

Bradley Hill Group Area



Group Events At Coolidge State Park

About Coolidge State Park

Known for its rustic feel and dramatic mountain views, Coolidge State Park is the developed recreation centerpiece of the 21,500 acre Calvin Coolidge State Forest, the largest state-owned land holding in central Vermont. Coolidge State Park is the only Vermont park with an entire loop of lean-to campsites, some of which have sweeping views of the Black River valley and the Green Mountains. Many campers feel that sites at Coolidge have the best views in all of Vermont. The park also has a loop of forested campsites, restroom facilities with showers, a hilltop picnic area with a log picnic pavilion, a group camping area, and several remote lean-to campsites for those wishing to really escape it all.

The park is home to miles of hiking trails for exploration, several streams that harbor elusive brook and rainbow trout, and abundant wildlife. Nearby is the village of Plymouth Notch, the birthplace of Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the United States, and a State Historic Site

Facilities and Amenities

The Bradley Hill Group Area at Coolidge State Park is ideally suited for weddings, reunions, and other events in a beautiful and rustic outdoor setting. The Group Area includes a handsomely-restored CCC-era log picnic pavilion, group camping area, activity field, and walking paths.

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Amenities



Open Air Pavilion

The walk-in open-air log pavilion has picnic tables and comfortably seats up to 70 guests. There are massive stone fireplaces at each end of the building. Electrical service to the building includes motion activated lighting and four 20-amp, 120-volt duplex receptacles. A large charcoal grill is located just outside the shelter. There is also sufficient level ground to set up an additional function tent. Accessible parking and pathways, drinking water and an accessible restroom are on site. The expansive activity field provides dramatic and sweeping views of Killington Peak and the Coolidge Range. It's the perfect place to watch a breathtaking Vermont summer sunset.

Level ground is available the front and side of the picnic shelter for a function tent up to 30 feet wide and 60 feet long. This is a great place to have a caterer set up for food service or to provide additional space under cover for guest seating.

There are ample grounds for games, function tents and outdoor picnicking adjacent to the picnic pavilion.

Limited vehicle access for event tent or catering setup may be pre-arranged with the Park Manager. Campers and day users do not drive directly into the site; a short walk is required (less than 300 feet).

Group Camping Area

The walk-in group camping area has tent space for 6-8 tents in a common area plus an additional four private tent sites. Tents may also be set up in the activity field near the pavilion when the pavilion is rented in conjunction with group camping.

Total overnight capacity of the group area is 24 guests. Additional overnight space may be reserved in the two camping loops for an additional fee.

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General Information



Park season: Coolidge State Park is open Memorial Day weekend through Indigenous People's Day.

Caterers: If you are looking for a caterer, we suggest the web site vermontweddings.com. Please inform the caterer he or she will need to meet or speak with the Park Ranger with as much advance notice as possible.

Alcohol: Guests may provide their own alcoholic beverages for personal consumption in containers one gallon or smaller. A liquor-licensed caterer is necessary to serve alcohol to guests.

Music: Check vermontweddings.com for a list of music providers. Please let your music provider know that he or she must speak to the Park Ranger with as much advance notice as possible.

All amplified music needs to be at a reasonable volume and cease 1 hour before sunset. This is to ensure all visitors enjoy the park and to maintain the serenity of our surrounding community. Noise such as music can travel as far away as the upper part of the campground. The level of tolerable noise is at the discretion of the park staff. PA systems for events are allowed.

Rubbish: All trash must be picked up with recyclables and food scraps separated from trash. You may leave sorted trash, recycling and food scraps at the recycling center near the park office. Trash containers and single stream

recycling containers are available. Please ask the Park Ranger if you wish to have trash cans available on site in the group area.

Electrical supply: The Picnic Pavilion has four 120-volt outlets, each on its own 20-amp circuit. The shelter has motion activated interior lighting for your night-time enjoyment.

Water supply: There are drinking water spigots at several locations in the group area.

Tent rental: Tents up to 30 feet wide and 60 feet long can be accommodated. They must be set up and taken down during the duration of the facility rental. A service road is available to set-up vehicles; please arrange access with the Park Ranger. The Park Ranger must pre-approve all tent locations to ensure that underground utility systems are protected.

Park hours: Setup may begin the morning of the event. Single-day events must be wrapped up by sunset. For overnight events, quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. While the group area is separated geographically from the two camping areas, the potential exists for noise to travel to those areas. Please keep noise levels at a reasonable level for the enjoyment of all visitors. While the park is open all hours, we ask that guests not staying overnight depart by 9:00 pm.

Map and directions for invitations: A map and guide of Coolidge State Park and driving directions are available from our website.

General Information



Payment and reservation: The date of your event will be reserved for you when you first contact us. You will have two weeks from that date to complete a *Group Use Agreement* and submit your payment to the Reservations Center office. If payment and paperwork are not received within 14 days of making your reservation, the reservation will be released.

Meeting with park staff: Park staff is available to meet with you and answer questions from early May through Indigenous People's Day. We strongly encourage you to contact staff early in the operating season.

Pets: Pets must be kept under the owner's control and on a leash at all times. Please be certain all group members know this in advance.

Fees

Day use park admission charge is \$5 per adult age 14+; \$2 per child age 4-13.

Group admission rates are available (\$3 per person) for groups of more than 25 people with advance arrangement and single payment.

The Picnic Pavilion is rented for \$125/day Friday-Sunday and free of charge Monday-Thursday except holidays.

Group camping is available for overnight guests for \$6 per person per night. Guests admitted under the group camping fee are not assessed day use fees.

The Group Camping Area and Picnic Pavilion are reserved separately.

Facility deposit

A \$100 cleaning, damage and compliance deposit is due upon arrival. The deposit is refundable upon satisfactory inspection of the facilities by the Park Manager at the close of your event. In order to receive your full deposit refund, we ask that:

- all buildings and grounds be left in pre-rental condition with no visible damage
- all picnic tables be left inside pavilion
- all trash and recycling is picked up, sorted, bagged and brought to the recycling center
- all decorations are removed
- clean-up is completed and facilities are vacated by checkout.

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