



DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION

2026
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Policy Rules
for
Outdoor Events in
City of Atlanta Parks

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2026 DPR Policy Rules for Outdoor Festivals

General Provisions:

- a. Outdoor Event organizers are not allowed to prevent access to any greenspace by way of gating, fencing, charging, or requiring a ticket for admission to the greenspace.
- b. Outdoor event organizers are not allowed to advertise that admission is required for entry.
- c. Tickets and ticket packages may be advertised and used to sell food and beverages as well as other items. With approved Outdoor Festival or Assembly permit, ticket packages for goods and services may be sold before or during the event but in no case can a charge be required to access public property/greenspace.
- d. Outdoor Festivals may not prohibit access to specific amenities such as dog parks, playgrounds, splash pads, swimming pools or skateparks. Specific site amenities must be used in the way that they were intended. Multi-purpose fields and courts may be used for Outdoor Festivals for pedestrian use such as concert viewing but may not have substantial infrastructure set up on the field of play that will permanently damage field. Protective flooring must be placed before any driving or infrastructure is placed on turf.
- e. Outdoor Festivals must request use of other reservable spaces such as pavilions and ballfields no later than 90 days prior to the event. Dates and times of the actual event are to be submitted to the Office of Parks Reservations. All applicable fees apply. Amenities may only be available based on availability. (Open to public 90 days in advance)
- f. Amplified sound may not occur before 9:00am in City of Atlanta Parks, except for permitted Assemblies and Outdoor Festivals which require park attendant prior to 9am. Amplified sound at Historic 4th Ward Park and Skate Park must end at 8:00pm Sunday through Thursday. Amplified sound must end at 11:00pm on Friday and Saturday at Historic 4th Ward Park and Skate Park as well as at all City of Atlanta parks.
- g. Event organizers may not set-up for single day events prior to 6:00am nor may break down for single day events occur after 11:00pm in a City of Atlanta Park.
- h. Cycle Track Rails—The bike lane on 10th street near Piedmont Park can only be closed and moved for Class A outdoor events or Gated Park Events at the event organizer's expense.
- i. Grant Park Gateway, Hurt Park and Cascade Nature Preserve will not be available for permitted Outdoor Events in 2026.
- j. Overnight events between the hours of 11PM-6AM are only allowed at Woodruff Park and Gordon White Park and must abide by the City Code of Ordinances. Please see Sec. 110-75.
- k. Outdoor Festivals may request permission from DPR to post banners, fliers, and other signage regarding an upcoming event, no sooner than 1 week prior to the event. Signage must be removed within 24 hours of event end. DPR may request to see a copy of what is proposed to be placed in the park. All signage must conform to the following guidelines:
 1. Signage must not be staked in the ground in any manner (wire frames may be permitted)

2. Signage must not block line of sight for traffic
 3. Signage may only occur in the park or greenspace in which the Outdoor Festival is to take place
 4. DPR is not responsible for any damage or loss of signs and the Outdoor Festival organizer must repair any damage caused from signage
 5. No signs may be tied or hung on trees, shrubs, other vegetation or on gates
 6. No signs or banners will be approved to be hung in Freedom Park, unless associated with approved temporary art (requires permit) or for an amenity located in the park
 7. No more than 2 banners and 5 real estate/yard posting signs or smaller throughout the park
- I. DPR may not permit new Outdoor Festivals to be scheduled or to take place on the same site infrastructure footprint within a required remediation period unless the infrastructure and remediation is being shared by consecutive events and is approved by DPR. (See remediation schedule attached)
 - m. It is DPR's recommendation that only one Outdoor Festival/Outdoor Event /Gated Park Event (GPE) will be permitted to occur within a park each day. (Chastain Park Amphitheatre events are not considered an event for the purposes of this policy. Organizations wishing to host an Outdoor Festival/GPE/Assembly at Chastain Park must submit an A & B plan for event dates/times at the time of submittal if during the amphitheater event season.)
 1. Outdoor events may be required to pay for use of water at Chastain Park since the meter is not under DPR purview OR the event organizer may be required to bring in their own potable water for the event.
 - n. DPR may require an Event Monitor/Staff Member to be present during the load in and load out of any Outdoor Festival/Event, to ensure compliance with park rules and all park assets are protected. Based on site plan, organizers may be responsible for erecting tree save fencing as per DPR requirements and removing the fencing after the event is complete. Costs can be charged to the event organizer/permit holder (see Appendix A)
 1. Outdoor Festival organizers may be required to pay/reimburse the Piedmont Park Conservancy for security and access if the event prevents normal business operations from accessing the park through the Park Drive, Charles Allen Drive, 12th, and 14th Street gates.
 2. Minimum operation and service lane access to amenities operated by third parties or the City, such as pavilions, Greystone and the tennis center at Piedmont Park must always be maintained if not rented by the organizer. Site plans must indicate access routes that will be available to park amenities, if necessary. All site plans submitted for Piedmont Park must abide by the following policy: Set-up of infrastructure is prohibited within the Blue with Yellow highlighted lines (see Appendix A) in Piedmont Park unless the event organizer rents Greystone or is a Class A Outdoor Festival or a Gated Park Event. 1st set of blue lines--From the park drive gate bridge to the corner near the stairs below the courts. 2nd set of blue lines-- from the corner of the triangle to the path in the Mayor's Grove.

