



**Buffalo Bayou Park**  
Permits, Reservations and Fees

**Pavilion Rentals**

	<b>Barbara Fish Daniel Picnic Pavilion</b>	<b>Lost Lake Picnic Shelter</b>
<b>User Fee</b>	\$150/up to 3 hours	\$100/up to 3 hours
<b>Refundable Deposit</b>	\$300	\$300
<b>Capacity</b>	50	30

**Summary of Rules and Regulations:**

- Reservation grants exclusive use of the picnic pavilion for the duration of the reservation; the surrounding park areas will remain open to the public at all times.
- Park User Fees are non-refundable. No later than 72 hours prior to the use date, the permit holder may request a change to the reservation date(s). A change fee will apply.
- At least one (1) adult must be present for every eight (8) children in attendance. The Barbara Fish Daniel Picnic Pavilion is within the Barbara Fish Daniel Nature Play Area. All reservations must also be in compliance with Play Area rules and children MUST be in attendance.
- Parking at The Water Works and at Lost Lake is first come, first served.
- Food for your party is permitted, but food should be reserved for invited guests and not given out for public consumption.
- Glass containers are prohibited.
- Alcohol is prohibited.
- Littering is prohibited; please use trash receptacles.
- You may not affix, attach, hang, or post anything to existing park structures. As such, piñatas are prohibited.
- Additional seating, tents, or event set up is not permitted.
- Amplified sound is not permitted.
- All activities must be compliant with [park rules and regulations](#).
- To make a reservation for the **Lost Lake Picnic Shelter** or the **Barbara Fish Daniel Picnic Pavilion**, [click here](#).

**Sand Volleyball Court Use**

	<b>Sand Volleyball Court</b>
<b>User Fee</b>	\$15/hour
<b>Refundable Deposit</b>	\$50/reservation

**Summary of Rules and Regulations:**

- Reservation grants exclusive use of the volleyball court for the duration of the reservation, the surrounding park areas will remain open to the public at all times.
- Use of the volleyball court does not require a permit, but anyone must be able to play/use the sand volleyball court during non-permitted use.
- Park User Fees are non-refundable. No later than 72 hours prior to the use date, the permit holder may request a change to the reservation date(s). A change fee will apply.
- Glass containers are prohibited.
- Alcohol is prohibited.
- Littering is prohibited; please use trash receptacles.
- You may not affix, attach, hang, or post anything to existing park structures. Additional seating, tents, or event set up is not permitted.
- Amplified sound is not permitted.
- All activities must be compliant with [park rules and regulations](#).
- To make a reservation for the **sand volleyball court**, [click here](#).



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**Photo/Film Use**

	Photography (Personal Use at The Water Works)	Photography or Recording (Commercial Use)	Film (Documentary/Student)	Film (TV/Web)	Film (Motion Picture)
User Fee	\$50/hour	\$250/up to 4 hours	\$50 Park Impact Fee	Starts at \$750/day	Starts at \$2,000/day
Refundable Deposit*	\$50	\$300	\$300	\$1,000	\$3,000

\*Deposits listed above are minimum amounts; all deposits will be determined by location, size, duration, and potential impact to the park.

**Summary of Rules and Regulations:**

- A permit is required for any photo/film shoots used for commercial purposes OR if any set up is requested.
- Permit holder must furnish a copy of the finished product(s) on CD or DVD for Buffalo Bayou Partnership’s archives.
- For film, Buffalo Bayou Partnership and the City of Houston Parks & Recreation Department must be recognized for credit at the end of finished product.
- Insurance is mandatory for this permitted activity.
- Additional requisites and fees may apply depending on the scope of the project.
- Photo/Film requests are handled through an application process that includes reviews and approvals of the proposed activity. For more information or to request an application, please email: [skiouses@buffaobayou.org](mailto:skiouses@buffaobayou.org)

**Group Exercise Use**

	Boot Camp	Group Exercise Class	Running Club
User Fee	10% Gross Revenue	10% Gross Revenue	10% Gross Revenue
Park Impact Fee	\$100/month	\$100/month	\$100/month

**Summary of Rules and Regulations:**

- A permit is required for any exercise classes held in the park – regardless of the cost associated to participate in them.
- Class enrollment cannot exceed 50 participants; parking plan must accommodate the class capacity.
- Insurance is mandatory for this permitted activity.
- Group Exercise requests are handled through an application process that includes reviews and approvals of the proposed activity. For more information or to request an application, please email: [skiouses@buffaobayou.org](mailto:skiouses@buffaobayou.org)

