

TINICUM PARK BARN RENTAL GUIDELINES -2020

Please understand, and accept, that the “barn is a barn,” and that means bugs, spider webs, bats and less than spotless presentation, in all its “rustic charm.” It is not a “white glove” venue. Bats commonly roost in the rafters and “droppings” may be evident. The facility is made available in a “clean” condition, but renting parties may do more in that respect if they so choose.

General information:

1. Fees: \$2000 rental (3-day period), \$150 alcohol fee (if desired), \$300 maintenance security (refunded in full unless deductions are made).
2. Available May-October. Hours available: Friday 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-9 p.m. (10 p.m. to vacate park), Sunday 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
3. Capacity – est. 100 within barn (depending on seating/service plan).
4. Tent(s) allowed only for parties exceeding 100. Barn use included.
5. Utilities/services – electricity, lighting, water nearby, restrooms, not heated, not air-conditioned, no kitchen facilities.
6. Caterer of choice, or self-catered. Party supply company of choice.
7. Alcohol (beer and/or wine) allowed by permit.
8. No open flames in or near the buildings.
9. No petting zoos, inflatables or other certain entertainments.

Application/Payments/Insurance

1. All payments by check (payable to: Bucks County Parks Department), credit, or cash.
2. Application and \$1,000 deposit accepted after January 1 or as otherwise informed. Refunded only for confirmed medical emergencies, or after other specific hardships considered, or if another party desires to book the date concerned.
3. Full payment may be submitted with application. Otherwise, the fee balance and security deposit must be received no later than 2 months in advance of the usage date, as is the alcohol permit application and fee, if relevant.
4. Certificates of Insurance Required – due no later than 2 months in advance of usage date.
 - a. Applicant – General Liability.
 - b. Professional catering and party supply companies – Commercial Coverage.

Set-up:

1. Access – key provided. If lost, \$25 fee.
2. No nailing, screwing or tacking into or taping onto any woodwork other than the border strip shown during site visitation. Infractions may result in citations being issued or deduction from maintenance security deposit.

3. The barn is cleaned on Thursday morning, but permit holder is allowed to clean further if so desired. Permit applicant acknowledges that "pest" residue may be evident.
4. The park restroom is cleaned on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning but there is no guarantee on its condition for any event, inasmuch as it is open for public park patron use 24 hours. Permit holder is allowed to "set up" the restroom if desired, at own risk of lost items.
5. Permit holder is allowed to contract for supplemental toilets. If self-contained trailers, the company must provide insurance certificate.
6. Permit holder is allowed to post road-side and other signs the day before and day of the event.
7. Use of the barn prior to Friday is strictly limited to dropping off of rented equipment and supplies on Thursday, after noon. Permit holder may not engage in decorating or setting up prior to Friday.
8. Tent(s) may be used only if the party's number exceeds 100, and erected no earlier than Thursday and taken down no later than Tuesday. Weather conditions will be considered. Location for tent(s) must be approved, and they are under no circumstances to be erected over or near the gas pipeline. County is not responsible for damage to tents from fallen branches, limbs or trees or vandalism. Caterer may erect a preparation tent where approved.
9. No one is to walk on beams or to climb the wooden rail ladders that are part of the barn. Ladders may be brought for decorating purposes. Storage of them can be arranged.
10. The general decorating scheme must be approved, for safety purposes, no later than one month in advance. No decorations are to be higher than the fixed lighting.

Event Day:

11. Consumption of alcohol is strictly limited to within the barn and/or approved tent. Consumption elsewhere will result in cause for citation(s).
12. Within the barn, ice buckets, coolers, and beer kegs must have plastic sheeting underneath.
13. A Park Ranger or other park employee on duty has the right to enter and observe the event (excluding wedding ceremonies) and to take or order corrective action to bring any situation into compliance with rules and regulations.
14. Be aware that if a Park Ranger observes underage consumption of alcoholic beverages, or if any attendee is obviously intoxicated, that Ranger can immediately close alcoholic beverage service and/or issue citations as appropriate.
15. Any and all smoking is permitted only at a designated location and is strictly prohibited in or adjacent to all buildings. Violation is subject to citation. Littered smoking trash will be cause for maintenance security deduction.
16. Synthetic flower petals or confetti may not be used outside. Glitter is not allowed in or outside. Balloons are not allowed in the barn, or to be otherwise "released" inside or outside the barn.
17. No electric, propane or other heating devices are permitted within the buildings. Fans for circulation may be used.
18. If using bar-b-que (catered or on your own), or other food services that require on-site cooking, all must be positioned no closer than 50 feet of the buildings, with fire extinguisher at site. Smoke infiltrating the buildings may cause the fire alarm to sound. If local fire department responds, a fee will be charged.
19. Outdoor lighting to be turned on by applicant or designated person, and turned off on Sunday.

Clean up

20. In general, permit holder is responsible for the removal of all decorations and fasteners (nails, twine, etc.).
21. Permit holder is responsible for any "mess" created and left by self, guests or caterer and is subject to deduction from the maintenance security.
22. Damages to wall or floor surfaces is subject to maintenance security deduction and/or citation.
23. Food wastes are to be removed from the barn before closing on Saturday and deposited in the event dumpster (provided by Parks). All other trash not removed Saturday is to be removed by end of day Sunday and deposited in the dumpster.
24. Rented supplies can be picked up Monday or Tuesday, as weather permits. Access to barn to be arranged.
25. Personal items still on the premises Monday morning will be considered abandoned.

Parking/Cars:

26. The parking areas to be used are those behind the barn (west side), not the one directly to the right (north side) on entering the park. Signs directing attendees to the appropriate lots will be placed by park personnel.
27. Handicapped persons are permitted to be dropped off as near to the barn as appropriate, but vehicles of handicapped drivers must be parked in designated lots.
28. Dropping off supplies must be done in consideration of ground conditions, with restrictions imposed if necessary to prevent turf damage. Driving up the barn grass "ramp" may be likewise restricted if the ground is wet. Unwarranted turf damage and rutting may be cause for maintenance security deduction, or citation.
29. All party vehicles must be parked in approved parking areas during event.

Miscellaneous:

30. Wedding rehearsals, including dinners, may take place on Friday.
31. The pavilion near the barn is reserved free for permit holder and can be utilized as wanted.
32. The surrounding area included with the permit will be shown during the site visit.
33. The general public is allowed to picnic and otherwise participate in passive recreational use of other grounds.
34. Moving of the picnic tables is not permitted. If moved, in disregard of the rule, and not replaced, a deduction will be made from the maintenance security deposit.
35. Tent camping is offered in the back portion of the park, by permit, from the main park office (215-757-0571).
36. Site visits for planning purposes can be arranged, but Saturdays (May-October) are not usually available as weddings/receptions are usually taking place then.
37. A file of vendors (caterers, tent/table/chair companies, florists, photographers, musicians, insurance agencies, etc.) who have provided services in the past can be requested. This list is not one of recommendations but is supplied only for informational purposes.

NOTE: EVENTS ARE REQUIRED TO END NO LATER THAN 9 P.M. BARN MUST BE CLOSED, SECURED AND ALL PERSONS MUST EXIT THE PARK BY 10 P.M. VIOLATION IS SUBJECT TO CITATION.