE PARKS!**

**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.

**2020 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 $20 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, Myrtle Point 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. **All St. Mary’s County parks and facilities are TOBACCO AND VAPE FREE.**

3. 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, Snow Hill 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. *More details provided on reverse.*

4. 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.*

5. **ABSOLUTELY NO OPEN CAMP FIRES** are permitted in public parks.

6. Citizens may bring a personal gas grill to the park. Personal charcoal grills are not permitted.

7. Lifeguards are not on duty at waterfront parks.

8. Park usage is at your own risk.

9. Medical insurance is not provided.

10. 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. *Without the required notice, refunds will not be permitted.* Additionally, pavilion rental date modifications or changes must be made in writing to ken.guyer@stmarysmd.com at least two (2) weeks prior to the original reservation date. *Customers will not be permitted to change rental dates due to unfavorable weather forecasts without written notice at least two (2) weeks prior to the pavilion rental date.*

11. A $25 administrative fee will be charged for all cancellations or modifications to your rental.

12. 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 Weather Closings. *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.”*

13. Parks close at sunset. *(Elms Beach, Myrtle Point and Snow Hill Park closes at 8:00 p.m. from the first Saturday in May 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.

14. Please dispose of all trash and refuse in receptacles.

15. 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.

16. Anyone planning to bring *extra entertainment* (i.e. pony rides, moon bounce, etc) 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; have a copy with you on the day of your event.

17. Water activities such as dunking booths, slip and slide activities and water balloons are not permitted in public parks.

18. Picnic tables are bolted under the pavilion and are not removable.

19. The advertised fee will be assessed if numbers attending go over the projected amount at the time of rental; the price will be $20 per hours of rental.

20. 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.

21. A 110v electrical outlet is available at select parks. If an electrical outlet is blown, it will not be reset during your event.

22. Renters and/or caterers do not have access to concession stand buildings at parks.

23. 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.

24. If pavilions exceed the established maximum attendance (150 for Large Pavilions and 60 for Small Pavilions), customers will be charged $20 per hour for an additional staff fee.