

**CARPENTER'S GROVE**, named after Carpenter Brothers quarry, which was in operation here during the 1890s, is located between Ross Dock Picnic Area and Hazard's Ramp. This unique location provides visitors with wonderful views of the George Washington Bridge, the Hudson River, and the Palisades.

Carpenter's Grove is the only river-level picnic grove in the Palisades Interstate Park in New Jersey that gives the permit holder exclusive rights to the site. The adjacent 15-vehicle-capacity parking area is designated for guests attending events at Carpenter's Grove only. Guests will be charged the parking fee at Ross Dock Picnic Area the day of the event.

The site can accommodate up to 90 guests and is furnished with 15 stationary picnic tables, one large Texas grill, portable bathroom facilities, garbage and recycling cans, and locust trees that cast shade over a small portion of the area.

Ball playing, hammocks, 10'x10' shade tents, music, decorations, and folding tables and chairs are all allowed (but must be removed at the end of the event or a summons may be issued).

Full bathroom facilities are located 700 yards away in Ross Dock Picnic Area. Minimal vehicular shuttling between Carpenter's Grove and Ross Dock Picnic Area is permitted.

A one-day permit for Carpenter's Grove is \$150.00.

During the peak season (May through September) the Edgewater park entrance may be closed as park areas fill to capacity. Visitors are therefore encouraged to enter and exit the southern end of the park via the Englewood Cliffs park entrance at Palisades Avenue (PIP Exit 1).

### PICNIC POLICY

**THE PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION** has provided the public with spaces and amenities for gatherings for over a century.

In the New Jersey Section of the Interstate Park, many of these spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis with the exceptions of **Carpenter's Grove, Alpine Grove** and the **Alpine Pavilion**.

**409.1(i)** Groups are limited to 25 people and must not use more than 1 fixed grouping of tables and 1 grill. Individuals or groups must not reserve tables, parking spaces, grills or other amenities for group members that are not present in the park.

**408.1(g)** A parking fee is collected and must be paid when an attendant is on duty. The fee ticket will not guarantee re-entry if the area is full and may not be used to reserve parking spaces.

**409.1(12)** Signs, balloons, banners and decorations of any kind must not be affixed to tables, trees, stones or park structures or staked into the ground.

**410.1(n)(1)** Alcohol is prohibited.

**408.1(c)** Littering is prohibited.

**410.1** Games and athletic activities may be restricted to designated areas.

**410.1(c)** Garbage and recycling must be placed in proper receptacles.

**408.1(f)(8)** Music must not disturb the public.

**412.2(a)** Trucks, trailers and motorhomes are prohibited.

**412.3(a)&(f)** Buses and vans carrying over 15 passengers are allowed by permit only.

**For a complete list of rules and regulations, go to [njpalisades.org](http://njpalisades.org).**

Personal grills are allowed but must not be placed on tabletops. 10'x10' shade tents, folding chairs, and folding tables are also permitted.

# Picnic Policy



Alpine Pavilion,  
Alpine Grove,  
& Carpenter's  
Grove

**New Jersey**

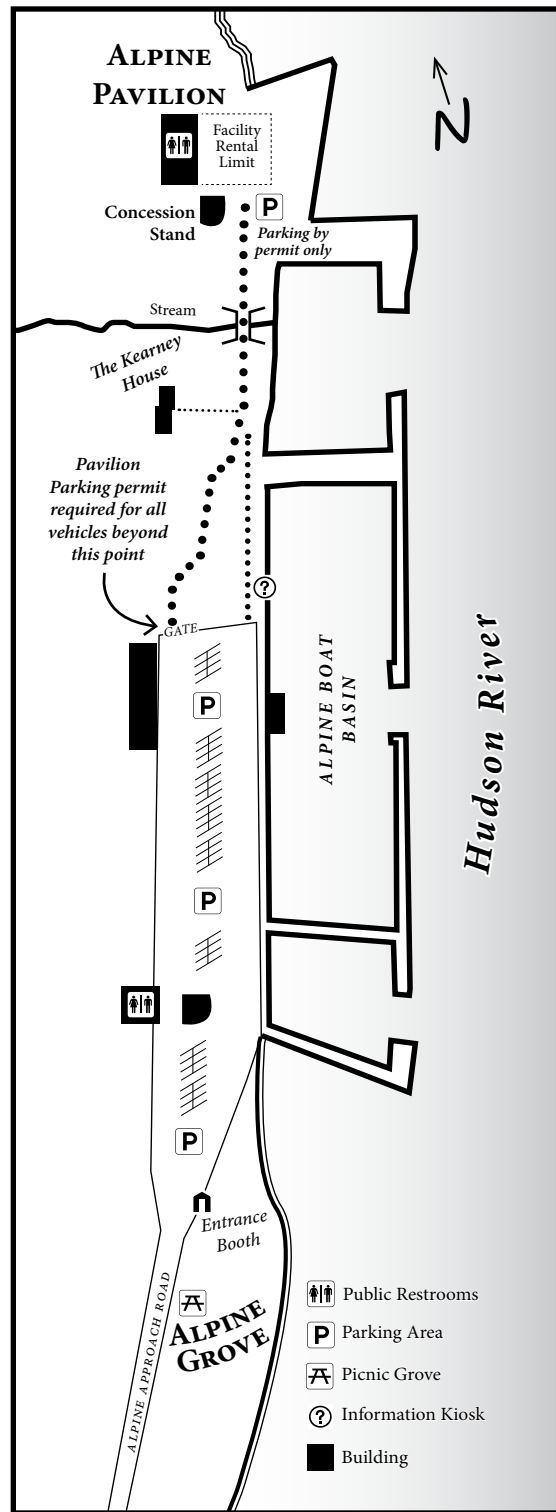
Park Headquarters  
Alpine Approach Road  
P.O. Box 155  
Alpine, New Jersey 07620