3. Access to Greystone must be allowed to vendors, contractors, and the Piedmont Park Conservancy throughout the event. Class A festivals are the only exception to the rule. Organizers must indicate accessible routes on site plans unless the amenity is rented by the event.
 4. Event organizer may be responsible for compensating the Piedmont Park Conservancy for additional restroom use or paying for a park attendant at park facilities.
 5. Event organizer may be responsible for and/or maintaining permanent restrooms within an approved site plan.
- o. Set-up of infrastructure may not be placed under the drip lines of park trees. The drip line of a tree is defined by the outermost circumference of a tree canopy where water drips from and onto the ground.
 - p. Each Outdoor Festival and GPE is responsible for remediating the site to a condition at least as good as before the festival occurred. This may include, at a minimum, aeration and fertilization of impacted turf. This includes all areas impacted by load in/out and areas included in the event footprint.
 1. All Outdoor Festival/GPE organizers are responsible for any fines that may be imposed as a result of violations of city code, including but not limited to, fines for tree impact, fines for improper disposal of grey water or fees related to damage to park or city amenities.
 2. Failure to pay fines and fees to the City of Atlanta may result in the denial of future permits.
 - q. Park Restrooms are available to use as part of the event during normal operating hours. Outside of normal operating hours the event organizer must arrange access to the restrooms with the Reservations office no later than 14 days prior to the event date. Please note that there is no guarantee of functionality of restrooms at the time of your event. Event organizers may be responsible for maintaining existing public restrooms if included in event footprint.
 - r. Outdoor Festivals will not be permitted in parks and greenspaces of less than 2 acres unless the festival is including the park area of less than 2 acres within a larger festival site plan which may include street closures or other property. (Example: Delta Park, Gordon White Park, Hardy Ivy Park, Robert Woodruff Park)
 1. Outdoor Festivals may not be permitted at specific park and greenspace locations including, but not limited to, the Greensward at Piedmont Park, Grant Park Gateway, Freedom Park and Cascade Springs.
 2. No additional Class A Outdoor Festivals will be permitted for Piedmont Park except as identified in the existing MOU.
 3. Outdoor Festivals at Piedmont Park's Oak Hill must adhere to the following:
 - Up to 4 permitted Class D or below outdoor festivals with limited vending on turf areas

- The City of Atlanta may permit additional events and adjust site plan requirements on Oak Hill if used as a fundraiser for the City or MOU partner.
- s. Smoking is not permitted at any City of Atlanta park. Organizers must include “*No Smoking Information*” in all external communication to attendees. The event organizer must post applicable rules related to dogs/pets, bikes or other transport vehicles and other rules during the event.
- t. In accordance with Department of Parks and Recreation policies, personal portable toilet tents and similar structures—including camping toilets, restroom privacy tents, and pop-up privacy pod tents—are not permitted in City parks.
- u. Park Attendants--Event organizers may be required to hire Park Attendants from the Reservations Office for events including but not limited to, Outdoor Events requesting sound prior to 9AM, for vehicular access to gated park locations or for park restroom access before or after operating hours. Park attendants are available on a first come, first serve basis, and must be booked no later than 14 days prior to the event date. The rate for park attendants is \$17.50 per hour for a minimum of 4 hours. To hire a park attendant please email requests to parksreservationist@atlantaga.gov and include your event name and date and the times requested for vehicular access.
- v. All Outdoor Festivals are required to have a security plan and a site plan (Security personnel must enforce parking, traffic flow and any other park rules). DPR does not plan or coordinate traffic, or parking and crowd control.
 1. An Event Organizer is responsible for planning, execution, set-up, and breakdown of the activity
 2. DPR agency staff is responsible for reviewing the proposed applications
 3. Law enforcement is responsible for reviewing the proposed applications and security plans submitted by the event organizer.
 4. For each event, Law Enforcement will determine the number of Officers needed (both fixed and mobile)
- w. DPR reserves the right to decline a site permit for an Outdoor Festival at a given park due to, among other considerations: 1) failure of the applicant to submit a complete or accurate application or required plans, or to timely supplement the application or plans upon request; 2) inability or refusal to comply with other applicable parks permitting requirements, such as insurance (Class A, B, C); 3) conflicting prior permits or conflicting prior applications for the same site; 4) conflicting schedules with historically occurring events which are scheduled or anticipated to be scheduled at the same time, date and place; 5) planned or anticipated park work or rest periods in the park; 6) events or conflicting programs of MOU partners or other leased properties by the City of Atlanta; and 7) public safety concerns or exigent circumstances.
- x. The DPR reserves the right to deviate from these established written guidelines at its discretion. Where a change occurs, which may affect current permits, the City will, where practicable, seek the consent of the affected participants. The Office of Parks will notify participants in writing regarding any change.

2026 DPR Policy Rules for Gated Park Events (GPE's)

This Policy shall be applicable to Parks, as defined in this Policy, at which a Gated Park Event is held. This Policy does not replace, preempt or supersede any other DPR policy, rules and regulations currently in place or which may be adopted in the future, except to the extent expressly stated in this Policy and necessary to implement this Policy and its rules and regulations. This Policy does not modify the City of Atlanta Alcohol Policy which shall be applicable to Gated Park Events at which alcoholic beverages are sold, served and/or consumed.

