Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
Children's Garden Picnic Pavilion

The Children's Picnic Pavilion is located in Meadowlark Botanical Gardens and is available year-round for private rentals for children's birthday parties and scout ceremonies. Grills or open flames are not permitted inside the Gardens or at the Children's Gardens Picnic Pavilion.

The following rules and regulations apply to conduct at all NOVA Parks rental shelters
NOVA Parks shelters are intended for use for a simple picnic consisting of food, beverage, and guests. Amusement devices such as inflatables, rock walls, etc. are not permitted in the park. Uses outside the scope of a simple picnic are not permitted.

Children's Garden Picnic Pavilion Rates

	In-Jurisdiction Fee	Non-Jurisdiction Fee
MONDAY-FRIDAY	$250	$275
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	$305	$330

Admission for 30 people (including children and adults) is included in Children's Pavilion rental fee.
***NOVA Parks has six participating jurisdictions: Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun, and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax. Residents living in these counties/cities may be considered "in-jurisdiction."*

Children's Garden Picnic Pavilion Capacity
- Maximum occupancy is 30 total adults and children (including ages 5 and under).
- Groups that exceed the maximum occupancy limit will forfeit use of the shelter without refund. Groups must strictly adhere to shelter capacity restrictions.

Picnic Pavilion Rules and Information
- **The Children's Picnic Pavilion has one rental period per day – 10:00am to 3:30pm.**
- The reservation holder and their guests must check in with Visitor Center staff prior to occupying the Picnic Pavilion.
- The Children's Picnic Pavilion is 1,500 feet or approximately an 8 minute walk from the Visitor Center. No golf carts are available to transport guests or supplies at any time. No Exceptions.
    - Two wagons are available for the Renter's use to transport food, beverages, and supplies. No one is permitted to ride in the wagons. Those who do so will forfeit use of the wagons.
- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- ADA accessible restrooms are in the Visitor Center and composting toilets are located 250 feet from the Children's Picnic Pavilion.
- Five picnic tables, including one wheelchair accessible picnic table, and two trashcans are provided.
- Electricity and water are not available at the Children's Pavilion.
- No pets are allowed at the Children's Picnic Pavilion.

Inclement Weather, Cancellation and Change Policy
- 25% or $20, whichever is greater, of the shelter rental fee will be retained in the event of a cancellation with a minimum of 10 days advance notice.

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- No refunds will be given for cancellations with less than 10 days advance notice.
- A $25.00 fee will be charged for changes to a reservation with a minimum of 10 days advance notice.
- No changes will be made to a reservation with less than 10 days advance notice.
- No refunds or changes will be granted in the event of inclement weather.
- There is no inclement weather location.

The following activities require express approval from NOVA Parks. Approval is not guaranteed for any event, activity, or device.

- Operation of special food and beverage amusements such as snow cone machines, popcorn makers, food vendors and outside catering.
- Privately owned equipment such as animal or mechanical rides, inflatable play amusements or rock-climbing walls may not be brought into the park.
- Conduct of camps, fairs, exhibitions, rallies, fundraising efforts, races, walks, athletic league games or practices and other organized events.

The following items are prohibited at the Children's Garden Picnic Pavilion:

- Any form of grills, open flames, or cooking devices.
- Additional tables, chairs, tents, or dining canopies
- Bicycles, self-propelled vehicles, or sports equipment
- Balloons, glass, or pinatas.
- Sale of food, beverages, or other goods, or the collection of fees or monetary contributions.
- Removal of tables from the Pavilion.
- Use of generators.
- The use of tape, glue, nails, tacks, screws, staples, or anything that may damage pavilion surfaces.
- **The use of musical instruments, radios and other sound devices and amplified sound equipment is prohibited within the Gardens.**
- **Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the Gardens.**

Parking

- Parking is on a first come, first serve basis, and is not guaranteed with the Pavilion rental.
- Driving to a shelter for any purpose is strictly prohibited including unloading and loading.
    - **Vehicles are not permitted in the Gardens and golfcart use is not available.**

Arrival and Departure

- Shelters are not available prior to or later than the scheduled rental time.
- Clean up should begin prior to the end of the rental time and the pavilion must be completely vacated by the end of the rental period.
- All trash must be bagged and placed in the proper receptacle for pick-up by park staff.
- The renter is responsible for removal of all ground trash including but not limited to confetti and streamers.
    - If the Children's Garden Picnic Pavilion is left in an unsatisfactory condition, the renter may be charged an additional cleaning fee at the discretion of park staff.
- Shelter use is by reservation only and all appropriate fees must be paid.
- A reservation confirmation will be issued to one adult who will be the group representative.
- All contact between the group and park staff will be handled by the group representative only, throughout the entire event.