



User Guidelines and Policies for Gateway Natural Area Shelters

The following information is provided to assist you in obtaining the maximum enjoyment from your shelter reservation.

1. Reservations will not be granted on Mother's and Father's Day, Memorial and Labor Day and July 4th. The maximum allowed event size is 100 people. Weddings are not allowed. Payment and reservation form must be received a minimum of seven days prior to event and no earlier than one year in advance. Shelter fees (credit card or check only): Shelter A (50 person seating capacity) - \$50 per day and Shelter B (32 person seating capacity) - \$50 per day. Both shelters must be rented if the event involves over 50 people. Only one reservation per day per shelter is accepted as each reservation is made for the entire day regardless of event time. Gateway Natural Area hours are dawn to dusk all year long. **Call the Natural Areas Program Administration Office at 970-416-2815 to reserve your shelter.**
2. **Bring your reservation paperwork with you to the shelter on the day of your event** so you will have documentation in case of conflicts. A Large Event Permit is not required if a shelter is rented. A Large Event Permit will not be approved if a shelter has already been reserved to help control the number of people within the natural area. We strongly encourage that you reserve a shelter if you want less visitors in the area on the day of your event as use of the shelters are on a first-come, first-serve basis if not reserved.
3. Each shelter has four standard size outdoor grills. Table-top gas grills are allowed. Burning of wood in grills is not allowed; only charcoal is allowed. Prior approval is required for any other outside grills. Shelter A has six tables and Shelter B has four tables. Moving picnic tables is not allowed unless a City employee is present. Each shelter has one electrical outlet for two devices. Please do not overload the outlets with too many devices as they could trip the circuit breakers.
4. Restrooms are located near the shelter and near the natural area entrance. Potable water is not available.
5. The Natural Areas Ranger may condition the issuance of any reservation by imposing reasonable requirements concerning the time, place and manner in which the proposed activity shall be permitted, and may deny any reservation application or impose any reasonable permit conditions or requirements upon the approval of the same in order to protect the safety or well-being of persons, or animals, or to protect or preserve the recreation area and related facilities, or any other city or public property or facility, the use and enjoyment of the same by the general public, or the needs and objectives of the city in maintaining and operating the same.
6. Parking guidelines for the shelters are:
Parking at Gateway Natural Area is limited – Carpooling, vans and buses are strongly recommended.
Parking fees are collected at time of arrival – \$5.00 per car, \$10.00/van or bus occupied with 8 or more people.
The person signing the reservation form is responsible to pay for unpaid parking fees for their guests.
Parking is free during the months of December, January and February.
7. Music speakers, boom boxes, and other public address type systems are not allowed in order to maintain the tranquility of the natural area and to not disturb the wildlife and other natural area visitors.
8. **Alcohol is strictly prohibited per City ordinances.** Dogs must be on a leash. Throwing of horseshoes is not allowed. Parking or driving on turf (grassy) areas is strictly prohibited. Any violations may result in citations.
9. Any structures that you bring in such as volleyball nets, soccer goal posts, etc., must be listed on your original reservation form and are subject to approval.
10. A line locate is required if you are placing stakes in the ground longer than the standard 6 inches, as some of our sprinkler lines could be damaged. Natural Areas office staff will determine if a line locate is required.
11. An ADA sidewalk is available to the shelters and restrooms for the disabled. If you need to unload items, contact the Gateway Natural Area office at (970) 407-1106, for proper procedures.
12. All cancellations require a 48 hour notice to receive a full-refund. The customer signing the reservation will be responsible and will be billed a minimum of \$100 for any damage or any excessive cleanup tasks caused by the customer or their guests.
13. **Following these guidelines will keep Gateway Natural Area a beautiful place to visit and will enhance your time spent there. Gateway Ranger office phone number is (970) 407-1106. Call 970-416-2815 to reserve your shelter today!**