- 1) Note that all permitted events shall be subject to any ordinances or laws in place at the time of the event; which shall include, but shall not be limited to any COVID-19 emergency actions or executive orders of the Governor of the State of Georgia, the Mayor of the City of Atlanta, or Fulton County/DeKalb County.
- 2) Fees for Gated Park Events can generally range from \$10,000 - \$500,000 per day depending on the scope and size of the event. This fee does not include any sub-permits that may be required by the City of Atlanta.
- 3) DPR will allow Gated Park Events in DPR Parks taking into consideration scope of event, logistics, and neighborhood impacts and based on reasonable parameters and guidelines. The park locations listed and defined are identified as permissible sites for Gated Park Events subject to the specified restrictions and procedures.
- 4) All Gated Park Events are required to have a security plan and a site plan (Security personnel must enforce parking, traffic flow and any other park rules). DPR does not plan or coordinate traffic, or parking and crowd control.
 - a. An Event Organizer is responsible for planning, execution, set-up, and breakdown of the activity
 - b. DPR agency staff is responsible for reviewing the proposed application(s)
 - c. Law enforcement is responsible for reviewing the proposed applications and security plans submitted by the event organizer.
 - d. For each event, Law Enforcement will determine the number of Officers needed (both fixed and mobile)
- 5) All Gated Park Events must erect approved fencing at the organizer's sole expense around the area to be used.
- 6) Gated Park Events may occur in the following park locations:
 - a. Piedmont Park
 1. Meadow and Oak Hill; Maximum capacity determined by scope of site plan. (maximum of 2 GPE's annually--One as a benefit for the City of Atlanta and the second as a benefit for the Piedmont Park Conservancy)
 2. Fountain Landing; Only allowed with the rental of the Promenade from the Piedmont Park Conservancy and approval from DPR Commissioner
 3. Park Tavern: Only allowed with rental of Park Tavern and not to exceed the boundaries of the Meadow Walking Track (maximum of 6 GPE's annually)

- b. Woodruff Park; Maximum capacity determined by scope of site plan (maximum of 2 GPE's annually)
 - c. Historic 4th Ward Park—NOTE: Amplified sound must end at 8:00pm Sunday through Thursday and must end at 11:00pm on Friday and Saturday.
 - 1. Skatepark Field Only, Maximum capacity determined by scope of site plan; (maximum of 6 GPE's annually)
 - 2. Greenspace (North and/or South also includes amphitheater and grass area above amphitheater); Maximum capacity determined by scope of site plan; (maximum of 3 GPE's annually)
 - d. Candler Park; Maximum capacity determined by scope of site plan (maximum 3 GPE's annually)
 - e. Shirley Clarke Franklin Park; Maximum capacity determined by scope of site plan; (maximum of 4 GPE's annually)
 - f. Grant Park; Maximum capacity determined by scope of site plan; maximum of 2 GPE's annually)
 - g. Central Park and/or Renaissance; Maximum capacity determined by scope of site plan (maximum 4 GPE's annually)
 - h. Historic Oakland Cemetery; Maximum capacity determined by scope of site plan. Must partner with Historic Oakland Foundation (maximum 4 GPE's annually)
 - i. Coach Charles Rambo Park (formerly Anderson Park); Maximum capacity determined by scope of site plan. Only allowed with rental of 1 or both ballfields
 - j. Rodney Cook Park; Maximum capacity determined by scope of site plan (maximum 4 GPE's annually)
- 7) Gated Park Event sites are specific to locations within the parks where DPR has authorized and reserved the right to designate a specific site for GPE's. The area and location of the GPE will be specified in the issued permit.
- 8) No Gated Park Event shall allow public attendance to exceed any maximum carrying capacity of the site, per day, where the GPE is to be held. Carrying capacity of each site is pre-determined by Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department. Exact capacities allowed will be determined and specified on the permit issued based on what is being set –up, space requirements and other determining factors regarding the site plan of the event. Atlanta Fire and Rescue marshal must be scheduled through the Atlanta Fire and Rescue, Inspections. Please contact the Atlanta Fire and Rescue Inspections Department.
- 9) All Gated Park Events of more than 250 people, or requesting vending, ticket sales or alcohol must present to the respective Neighborhood Planning Unit(s) (NPU). It is suggested this occur no less than ninety days (90) days prior to the scheduled event.

- 10) DPR requires Event Monitors/Staff Members to be present during the load in and load out of any Gated Park Event to ensure park rules and park facilities are protected. Based on site plan, organizers may be responsible for erecting tree save fencing as per DPR requirements and removing the fencing after the event is complete. The event organizer is responsible for all costs.
- 11) No more than one (1) Gated Park Event or Outdoor Festival can be held in each park at one time.
- 12) Gated Park Events may not be permitted to prohibit access to specific amenities such as dog parks, skate parks or splash pads. Certain athletic courts/fields/spaces may not be available for GPE set-up. Protective flooring must be placed before any driving or infrastructure is placed on turf.
- 13) Gated Park Events are scheduled on a first come/first serve basis, and maybe subject to event remediation and other schedules.
- 14) **Fees:** All GPE's are required to submit their application to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for processing. All fees are to be paid to DPR except applicable sub- permit fees.
 - a. Applications should be received at least ninety (90) calendar days prior to the event date(s).
 - b. Depending on the scale and logistics of the anticipated event, and impacts on the park and the surrounding neighborhood, DPR may require additional information, maps and/or plans to be submitted, including but not limited to: event layout and site operations, crowd control and fencing, traffic control and parking, emergency services and first aid, community outreach, park protection, power and utility service, alcohol service, signage, trash and sanitation, fire protection, and security services. These plans, maps, and other information, once deemed complete by DPR, may be distributed to various City and other governmental authorities for review and comment. Based on comments received and its own review, DPR may impose reasonable conditions on any GPE to mitigate or control potential impacts of the proposed event. DPR cannot waive any fees required by other City of Atlanta Department or agency.
 - c. Event organizers are responsible for all remediation, such as aeration and fertilizing, in addition to other remediation that may be required.
 - d. GPEs may be required to submit a bond in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the City of Atlanta DPR no later 14 days prior to the event date.
 - e. Amplified Sound: Event organizer must present hours of amplified sound, including sound check for approval from the Commissioner of DPR. This amplification notification may include anticipated decibel levels for sound check and performances. NOTE for Historic 4th Ward and Skate Park ONLY--Amplified sound must end at 8:00pm Sunday through Thursday and must end at 11:00pm on Friday and Saturday.
 - f. Moonwalks, inflatables, and other amusements are not permitted without prior approval from the Commissioner of DPR or his or her designee. An additional sub- permit from the Office of Buildings may be required.