Hours of Operation  
Mon.-Fri., 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

**[njpalisades.org](http://njpalisades.org)**

201-768-1360 ext. 101

Palisades Interstate Park Police:  
201-768-6001



**ALPINE PAVILION** is located at the north end of Alpine Picnic Area. This open-air, covered stone picnic pavilion was built in 1934 by the Civil Works Administration. Today it is used for both park-sponsored and private events such as company picnics, birthday parties, weddings, engagement parties, family reunions, and dances.

Alpine Pavilion can accommodate up to 125 guests. For a daily fee of \$250.00 the permit holder gets priority access to the second floor, which is equipped with 20 stationary picnic tables, lights, 120-volt outlets, and the 100'x100' area directly in front of the pavilion, which is also equipped with 20 stationary picnic tables. The second floor of the pavilion is not wheelchair accessible, and for safety reasons lights to the foyer and stairs must stay on.

Restrooms will be cleaned and garbage removed by 10 AM on the day of your event. Park staff may be contacted to address any issues that may arise on the day of your event through the Palisades Interstate Parkway Police: 201-768-6001.

Up to 3 parking permits may be purchased for vehicular access to the pavilion for caterers, permittee, and/or vendors. The cost of each permit is \$100 and must be submitted when applying for the contract. (Without this permit, visitors will need to carry or cart all items 500 ft. from the parking area.)

A \$500 security deposit is required for all events (refunded if the area is left in acceptable condition). An additional fee of \$75 is charged for the use of the adjoining concession stand, which has electricity, lights, and a cold-water sink. Pick-up for the concession stand key must be arranged through the administrative office.

**ALPINE GROVE** is located at the south end of Alpine Picnic Area. This relatively quiet riverfront grove is furnished with 20 stationary picnic tables, one large Texas grill, and garbage and recycling cans.

A large London planetree provides shade to the area throughout the day.

Alpine Grove can accommodate up to 125 guests and is ideal for church picnics and family reunions. Restroom facilities are located 300 feet away.

**PERMIT FEE**

- Up to 50 people=\$50.00
- 51 to 74 people=\$75.00
- 75 to 99 people=\$100.00
- 100 to 125 people=\$150.00\*

\*A \$300 refundable security deposit is required for groups of over 100 guests.

**PERMIT CONDITIONS**

All permits must be secured in advance. Permit holder may not prevent access to restrooms, travel ways, picnic areas, and other amenities open to the general public. Permit fee does not include parking fees, which must be paid by permit holder's guests on the day of events when a collector is on duty.

**PARKING FEES**

- Ross Dock:** \$5.00 weekdays / \$10.00 weekends
- ALPINE:** \$5.00 (weekends only)

Permit holders for Alpine Pavilion only can make arrangements to pre-pay parking for their guests at Park Headquarters no less than three business days in advance of the event. Pre-paid parking does not reserve spaces nor guarantee re-entry when the parking area is full or the area is closed.

Decorations and folding tables and chairs are all allowed, but must be removed at the end of the event.

All areas are open daylight hours only. Pavilion events must be over by 9 PM.

All garbage must be bagged and placed in the proper receptacle. Failure to leave the site in a satisfactory condition may result in a summons and/or forfeiture of security deposit.

**Available Spaces:**



**ALPINE PAVILION**  
Capacity: 125



**ALPINE GROVE**  
Capacity: 125



**CARPENTER'S GROVE**  
Capacity: 90