

What Bowie Parks have to offer..

The City of Bowie offers many exciting and unique opportunities within its parks. We offer concerts, group and family picnic sites, athletic fields, paddle-boat rentals, fishing and skating opportunities and some of the very best special events.

For specific information on the above opportunities, please call (301) 809-3011 or log on to our website at www.cityofbowie.org

Enjoy your visit!



Robert V. Setera Amphitheater

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Parks for your enjoyment!

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Frequently Asked Questions



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Most Frequently Asked Questions by Picnic Permit Holders & Park Patrons



1) Can I drink alcohol in the park?

Possession or consumption of alcohol in City parks is only permitted when an alcohol permit has been obtained from the Recreation Office prior to your reservation date. Glass is not permitted in City parks.

2) Can I set up horseshoes or a volleyball/badminton net?

These activities may be played in designated areas as available at Allen Pond Park. There are two horseshoe pits; one is located next to the West Pavilion and the other is between the East Pavilion and Group Area #3. A volleyball/badminton net can be set up on the two existing poles located between the East Pavilion and Group Area #3.

3) If I am the one who purchased the picnic permit, do I have to be present for the picnic?

Yes, the individual who purchased the permit or is listed on the permit as the Authorized Agent, is responsible for the permit and must be present during the entire picnic (failure to do so may result in forfeiture of security deposit).

4) Can I play music in the park?

The use of radios or sound amplification equipment (any item with speakers and a volume control) is not permitted in City parks. DJ's are not permitted. Personal music devices (i.e. ipod, walkman, etc.) are permitted with headphone use.

5) Can I put up a tent or canopy?

Only with special approval when obtaining your picnic permit and provided the canopy is free-standing. The use of ground spikes is not permitted.

6) Can I drop off my picnic items (food, table, chairs, etc.) or a special needs person (anyone disabled, elderly, etc.) at my site?

Vehicles are not permitted to be driven to any picnic site, unless they are an approved catering vehicle. Only catering vehicles may access pavilion sites. It is recommended that you bring a handcart to transport items. All sites are handicap accessible.

7) Can I bring my own grill?

A personal grill is permitted provided the cooking surface does not exceed 6 square feet (regular size grill). All grills brought to the park must be placed adjacent to a permanent park grill.

8) Can I bring a moon-bounce or dunk tank?

Amusement ride equipment is not permitted.



9) When does the park close?

City parks close at sunset unless attending a scheduled City event. Only athletic field permit holders are permitted to remain in parks after sunset.

10) Can I bring and ride my motorized vehicle in the park?

Licensed or unlicensed motorized scooters, skateboards, go-carts, mini-bikes, ATV's or other similar equipment are not permitted in City parks. Persons using motorized handicapped chairs are exempt from this requirement.

11) How can I contact or locate a Park Ranger?

A Park Ranger can be contacted directly by calling (240) 508-3881. If you have a medical emergency please call 911 before calling for a Park Ranger.



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