- g. DPR reserves the right to decline a request for a GPE permit. Considerations include, but not limited to 1) failure of the applicant to submit a complete or accurate application or required plans, or to timely supplement the application or plans upon request; 2) inability or refusal to comply with other applicable parks requirements, such as insurance; 3) conflicting schedules with historically occurring events which are scheduled or anticipated to be scheduled at the same time, date and place; 4) planned or anticipated park work or rest periods in the park; 5) events or conflicting programs of MOU partners or other entity leasing property from the City of Atlanta; and 6) public safety concerns and extenuating circumstances.
- h. GPE's that have been denied for noncompliance with submittal requirements may be resubmitted upon addressing all noncompliance issues if they are resubmitted with the 90- day submittal period.
- i. General Restrictions: In order to assure that no one party unduly secures an inordinate share of the park(s) for Gated Park Events, no one party will be allowed to obtain more than one GPE permit more frequently than once every two (2) months for any Gated Park Event. This restriction shall apply to GPE's in all parks. "One party" shall mean: 1) any organization or entity or its parent, subsidiary, or affiliated organization or entity; 2) any person employed by an organization and acting on behalf of that organization which held a GPE during the prior two (2) months; 3) any one person, married couple, or single family (mother, father, brothers and sisters); and 4) any person or entity acting as agent or representative of, or applying for a permit for the use of, any of the parties described in 1) through 3) above.
- j. A GPE must comply with the City of Atlanta Alcohol Policy and state and local liquor licensing requirements if alcoholic beverages are permitted to be sold, served and/or consumed on DPR property.
- k. The event organizer for the GPE shall ensure that all DPR rules, regulations and policies and the ordinances of the City of Atlanta, as well as all license and sub-permit requirements, conditions, and restrictions in the issued permit, are adhered to with respect to the Event. A Gated Park Event permit may be revoked for failure to comply. An event pre and post meeting including a pre and post site review and post event review may be required by DPR.
- l. DPR's fee and additional costs and expenses to maintain the parks are as follows: GPE's that include ballfields, pavilions, recreation centers and/or pools within the event footprint may be required to pay the rental fees associated with the facilities in addition to the GPE fee.

- m. All payments must be made by the designated date on the permit. All fees are non-refundable, must be made in certified funds, and made payable to the City of Atlanta DPR.
- n. Organizer must pay for off duty Atlanta Police Department security to remain in the park after 11PM through 6AM for any items that are to remain in the park.
- o. Organizer must incur cost all safety and security measures required for permit issuance.

15) **Signage:** Gated Park Events may request permission from DPR to post banners, fliers, and other signage regarding an upcoming event, no sooner than 1 week prior to the event. DPR may request to see a copy of what is proposed to be placed in the park. All signage must conform to the following guidelines:

- 1. Signage must not be staked in the ground in any manner (excluding wire “H” frames)
- 2. Signage must not block line of sight for traffic
- 3. Signage may only occur in the park or greenspace in which the GPE is to take place
- 4. DPR is not responsible for any damage or loss of signs and the GPE organizer must repair any damage caused from signage
- 5. No signs may be tied or hung on trees, shrubs, or other vegetation
- 6. No signs or banners will be approved to be hung in Freedom Park, unless associated with approved temporary art permit.

16) Smoking is not permitted at any City of Atlanta park. Smoking vendors are not allowed in City of Atlanta Parks. Organizers must include “No Smoking Information” in all external communication to attendees. The event organizer must post applicable rules related to dogs/pets, bikes or other transport vehicles and other rules during the event.

17) In accordance with Department of Parks and Recreation policies, personal portable toilet tents and similar structures—including camping toilets, restroom privacy tents, and pop-up privacy pod tents—are not permitted in City parks.

18) The DPR reserves the right to deviate from these established written guidelines at its discretion. Where a change occurs, which may affect current permits, the City will, where practicable, seek the consent of the affected participants. The Office of Parks will notify participants in writing regarding any change.

