

# Picnic Shelter - Keuka Lake State Park

Thank you for your interest in renting the picnic shelter at Keuka Lake State Park. Below are frequently asked questions regarding the picnic shelter. For more information contact the park office at 315-536-3666.

The shelter is an enclosed two story building built into a hillside. It is located next to the park picnic area near the Keuka Lake shoreline.



## **Features:**

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| <b>Upper Level</b>   | - 4 large overhead doors which may be opened or closed depending on weather and the needs of your group. |
|                      | - A balcony which overlooks the lake.  |
|                      | - The upper level is closest to the parking lot  |
| <b>Lower Level</b>   | - 2 large overhead doors facing the lakeshore.   |
| <b>Both levels</b>   | - Indoor fireplace.  |
| <b>Capacity</b>      | - Each level can accommodate 75 people.  |
| <b>Building Size</b> | - Approximately 44 feet by 22 feet.  |

For a 360 degree photo of the upper level interior go to [nysparks.com](http://nysparks.com) . Select visit, state parks, Keuka Lake State Park, find a park, and virtual tour.

## **HOW DO I RENT THE SHELTER?**

The shelter is available from mid May through mid October. Reservations may be made 11 months in advance and weekend dates in June, July, and August tend to book early. Contact the park office to determine if the shelter is available on the date you want. If available a tentative reservation may be made and an application mailed to you. Applications are also online at [nysparks.com](http://nysparks.com) , but the park office must be contacted to confirm availability. The application must be returned with full payment within 2 weeks to confirm your reservation.

## **HOW EARLY IN THE DAY CAN WE OCCUPY THE SHELTER?**

Rental of the shelter begins at 9 am. If your group needs to have access before 9 am you may check with the park office to see if the building has been cleaned and is ready for use. The only way to guarantee access prior to 9 am is to reserve the shelter the day before your event.

## **HOW LATE CAN WE STAY?**

Groups using the shelter are asked to conclude their event between Sunset and time the shelter area becomes dark. There are lights inside and outside the shelter but the parking lot and walkways are not lit. For the safety of your group please plan on concluding your event prior to total darkness. Only the park manager may allow exceptions to this policy.

## **WHAT ABOUT SEATING?**

There are 13 to 14 picnic tables on each level, each seating 4 to 6 people. The tables are approximately 6 feet long by 5 feet wide and have a 2 ½ foot wide table top. **Tables may be rearranged or moved outside, but must be returned inside at the end of your event.** Several wooden benches are also placed around the shelter area.

## **WHAT COOKING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE?**

On the upper level patio there are 4 brick grills measuring 4'x3'. On the lower patio there are two 28" X 36 " metal grills. If your event includes a pig roast, chicken barbeque, or other special cooking arrangements, prior approval from the Park Manager is required. Under no circumstances can anything be cooked directly on the ground or pavement. Each shelter level has a full size refrigerator / freezer. Ice is available at the park office.

## **DO WE NEED TO BRING CHARCOAL AND FIREWOOD?**

Groups must bring their own charcoal and firewood for cooking and fires in the fireplace.

## **ARE ELECTRIC AND WATER AVAILABLE?**

There are electric outlets inside plus one dedicated circuit outside for each level. Groups using high energy electrical appliances inside (coffee pots, hot plates, etc) will want to use several outlets to avoid tripping breakers. There is one water spigot located outside for each level.

### **ARE RESTROOMS AND CHANGING FACILITIES AVAILABLE?**

There are no restrooms in the shelter, but there is a restroom a short distance from the building.

### **MAY WE PUT UP DECORATIONS?**

Groups renting the shelter are allowed to put up decorations. All decorations (including tape and thumbtacks) must be removed from the building at the end of your event.

### **IS AMPLIFIED MUSIC ALLOWED?**

The use of amplified music such as a live band or a DJ requires approval from the Park Manager. Your group must have both levels of the shelter rented and the volume must not disturb other patrons using the picnic area.

### **MAY WE SERVE ALCOHOL?**

Alcohol may be served to those over age 21. If your group is providing alcoholic beverages an alcohol permit is required. There is no charge for the permit and it must be filled out at the park office on the day of your event. Individuals over age 21 may bring their own alcohol for personal consumption without a permit.

### **WHAT ABOUT CLEANING THE SHELTER AND GARBAGE?**

The picnic shelter is cleaned at the start of each day. Your group is responsible for leaving the shelter in the same general condition that you found it. The person signing the shelter application is responsible for paying any damage or unusual cleaning expenses caused by your group.

All garbage and trash must be removed from the park in compliance with the carry-in, carry-out policy of the Finger Lakes State Park Region. There are no garbage cans at the shelter and your group must remove all trash and garbage. Trash cans and garbage pickup can be arranged with the park office for an additional fee.

### **MAY WE DRIVE DOWN NEXT TO THE SHELTER FOR LOADING & UNLOADING?**

Vehicles are not permitted to drive on any park sidewalk or grassy area without permission. Contact the park office to see if appropriate staff is available to discuss your request.

### **IS THE SHELTER HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE?**

The shelter is handicapped accessible but does have limitations. The building is located a short distance from the parking lot and down a small hill. There is a blacktopped pathway leading directly to the upper level, but access to the lower level is by an outside stair. It is also possible to reach the lower level by walking down a grassy slope. There is no direct paved path to the lower level. The upper level has 1 picnic table designed for wheelchair use. Handicapped bathroom facilities are available in the closest restroom.

### **DO GUESTS HAVE TO PAY A PARK ENTRANCE FEE?**

Rental of the shelter **DOES NOT** include the Park entrance fee for vehicles attending your event. There is **no discount for group parking**. Groups wishing to pay the vehicle entrance fee for guests must make arrangements with the park office prior to the start of the event. Groups must provide a credit card # or a blank check which will be processed once the total fee owed has been determined based on the number of vehicle tickets issued. A list of guests to receive free entrance should be provided the day of the event. One park entrance ticket will be issued to each vehicle occupied by listed guests. Unless otherwise arranged guests not on the list will be charged the vehicle entrance fee.

If no arrangement for payment have been made then all vehicles attending your event will be charged the vehicle entrance fee. Caterers, florists, clergy, musicians, or other vendors entering the park must sign an official visitor log to avoid being charged a vehicle entrance fee.

### **CAN WE ALSO PUT UP A TENT?**

Groups interested in having a tent in addition to the shelter rental must receive approval from the park office. Depending on the size of the tent a permit may be required at additional cost. The tent permit application should be completed as soon as possible to allow time for the approval process. **Tent permit applications received less than 2 weeks prior to the event may be denied!** If the tent cannot be removed the day of the event then the shelter must be rented for the following day. Patrons renting the shelter are responsible for arranging tent removal. **Failure to remove tents as scheduled may result in additional charges.**

### **WHAT ABOUT SHELTER GUESTS WHO WISH TO CAMP?**

Keuka Lake State Park has 150 campsites, including 53 available with electric hookups. Reservations may be made up to 9 months in advance. Reservations are required for most weekends, Holidays, or for campers needing Electric hookups. Reservations are also suggested if you wish to have several campsites together. Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-456-2267 or online at [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com) Quiet hours in the campground are from 10 pm to 7 am. All non-camping visitors must leave the campground by 10 pm.