



6801 NW Lower River Rd.
Vancouver, WA 98660

Driving Directions:

From I-5, take Exit 1C (Mill Plain Boulevard) and go west. Mill Plain Boulevard will turn into Lower River Road at the Port of Vancouver. Follow Lower River Road for approximately three miles. The park entrance will be on your right.

Park features:

- Lake 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/vancouverlake.html

PICNIC SHELTER RESERVATIONS:

Can I reserve the shelters at Vancouver Lake Regional Park?

Yes. Vancouver Lake Regional Park has two reservable picnic shelters. You can reserve half of a shelter or an entire shelter for your event.

How do I make a reservation?

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

How much does it cost to reserve a shelter?

It will cost \$100 per day to reserve an entire shelter, or \$50 per day to reserve half a shelter. These fees help 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?

Each of the two shelters can accommodate 100-125 people, or you can reserve half of a shelter for groups half this size.

What types of amenities do the shelters have?

Each half of a picnic shelter has a charcoal BBQ grill, a sink with cold running water, a large prep surface, a serving table, four electrical outlets and garbage cans.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Can I have my wedding at the park?

Yes. 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. You will need to also reserve a picnic shelter (see above).

Can I reserve the beach or grassy area near the lake for a special event?

The beach and grassy areas near the lake are not reservable. However, special events, such as weddings, 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 to get 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.





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 bikes 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 Vancouver Lake 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 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.

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 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. 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 Vancouver Lake Regional Park. Your parking fee will depend on the size of your RV.

OTHER QUESTIONS:

Can I bring my dog(s) to Vancouver Lake Regional Park?

Dogs are allowed in most sections of the park, but must be leashed at all times. Owners must also obey local scoop laws and pick up after their pets. Dogs are not allowed on the beach or grassy area near the lake from April to October.

Is there playground equipment?

Yes. There is a playground between the two reservable picnic shelters, near the northern restrooms.

Is swimming allowed at Vancouver Lake?

Yes, swimming is allowed in the lake at the sandy beach. However, there are no lifeguards on duty and swimming and wading is at your own risk.

How do I know if the lake is safe to swim in?

An algae bloom or unsafe levels of E. coli bacteria may sometimes require the county to close the lake to all water contact. Fee collectors will inform park visitors about closures and advisory signs will be posted. The rest of the park will remain open. To find out more about the water quality at the lake, visit this Web page: www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/pools/beaches.html.

Can I bring my boat?

Vancouver Lake is a "no-wake" lake. Boats and personal watercraft of all types are allowed on the lake **as long as they do not create a wake**. It is unlawful to operate a motorboat on Vancouver Lake in excess of slow, no-wake speeds or within 200 feet of a designated swimming area. Watercraft such as kayaks and canoes that can be carried to the water are permitted.