2026 Large Gatherings in a Park & Greenspace Permits

- a. Amplified Sound is limited to no more than 100' from the noise source, or the boundary to the park and must be directed away from residential areas as possible. No sound permits will be issued between 6am-9am (except for permitted Assembles and Outdoor Festivals) or after 10:30pm.
- b. Amplified sound at Historic 4th Ward Park and Skate Park must end at 8:00pm Sunday through Thursday and at 11:00pm on Friday and Saturday.
- c. A Greenspace permit can be issued for parks no less than ¼ acre but under 2 acres. Capacity of 125 attendances per acre maximum.
- d. No event of more than 250 people will be permitted in parks of less than 2 acres unless park area is a part of an Outdoor Festival with a larger site plan.
- e. Parking lots may be included in site plans for Large Gatherings in a Park and Greenspace Permits (as well as Outdoor Festivals and GPE's) but are not rentable space by DPR.
- f. Non-compliance or violation of the permit or city ordinances will result in the immediate withholding of the event bond.
- g. Risers may be permitted but may not be larger than 200 sq. ft and no higher than 12 inches from the ground.
- h. Deep fryers and boilers are not allowed in City of Atlanta Parks, except as permitted as an Outdoor Festival, Gated Ticketed Event or Assembly.
- i. Smoking is not permitted at any City of Atlanta park. Smoking vendors are not allowed in City of Atlanta Parks. Organizers must include "No Smoking Information" in all external communication to attendees. The event organizer must post applicable rules related to dogs/pets, bikes or other transport vehicles and other rules during the event.
- j. In accordance with Department of Parks and Recreation policies, personal portable toilet tents and similar structures—including camping toilets, restroom privacy tents, and pop-up privacy pod tents—are not permitted in City parks.
- k. Outdoor events may be required to pay for use of water at Chastain Park since the meter is not under DPR purview OR the event organizer may be required to bring in their own potable water.
- l. Grant Park Gateway, Cascade Springs Nature Preserve, Hurt Park, and Piedmont Park Promenade will not be available for permitted Large Gatherings in a Park/Greenspace rentals at this time.
- m. Park Attendants--Event organizers may be required to hire Park Attendants from the Reservations Office for events including but not limited to, Outdoor Events requesting

sound prior to 9AM, for vehicular access to gated park locations or for park restroom access before or after operating hours. Park attendants are available on a first come, first serve basis, and must be booked no later than 14 days prior to the event date. The rate for park attendants is \$17.50/hour for a minimum of 4 hours. To hire a park attendant please email requests to parksreservationist@atlantaga.gov and include your event name and date and the times requested for vehicular access.

- n. Reservations are accepted no earlier than 90 days before the event date. Reservations with amplified sound are accepted no later than 30 before the event date. Reservations with NO amplified sound dare accepted no later than 14 days before the event date.

The DPR reserves the right to deviate from these established written guidelines at its discretion. Where a change occurs, which may affect current permits, the City will, where practicable, seek the consent of the affected participants. The Office of Parks will notify participants in writing regarding any change.

Showmobile Information

- a. The Showmobile must remain in City of Atlanta city limits.
- b. The Showmobile must be reserved and payment made with DPR no later than 14 days prior to the event date to secure reservation.
- c. Cancellations for the showmobile must be received no later than 48 hours before the reservation in writing to the email address: parksreservationist@atlantaga.gov to receive a refund. If not received, no refund will be issued.
- d. Please note other permits may apply and may require submission earlier.
- e. Certified funds are only forms of payment and an insurance binder in the amount of \$1 million (naming the City of Atlanta as an additional insurer) may be required.

Fee Schedule:

- * Tax Exempt Resident Organizations \$350/8 hour period
 - * All Other Resident Organizations \$450/8 hour period
 - * Tax Exempt Non-Resident Organizations \$600/8 hour period
 - * All Other Non-Resident Organizations \$800/8 hour period
 - * We will supply the use of the Showmobile and Driver ONLY, PA system and Generator are NOT INCLUDED
 - * Showmobile size is 32' wide x 24' deep
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Please email parksreservationist@atlantaga.gov to request a reservation form

2026 Athletic Field Use Policy

The Department of Parks and Recreation (“DPR”) utilizes an online reservation system for all ballfield reservations, excluding pre-existing MOU partners.

1. Reservations for each ballfield season will be released in 3-month increments. Field reservations will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis, and will be available for rental at 12 noon on the dates listed below.
 - a. Tuesday, January 13th (March, April, and May)
 - b. Tuesday, April 14th (June, July, and August)
 - c. Tuesday, July 14th (September, October, and November)
 - d. Tuesday, October 13th (December, January, and February)
2. The DPR’s Office of Reservations will not accept reservations for ballfields during the first 24-hour selection period other than through the Random Selection Process. All fields, dates and times reserved during the first 24 hours (e.g. 12pm/January 13th – 12pm/January 14th) will not be refunded or exchanged for a credit except due to rainout or similar situation rendering the field unusable. No changes are permitted to the permit once payment has been received and the permit has been issued.
3. To complete a reservation, an online account is required. Please refer to the Office of Parks website for further details on how to set-up an account. For information on how to create an account, please click the HELP link on our reservations portal; www.atlantaga.gov/iparcs
4. All participants must submit proof of residency and tax-exempt status no less than 1 week prior to reserving fields, no less than 1 time annually to ensure that additional payments/credits are not assessed.
5. All organized leagues must reserve fields.
6. Vending and alcohol are prohibited at City of Atlanta Parks.
7. A special use fee of \$50.00 (non-refundable) is required for amplified sound and/or portables restroom at any ballfield. Amplified sound requests must be submitted no less than 30 days prior to the event date. Portable restroom requests should be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the event date and must include site plan and company contact information. Portable restrooms must sit on a hardscape surface, be serviced on a weekly basis and removed by the end of the permit. Portable restrooms are to remain locked when not in use. Event organizer is fully responsible for maintenance and care of portable restroom facilities.

