

Kendall County Forest Preserve District
110 West Madison Street, Yorkville IL 60560
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Picnic Shelter and Rental Information

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District has picnic shelters available for rental at four forest preserves; Harris, Richard Young, Jay Woods and Subat.

Harris Forest Preserve - Located on Route 71 in Yorkville, one half-mile west of Route 47, this 90+ acre preserve has seven shelters (5 of which are available to rent), latrines, drinking water, fishing lake, sled hill, horse arena, ballfield and footpaths through oak and maple woodlands. Visitors must bring their own grills.

Shelter 1 - Open shelter near the parking lot has a concrete floor, fireplace and electricity. There are 18 tables with a capacity of 144. This shelter is attached to Shelter 4, which is rented separately.

Shelter 2 – Located south of the main parking lot next to Leifheit Lake, this shelter has electric, 10 tables and a capacity of 80.

Shelter 3 – Between Leifheit Lake and woodlands, this open shelter has 6 tables and a capacity of 48. Not available from November 1 – April 30.

Shelter 4 - The only enclosed shelter has a fireplace, furnace (turned on by switch) and electricity. There are 10 tables with a capacity of 80. This shelter is attached to Shelter 1, which is rented separately.

Shelter 5 –This shelter is first-come, first-serve. Near a small pond and woodlands, it has 1 table but no electric.

Shelter 6 –This shelter is first-come, first-serve. Near Leifheit Lake, it has 4 tables and electricity.

Shelter 7 – Open shelter next to horse arena with electricity and 10 tables. Water spigot latrine and parking nearby. It has a capacity of 80.

Richard Young Forest Preserve - Located on Route 71 near Yorkville about one and a half miles east of Route 47. This preserve joins Lyon Forest Preserve to form 170 acres of woodlands, prairies and wetlands. Richard Young F.P. has one shelter, drinking water, fire pit, grills and a latrine but no electric. Trails meander through the preserves and over Lyon Creek to overlook decks and interpretive signs. There are 7 tables with a capacity of 56.

Subat Forest Preserve - Located at the intersection of Eldamain Road and Schaefer Road between Yorkville and Plano, this preserve has one open shelter with 6 tables. There is drinking water, a latrine but no electric, and walking paths through woodlands and prairies.

Jay Woods Forest Preserve - Located on Creek Road, 2.5 miles north of Plano and ½ mile south of Galena Road. Jay Woods Forest Preserve has a total of 120 acres of woodland and prairie divided into two parcels on both the east and west sides of Creek Road. The 40 acres located on the east parcel of Jay Woods Forest Preserve has one shelter with electric, fire ring, drinking water and latrine, along with a wooded trail that leads to an observation deck overlooking the Little Rock Creek. The 80+ acres on the west parcel offers a one mile prairie path. Parking lots are available on both sides. The shelter has 10 tables with a capacity of 80.

Renting Forest Preserve Facilities

- Forest Preserve shelters may be reserved up to one year in advance.
- Shelters must be reserved and paid for 3 business days ahead of time. Refunds on cancellations are available up to 3 business days before event.
- Parties over 25 people are required to reserve a shelter.

Picnic Shelters

County Resident \$40/shelter

Non-county Resident \$60/shelter

Harris FP 5-Day Rental \$500/week

Monday-Friday, all shelters, maximum one week per year, Youth Groups only.

- Groups greater than 100 people are required to pay an additional \$25 for each 100 person increment.
- Upon request, firewood will be provided for reserved shelters with fire places and fire pits for \$10 per 30 pieces of firewood.

Horse Arena \$65/day

Group Insurance Requirements

Family events, picnics and reunions do not require a Certificate of Insurance.

Businesses, churches, scouts, school groups, and groups using the horse arena are among the groups required to supply a Certificate of Insurance.

Certificates must be provided no later than 14 days before the event.

The box on the certificate titled "Certificate Holder" will list:

Kendall County Forest Preserve District

110 W. Madison St.

Yorkville, IL 60560

The Description box will state:

The Kendall County Forest Preserve District is an additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis.

Insurance Limit Required:

\$1,000,000

General Rules and Regulations

(for further information see General Use Ordinance at www.co.kendall.il.us/forest_preserve/mission.htm)

ALCOHOL IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED on Forest Preserve property.

Forest Preserves are open from 8 a.m. to dusk. Please exit the preserve by dusk.

Police and Forest Preserve staff patrol the preserves for your safety.

MOTOR VEHICLES and **BICYCLES** are restricted to roadways and designated parking areas only. Parking on the grass is prohibited.

A **10 MPH SPEED LIMIT** is in effect for all vehicular traffic. Minibikes, ATVs and snowmobiles are prohibited.

PETS are welcome, but must be held on a leash no longer than 10 feet at all times for their safety, that of other visitors, and wildlife. Hitching or tying an animal to any tree, bush or shrub is prohibited. The owner is responsible for the conduct and clean-up of their animal. Pets are not allowed in any enclosed buildings.

FIRES are allowed in designated fireplaces or fire rings with a reservation permit. It is prohibited to bring in or collect firewood from the Forest Preserves. Firewood may be purchased from Kendall County Forest Preserve District upon request.

PORTABLE GRILLS are allowed. Place hot coals in the designated hot coal containers.

FISHING is permitted on Forest Preserve property in accordance with Illinois Department of Natural Resources regulations. Limits are posted. Worms and wax worms are the only live bait allowed. Collecting bait from the preserves is prohibited. Contact Silver Springs State Park at (630) 553-6297 for information on State fishing regulations.

HUNTING, COLLECTING, or DAMAGING plant, animal, fungus, or items of any kind is prohibited.

SWIMMING, boating, ice fishing and ice skating are not allowed.

Leave area **CLEAN** by placing all garbage in the trash and recycling receptacles, and returning tables to their original positions. Do not move tables out of enclosed buildings.

HORSES are permitted at Harris Forest Preserve in the horse arena and on designated woodland trails only. Please keep horses off of the sled hill.

If your party requires an **INFLATABLE PLAY HOUSE**, reserve Shelter 1 at Harris Forest Preserve. This is the only site they are allowed. One play house not to exceed 15 feet in height may be placed on the west side of the shelter. **TENTS** up to 20x40x15 may be allowed with advance notice.

DECORATIONS require special care. Leave no holes or adhesives. Completely remove after use. Water balloons, piñatas and confetti are prohibited.

The use of **AMPLIFIED SOUND** without a Special Permit is prohibited. Be respectful of nature and your neighbors.