



9612 NW Lower River Rd.
Vancouver, WA 98660

Driving Directions:

From I-5, take Exit 1C (Mill Plain Boulevard) and go west. Mill Plain Boulevard turns into Lower River Road. Follow Lower River Road for approximately five miles, past Vancouver Lake Regional Park. The park entrance will be on your left.

Park features:

- River access with a sandy beach
- Covered picnic shelters
- Uncovered picnic areas
- Walking, jogging, biking trails
- Playground equipment
- Restrooms
- Parking

Web page address:

www.clark.wa.gov/parks-trails/frenchmans.html

PICNIC SHELTER RESERVATIONS:

Can I reserve the shelters at Frenchman's Bar Regional Park?

Yes. Frenchman's Bar Regional Park has two reservable picnic shelters.

How do I make a reservation?

To reserve a picnic shelter at Frenchman's Bar Regional Park, call or visit the Marshall Community Center (1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. in Vancouver; Phone: 360-487-7100). Shelters can be reserved from the first weekend of May through September 30. Reservations are taken starting the first working day of February.

How much does it cost to reserve a shelter?

Both shelters cost \$50 per day to reserve. This fee helps pay for maintenance and operations. When not already reserved, the shelters are available at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

How large are the shelters?

The Riverview shelter can accommodate up to 100 people, or you can reserve half of the shelter for 50 people or fewer. The Langsdorf shelter can hold up to 50 people.

What types of amenities do the shelters have?

Each half of the Riverview shelter has six picnic tables, a charcoal BBQ grill, a sink with cold running water, a prep surface, electrical outlets and garbage cans. The Langsdorf shelter features six picnic tables and trash cans.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Can I have a special event or wedding at the park?

Yes. The park is available for special events from March 1 through November 30. You will need to get a Special Use Permit from Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation by calling 360-619-1123 or e-mailing Brian.Potter@ci.vancouver.wa.us.

Can I reserve the sand volleyball courts?

No, the sand volleyball courts are not reservable. However, exclusive use during a special event may be allowed on a case-by-case basis with an approved Special Use Permit. Please call 360-619-1123 or e-mail Brian.Potter@ci.vancouver.wa.us for more information.

Can I bring a "bounce house" or dunk tank to the park?

Air-inflated "bounce houses" are allowed with an approved Special Use Permit. However, dunk tanks are not allowed.

Can I have a fire on the beach?

No. Fires are only allowed in the designated fire pits and BBQ grills.



Park Rules

The following activities are not allowed (County Code 9.04):

- Littering/vandalism
- Alcohol possession or consumption
- Discharging firearms
- Motorized vehicles outside the parking lots
- Disorderly conduct
- Camping
- Bonfires
- Horseback riding
- Unleashed animals
- Cruising and squirreling

PARK IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.

Park Hours

7 a.m. to dusk, daily

From December 1 to March 1, access to the park is limited to bicycles and pedestrians only and regular maintenance stops for the season .

To report maintenance issues, call 360-397-2446.



PARKING FEES:

How much does it cost to park?

Parking at Frenchman's Bar Regional Park costs \$3 for cars, \$2 for motorcycles, \$6 for vehicles with trailers and \$8 for buses and RVs. Pedestrians and bicyclists may enter the park for free. Parking fees will be charged starting in May. Parking fees may also be collected at any time during scheduled special events. The parking lots are closed to vehicles from December 1 to March 1, due to budget restrictions.

Will I be charged a parking fee to drop someone or something off in the park?

No. You will not be charged a parking fee if you are dropping off or picking up and will be in the park for less than 15 minutes. You just need to check in with the park fee collector before entering.

If I have to leave the park and return later the same day, do I have to pay the parking fee again?

No. If you keep your parking receipt, you can re-enter any Clark County regional park an unlimited number of times on the same day without paying again.

Can I pay my guests' parking fees?

Yes. However, a parking contract must be acquired prior to visiting the park. Ask about a parking contract when you apply for your Special Use Permit. The county charges a \$25 processing fee, plus \$3 per car.

Can I bring my RV?

Yes. There is a designated RV parking area at Frenchman's Bar Regional Park. Your parking fee will depend on the size of your RV.

OTHER QUESTIONS:

Can I bring my dog(s)?

Dogs are allowed in the park, but must be leashed at all times. Owners must also obey local scoop laws and pick up after their pets.

Is there playground equipment?

Yes. There is a playground at the north end of the park near the Langsdorf picnic shelter.

Is swimming allowed?

Swimming in this part of Columbia River is dangerous due to swift currents and sudden drop offs, and is not recommended. There are no lifeguards on duty.

Can I bring my boat?

There is no boat launch at Frenchman's Bar Regional Park, and boats are not allowed to anchor between the two signs posted on the beach.

When are the volleyball nets set up?

The nets for the sand volleyball courts are typically set up between April 15 and Oct. 15.