8. All fields must be booked in ONE (1) hour periods. The online system will allow a participant to enter times less than one (1) hour, however, a final permit will not be issued until payment for the full hour is made and received.
9. All participants may select the times they wish to use the fields on a first-come, first-serve basis, although some fields may have pre-determined rental blocks for specific hours of the day.
10. Currently, only Bagley Park(formerly Frankie Allen) is available July 3rd through December 31st has pre-determined rental blocks. These hours are as follows: 6:00-7:00am, 7:00am-8:00am, 8:15am-9:15am, 9:30am-10:30am, 10:45am- 11:45am, 12:00pm-1:00pm, 1:15pm-2:15pm, 2:30pm-3:30pm, 3:45pm-4:45pm, 5:00pm-6:00pm, 6:15pm- 7:15pm, 7:30pm-8:30pm, 8:45pm-9:45pm, a n d 10:00pm-11:00pm. Teams are not allowed to use intervals in between time slots for games or scheduled activity. The DPR, at its sole discretion, may add rental blocks to other fields.
11. This Policy shall be applicable to the Coach Charles Rambo Park (formerly Anderson Park) Synthetic Field DPR 2026 Reservations & Special Events Policy for Gated Park Event (GPE) will define usage of the site. This Policy does not replace, preempt or supersede any other DPR policy, rules and regulations currently in place or which may be adopted in the future, except to the extent expressly stated in this:
 - a. Require a 4-hour minimum field rental
 - b. Gated Park Event must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the event date. Gated Park Event request with amplified sound must be requested no later than 30 days prior to the event date.
 - c. All Gated Park Events are required to have a security plan and a site plan (Security personnel must enforce parking, traffic flow and any other park rules). DPR does not plan or coordinate traffic, or parking and adequate to deal with all traffic needs.
 - c. \$250 GPE fee includes restroom use (April-October only).
 - d. \$100 event bond to assure all areas are cleaned and terms of permit are not violated.
 - e. Security plan must include post certified officers on-site and required number attendees expected along with approved security staff for event size.
 - f. Sanitation plan for all trash and garbage collected and brought to one area.
 - g. Concession stand must be secured and left in order and cleaned, applicant is responsible for all Board of Health certificates. Restroom and Concession stand may be closed during the Fall and Winter seasons.
 - h. Amplified sound is allowed up to 6 hours, may not exceed park boundaries.
 - i. May not charge for parking on park property.
 - j. Does not include a scoreboard, time clock. (Please contact recreation, Fee: \$25.00 an hour, minimum of 4 hours)
 - k. All field rental fees still apply (minimum of four hours).
 - l. No alcohol consumption or alcohol sales.
 - m. No vending outside of concession or gated field areas.
 - n. Rental Coordinator required \$25.00 an hour (4-hour minimum).
 - o. Field may only be used for athletics as intended.

12. Payment Deadlines: Payment for field reservations must be made in full at the time of reservation submittal. Ballfield reservations made less than 3 days in advance must be paid via credit card and with our Reservations office. All reservations must be made within 72 hours of the requested date.
13. For ballfield reservations made after the first 24-hour reservation period, all cancellations must be made in writing to the Reservations Office via parksreservationist@atlantaga.gov no less than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled event in order to receive a refund or credit. No refunds or credits will be issued after the 30-day mark of the event. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing of any refund.
14. All teams must leave the field at the time specified on the reservation permit. The Office of Parks will take progressive action regarding the violation of rules and regulations.
15. Fields are all selected and paid for based on current field conditions. Goals, benches, bleachers, bases and other items are not guaranteed by the Department of Parks and Recreation and may be removed at any time. Fields that do not have operable lights will be charged at an "unlighted" rate until lights are repaired.
16. Rain-Outs—To schedule make-ups for rain-outs, customers must notify the Office of Parks via email at parksreservationist@atlantaga.gov or leave a message at 404-546-6757 ext. 0 within one (1) day of the rain out. A refund may be issued if a new date cannot be agreed upon. If notice is not given within one (1) day, no makeups or refunds will be issued. Makeups will have to be scheduled for the same type of field rented (i.e... lighted field for lighted field). All rainouts must be scheduled within the same season. A refund may take 7-10 business days for issuance.
17. Wet-Field Policy--The use of an athletic playing field that has been impacted by wet weather is not permitted. If you arrive at a field and find the condition of the field to be substandard (rainy or wet conditions, standing water, bare spots or any combination of these elements) we respectfully ask that you DO NOT use the field. If you need to reschedule your reservation due to the field conditions or have any questions, please contact the Office of Reservations. Customers using fields in such a condition shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage done to the fields. In addition, failure to abide by these policies may result in penalties, including revocation of field reservation permit(s) and future loss of use of the fields for the subsequent rental block.
18. All permits must be brought to the field during every scheduled date. Failure to do so may result in being asked to leave the field. No refund or reschedule will be issued if permit is not on person.

19. If an organization is found playing during your scheduled time, please ask them to leave the field. If they do not leave the field, please call the Atlanta Police Department to file a report and contact the Office of Reservations via phone or email to report the occurrence.
20. The DPR reserves the right to deviate from these established written guidelines at its discretion. Where a change occurs, which may affect current permits, the City will, where practicable, seek the consent of the affected participants. The Office of Parks will notify participants in writing regarding any change.
21. All policies and procedures will be reviewed on an annual basis or more frequently if necessary.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact The Office of Reservations at 404-546-6757, press option 0 or via email at parksreservationist@atlantaga.gov.

