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

Recreation and Parks – John Baggett Park at Laurel Grove

Location: 26929 Three Notch Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Size: 43 Acres
Dedication: 1975 and October 2002

Hours of Operation: Sunrise to Sunset (except for special evening and night activities).

Directions: John V. Baggett Park is located on Route 235, three miles south of the Point Lookout Road and Three Notch Road intersection, just south of Mechanicsville. Park is on the right. [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 renovation project is now complete. On October 19, 2002, the park formally reopened to the public and was dedicated in honor of former Rec & Parks Director, John V. Baggett.

PARK AMENITIES

Playground Yes
Pavilion Yes
A picnic pavilion for groups of 60 persons or less is available to individuals on a first come, first served basis. Convenient to playground and athletic fields; Pavilion has water and electrical hook-up. Pavilion can be reserved in advance for private gatherings. Patrons may bring small gas grills; but no charcoal grills. Please call (301) 475-4200 ext. 71800 to make reservations.

Picnic Tables Yes
Restrooms Yes
Restroom building
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 No
Baseball/Softball Yes
1 lit 90 ft. baseball field
3 – 60 ft. baseball/softball fields
Multi-purpose field

Basketball Yes
1 Basketball court
Football No
Soccer No
Tennis/Pickleball Yes
Double tennis court
3 Pickleball courts
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 (Fees subject to change July 1, 2020)

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.

St. Mary’s County Recreation and Parks

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.