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**Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park
PICNIC SEASON GUIDELINES
2025 Picnic Season:
Saturday, May 24th through Monday, September 1st
9:00am – 9:00pm**

Picnics for groups of 9 or fewer do not require a permit, but one can be issued if a specific table is requested. Picnic tables for groups of 9 or fewer without a permit are available first come, first served. One (1) table max, if available.

Group Permits:

All picnics for groups of 10 or more require a permit.

For groups of 10 to 25 persons - patrons may make a picnic reservation request via email at DFRBSPRevenue@parks.ny.gov or by calling the cashier's office at (212) 694 –3726 or 3599. A completed and signed Park Use Permit application and signed Picnic Rules and Guidelines agreement is required to make a reservation. The Park Use Permit, Picnic Map and Picnic Rules and Guidelines agreement can be found at <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/riverbank/details.aspx>.

For groups larger than 25 persons - please email the request including date and number of people to Jared.Leake@parks.ny.gov and copy Tara.McGuire@parks.ny.gov.

Regardless of group size, any request from an organization or agency (whether for profit or non-profit) must be submitted as a formal request on organization letterhead to Park Director, Jared Leake and Assistant Regional Director, Tara McGuire.

***Please note:** Due to the large number of requests for group picnic permits, requests for groups of 50 or more will be granted non-holiday weekday permits only. The park cannot accommodate groups of 50 or more on weekends or holidays. On holidays including Juneteenth, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, tables are available on a first come, first served basis and there are no reservations on these days.*

There is a five (5) table maximum per group or reservation. Each picnic table seats 6 persons. Permit holders are allowed to bring up to 2 portable chairs per permitted table to accommodate a maximum of 8 persons at each permitted table.

***Fees:** \$30 non-refundable application fee, includes one table. Each additional table is \$30 per table.*

***Payment:** Application fees are due upon approval of your application. Full fees due for the permit may also be paid at that time and are due no later than 2 weeks prior to the permitted event. Failure to pay in timely manner will cancel the reservation.*

***Reservations are final:** The park cannot give rain-dates, credits, or refunds for picnic reservations. All reservations are final. If you would like to schedule a rain-date, a separate and full permit request is required along with full fees. If the rain date is not used, there are no refunds or credits.*



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Parking: Lower-level parking is available for free on a first come, first served basis. Lower-Level parking passes are available at the 145th street security booth at the entrance of the park.

Unloading & loading: You may unload your picnic supplies or drop off elderly or mobility impaired patrons at the traffic circle. **PLEASE NOTE:** the park strictly enforces a maximum 5-minute period for unloading and loading. **If you are authorized to unload at the traffic circle (curbside only), an authorized licensed driver must be left in the vehicle. No vehicles may be left unattended.** Please suggest public transportation to all other guests. Bus and train options are included below.

Public Transit

By bus: From Bronx - Cross-town BX19 directly into Riverbank State Park. From Manhattan - M11 Bus directly into Riverbank State Park

By subway: The #1 train to 145th and Broadway – one block from the park's main entrance on 145th Street and Riverside Drive.

The A, B, C, D trains to 145th and St. Nicholas Avenue – walk west four blocks to the park's main entrance on 145th Street and Riverside Drive.

The #3 train to 145th and Malcolm X Blvd./Lenox Avenue and transfer to the cross-town BX19 directly into Riverbank State Park.

Security: State Park Police and Park Rangers are on patrol for your safety. First Aid is also available. For emergencies contact: Park Police Base tel. # (212) 694 – 3620.

Picnic Rules and Regulations:

The picnic area is open from 9:00am – 9:00pm.

All reserved areas must be occupied by 12:00pm noon on the permitted day. If you are running late, please call the Park Admin Monday - Friday (212) 694 - 3606 or 3651 or the cashier's booth Saturday and Sunday at (212) 694 – 3726 or 3599.

A responsible contact must be present and available during the permitted event. Upon arrival, please see the Park Ranger assigned to the picnic area.

Bring your signed and approved park use permit application and/or receipt of permit payment on your permitted event day.

Patrons must begin their breakdown and cleanup by 8:00pm and be out of the picnic area by 9:00pm.

Please do not bring additional tables to the park; however, you may bring folding chairs (maximum 2 per permitted table) and blankets.

Each picnic reservation is allowed one (1) 10'x10' canopy, regardless of the number of picnic tables reserved. Canopies must be anchored to the tables or held down with sandbags. Canopies may NOT be spiked into the ground.

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Grilling, cooking, food carts and food trucks are not allowed. Only permitted concessionaires are allowed to vend in the park.

No alcohol is allowed in the park.

Please do not tie decorations on the trees, bushes, or park furniture. Hammocks are not allowed.

Do not release balloons in the air. Please take them with you or burst them and discard accordingly.

Pinatas are not allowed in the park.

Please do not climb the trees.

Battery operated radios or a small Bluetooth speaker are allowed. We do not provide electricity or allow generators. Keep music at a respectable level.

DJs for special events must be approved by administration and with a separate permit. Insurance is required.

The park rules prohibit bicycle riding, water or toy guns and water balloons.

Smoking of any kind (including hookah and vape) is not allowed at the park.

Please respect one another and park property.

Dogs are not allowed in the park. Only authorized service dogs are allowed on park premises. The service dog must be trained to assist you or provide a service.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park.

For more information, Contact: Jared Leake (Park Admin) at (212) 694 – 3606 or 3651 or the Revenue booth at (212) 694 – 3726 or 3599.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above stated and posted rules.

Signature

Date