Progressive Action for Violation of Field Rental Rules and Regulations

1. All violations of DPR's field rental rules and regulations, including but not limited to wet-field policy and park rules, are to be reported to the Atlanta Police Department and the Reservations Office via email at parksreservationist@atlantaga.gov or via phone at 404-546-6757, press option 0. A report can be filed with the Atlanta Police Department and sent to the Reservations Office.
2. The Office of Parks Reservations will investigate the reported violation.
3. If any organization is found in violation of the field rental rules and regulations, a written warning will be issued. Any damage must be remediated by party and fees paid if applicable for organization to be allowed to continue to use the field. All future permits will be suspended until remediation or fees are paid, if applicable.
4. If an organization is found in violation of the field rental rules and regulations a second time within any consecutive 12-month period, any permits issued for the current permit block will be suspended and no refunds or rain dates will be issued.
5. If an organization is found in violation of the field rental rules and regulations a third time within any consecutive 12-month period, any permits issued for the current permit block and the following permit block will be suspended and no refunds or rain dates will be issued.

Assemblies

The definition of an Assembly is an outdoor event that involves an organized group that: moves from one location to another upon any city street, sidewalk, park or other city-owned right-of-way; has a common purpose, design, destination or goal; and consists of persons, animals or vehicles, or a combination thereof. Examples include without limitation a march, parade, promenade, or procession of any kind. Should the moving outdoor event be immediately followed by one hour or less of stationary activity, such as a speaker, the stationary activity shall be deemed part of the moving activity. Where the stationary activity exceeds one hour, it shall be deemed a separate outdoor event that requires separate permitting is applicable.

1. Applications must be submitted to the Mayor's Office of Special Events no later than 30 days prior to the event date and no earlier than 6 months prior to the event date.
2. Assemblies with anticipated attendance below 10,000--\$50.00 fee.
3. Assemblies with anticipated at attendance greater than 10,000--\$100.00 fee.
4. \$100.00 refundable sanitation bond may also be required.
5. Assembly permits include the right to vend for an hour, and the applicant need not obtain a separate vending permit activity occurring during the time that the assembly permit is in effect.
6. Assembly permits include the right to have amplified sound for an hour. Amplified sound in parks must be approved by the Office of Parks and must comply with the amplified sound policy.
7. Assemblies held in parks must also include a site plan to be approved by the Office of Parks.
8. Event organizers may not set-up for single day events prior to 6AM nor may break down for single day events occur after 11PM in a City of Atlanta Park.
9. Amplified sound may not occur before 9AM in City of Atlanta Parks, except for permitted Assemblies. Permitted assemblies may have amplified sound in a City of Atlanta park prior to 9am at locations designated by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Event organizers may be required to hire Park Attendants from the Reservations Office for Assemblies requesting sound prior to 9AM. NOTE for Historic 4th Ward and Skate Park ONLY--Amplified sound must end at 8:00pm Sunday through Thursday and must end at 11:00pm on Friday and Saturday.
10. Park Attendants--Event organizers may be required to hire Park Attendants from the Reservations Office for events including but not limited to, Outdoor Events requesting sound prior to 9AM, for vehicular access to gated park locations or for park restroom access before or after operating hours. Park attendants are available on a first come, first serve basis and must be booked no later than 14 days prior to the event date. The rate for park attendants is \$17.50 for a minimum of 4 hours. To hire a park attendant please email requests to parksreservationist@atlantaga.gov and include your event name and date and the times requested for vehicular access.

Type of Event Definitions

- Greenspace: Permits use of greenspace for events of 75 attendees or less.
- Large Gathering in a Park: Outdoor event that lasts for more than one hour, has more than 75 attendees, and does not meet the definition of an outdoor festival. If 250 or more attendees are anticipated at the event, a security plan is required and submitted to APD, EMS and AFR for review.
- Outdoor Festival: Outdoor event that is a public celebration or gathering that includes entertainment, amusement rides, dancing, music, dramatic productions, art exhibitions, other exhibits or displays, selling of merchandise or services, sale of food and or alcohol or any combination of the mentioned components.
- Assemblies: Pre-planned event consisting of people, animals or vehicles, or any combination of the above moving towards a common destination or goal that requires temporarily closing or obstructing all or part of any street, sidewalk, or other public right of way.
- Special Use Permit: requires an additional fee and authorizes the use or relates to amplified sound, port- o-toilets and/or generators.

Permitting Office

Mayor's Office of Special Events

Permitting Office

Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner

<u>Outdoor Festival</u>	<u>Anticipated Attendance</u>	<u>Event Types</u>	<u>Anticipated Attendance</u>
Class		Gated Park Event	250+
A	50,000+	<u>Large Gatherings in a Park</u>	75 or more for more than 1hr
B	<u>20,000 – 49,999</u>	<u>Greenspace Permit</u>	75 or more for more than 1hr
C	<u>10,000 – 19,999</u>	<u>Pavilion & Ballfield Rentals</u>	www.atlantaga.gov/iparcs
D	<u>2,000 – 9,999</u>	<u>Special Use Permit</u>	www.atlantaga.gov/iparcs
E	<u>250 – 1,999</u>	<u>Outdoor Wedding Permit</u>	www.atlantaga.gov/iparcs
Assemblies	<u>74+</u>		