**Wedding Ceremony Use**

	Wedding Ceremony
User Fee	\$150/1 hour
Refundable Deposit	\$300

**Summary of Rules and Regulations:**

- Wedding Ceremony permits allow permit holder to have chairs and/or a canopy/chuppah.
- If more set up is requested, event permitting will apply instead of a wedding permit.
- Guest capacity is dependent on the area of the park selected; a parking plan must accommodate the request.
- Insurance is mandatory for this permitted activity if set up will occur.
- Wedding Ceremony requests are handled through an application process that includes reviews and approvals of the proposed activity. For more information or to request an application, please email: [skiouses@buffaobayou.org](mailto:skiouses@buffaobayou.org)



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**Special Event Rentals**

	Eleanor Tinsley Park	Eleanor Tinsley Park's Bud Light Amphitheater	Eleanor Tinsley Park's Hines Meadow
<b>Commercial User Fee – Over 5,000</b>	\$7,000/day	\$5,000/day	\$2,000/day
<b>Non Profit User Fee – Over 5,000</b>	\$5,000/day	\$3,750/day	\$1,250/day
<b>Set-Up/Break Down – Over 5,000</b>	\$1,000/day	\$500/day	\$500/day
<b>Refundable Deposit* – Over 5,000</b>	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$5,000

\*Deposits listed above are minimum amounts; all deposits will be determined by location, size, duration, and potential impact to the park.

**Special Event Rentals Continued:**

	Park User Fee
<b>Commercial User Fee – Under 2,000</b>	\$500/day
<b>Non Profit User Fee – Under 2,000</b>	\$250/day
<b>Set-Up/Break Down – Under 2,000</b>	N/A
<b>Refundable Deposit* – Under 2,000</b>	\$1,000
<b>Commercial User Fee – 2,000 – 4,999</b>	\$750/day
<b>Non Profit User Fee – 2,000 – 4,999</b>	\$500/day
<b>Set-Up/Break Down – 2,000 – 4,999</b>	N/A
<b>Refundable Deposit* – 2,000 – 4,999</b>	\$1,000

\*Deposits listed above are minimum amounts; all deposits will be determined by location, size, duration, and potential impact to the park.

**Summary of Rules and Regulations:**

- Eleanor Tinsley Park reservations are limited to those with 5,000 or more attendees.
- Eleanor Tinsley Park events require event licensing between the producer, Buffalo Bayou Partnership, and the Mayor's Office of Special Events.
- Events in Eleanor Tinsley Park have calendar limitations.
- Event permitting grants exclusive use of the space and existing utilities; the surrounding park spaces must remain open to the public.
- Additional requisites and fees will apply and are directly related to the scope of the event.
- Event permits allow for the exclusive use of a park area. To secure park space for private events, it is the producer's responsibility to provide fencing and security.
- Event capacity is dependent on the area of the park selected; a parking plan must accommodate all requests.
- Insurance is mandatory for this permitted activity.
- Event requests are handled through an application process that includes reviews and approvals of the proposed activity. For more information or to request an application, please email: [skiouses@buffaobayou.org](mailto:skiouses@buffaobayou.org)



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**The Water Works Rentals**

	<b>The Water Works:</b> Brown Foundation Lawn, Hobby Pavilion, & Wortham Insurance Terrace	<b>Hobby Family Pavilion</b>	<b>Wortham Insurance Terrace</b>
<b>Commercial User Fee</b>	\$10,000/day	\$2,500/day	\$3,000/day
<b>Non Profit User Fee</b>	\$7,500/day	\$1,750/day	\$2,250/day
<b>Set-Up/Break Down</b>	\$500/day	N/A	N/A
<b>Refundable Deposit*</b>	\$16,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

\*Deposits listed above are minimum amounts; all deposits will be determined by location, size, duration, and potential impact to the park.

**Summary of Rules and Regulations:**

- The Water Works capacity is 3,500; a parking plan must accommodate all requests.
- All Water Works events require event licensing between the producer and Buffalo Bayou Partnership.
- Events utilizing The Brown Foundation Lawn may have calendar limitations.
- Rates are for exclusive use of the space and existing utilities; the surrounding park spaces must remain open to the public.
- All other event activations and applicable event permitting is the financial responsibility of the producer.
- Non-exclusive use of the entry court, restrooms, and parking lot is granted. At no time can event activations block access to the Wortham Insurance Visitor Center, Bike Barn, public restrooms, Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern entrance, Lee & Joe Jamail Skate Park, or the Barbara Fish Daniel Nature Play Area.
- The Water Works facility has weight and activity restrictions.
- Insurance is mandatory for this permitted activity.
- Event requests for The Water Works are handled through an application process that includes reviews and approvals of the proposed activity. For more information or to request an application, please email: [skiouuses@buffaobayou.org](mailto:skiouuses@buffaobayou.org)