Potential Park Sites listed by Event Size Classifications for 2026

<u>Class A, B, C, D, or E Events (50,000+)</u>	<u>Class B, C, D or E Events (20,000-49,999)</u>	<u>Class C, D, or E Events (10,000-19,999)</u>	<u>Class D or E Events (2,000-9,999)</u>	<u>Class E Events (250- 1,999)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piedmont, NE(M) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central, NE (M) • Maddox, NW (M) • Mozley, NW (M) • Grant, SE (P) • Perkerson, SW (P) • Wilson Mill, SW(P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington, NW (M) • Deerwood, SW (S) • Southbend, SE (P) • Candler, NE (M) (P) • Robert Woodruff, NE (X) • Rev. James Orange, SW (M) • Grove, NW • Coan, SE • Shirley Clarke Franklin, NW (P) (M) • Historic Fourth Ward, NE (X) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Lake, SE • Dr. Mary Shy Scott, SW • West Manor, SW • Chastain, NW • Adams, SW • John A. White, SW • Cabbagetown, SE • D.H. Stanton, SE • Adair II, SW • Historic Oakland Cemetery, SE • John Howell, NE • Tanyard Creek, NW • P'tree Hills, NE • Brownwood, SE • Phoenix III, SE • Adair I, SW • West End, SW • Whittier Mill, NW • Rosa Burney, SW • Bessie Branham, SE • Phoenix II, SE • Pittman, SE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English, NW • Lang Carson, SE • Arthur Langford, SW • Isabel Gates Webster, SW • Renaissance, NE (X) • Hurt, NE • Gordon White • Howell, SW • Sidney Marcus, NE • Lucious Simon, SE • Calhoun, NE* • Delta, NE* • Springvale, NE* • Olmstead Liner Parks, NE <p>*parks may be included in larger class festivals</p>

(M) Marta accessible

(P) Parking available

*Parks not listed may be added as needed

Park Rest and Remediation Periods Guideline

Events whose infrastructure occurs in the same locations as another submitted or scheduled outdoor event must comply with the following rest periods. Where an outdoor event does not utilize an area of a park, that unused area may be eligible for other outdoor events, provided the infrastructure of the proposed events are contained within the previously unused area or entirely on hardscape areas unless infrastructure resources/remediation is being shared and approved by DPR.

1. After a park hosts a Class A Outdoor Festival, Assembly or Large Gathering with an anticipated attendance of 50,000 + people, the remediation time for that specific area of the park shall be five (5) weeks.
2. After a park hosts a Class B Outdoor Festival, Assembly or Large Gathering with an anticipated attendance of 20,000-49,999 people, the remediation time for that specific area of the park shall be four (4) weeks.
3. After a park hosts a Class C Outdoor Festival, Assembly or Large Gathering with an anticipated attendance of 10,000-19,999 people, the remediation time for that specific area of the park shall be three (3) weeks.
4. After a park hosts a Class D Outdoor Festival, Assembly or Large Gathering with an anticipated attendance of 2,000-9,999 people, the remediation time for that specific area of the park shall be two (2) weeks.
5. After a park hosts a Class E Outdoor Festival, Assembly or Large Gathering with an anticipated attendance of 251-1,999 people, the remediation time for that specific area of the park shall be one (1) week.
6. After a park hosts a Large Gathering or Assembly with an anticipated attendance of 75 or more persons the Office of Parks may recommend a remediation time for that specific area of the park of one (1) week.
7. The DPR reserves the right to deviate from these established written guidelines at its discretion. Where a change occurs, which may affect current permits, the City will, where practicable, seek the consent of the affected participants. The Office of Parks will notify participants in writing regarding any change.

Movie Permits and Amplified Sound Information

Outdoor Movie Sound: No amplified sound after 10:00pm Sunday through Thursday; no amplified sound after 10:30pm Friday and Saturday (unless approved by the Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner). NOTE for Historic 4th Ward and Skate Park ONLY--Amplified sound must end at 8:00pm Sunday through Thursday and must end at 11:00pm on Friday and Saturday. The movie must end no later than 10:30pm and the park must be emptied (people and equipment) by 11:00pm. NO unrated, NC-17, R rated, or X rated movies may be shown in a city park.

Amplified Sound Permit Rules (These Rules Do Not Apply to Permitted Outdoor Festivals)

- Amplified Sound may last only during the times set forth in the Permit, but in no event shall it last longer than six consecutive hours.
- Only one sound permit will be issued, on a first come, first serve basis, for the same hours in one park
- Only one sound permit will be issued for Grant Park Pavilions and greenspace A per day. Permit will be issued on first come, first serve basis
- An Amplified Sound Permit is not required for Pavilion Rentals if the sound is not plainly audible outside of the perimeter of the reserved pavilion.
- Amplified sound must not be heard 100 feet from noise source and must be directed away from residential areas (as possible) and may not be heard beyond perimeter of the park.
- Event bond required for amplified sound permit may be withheld for violations of permit or city ordinances.
- No sound permits will be issued between 6am-9am except for permitted Assemblies.

For events with an anticipated attendance of fewer than 500 people, the Amplified Sound Permit allows sound to reach a volume that is not plainly audible to someone at a distance of 100 feet from the noise source (100-foot radius around the noise source), or to someone outside of the perimeter of the park, whichever distance is shorter. For events with attendance

between:

- 500-750 = 150 ft radius around noise source
- > than 750 = 200 ft radius around noise source
- In either case sound may not be heard beyond the perimeter of the park
- Showmobile rentals must also adhere to the guidelines herein described and may be required to receive a Greenspace, LGP and/or Special Use permit.

The DPR reserves the right to deviate from these established written guidelines at its discretion. Where a change occurs, which may affect current permits, the City will, where practicable, seek the consent of the affected participants. The Office of Parks will notify participants in writing regarding any change.

