

Spruce Valley Ranch Picnic Grounds Rules and Guidelines

Intent – to provide shared Homeowner usage of the Picnic Area, while protecting wetlands, vegetation, wildlife and minimizing disruption to surrounding neighbors.

Exclusive Use:

The Picnic Grounds is for the exclusive use of SVRF members, owners of homes and/or lots within the Ranch and their accompanied guests. Long term renters are considered as homeowners. While the CCRs for the Ranch allow for public use of amenities, no independent public access or use is permitted at this time. Any other user must be a guest of an owner who, as with other Ranch amenities, must be present with guests and the hosting owner is responsible for the behavior and the consequences of their guest's behavior. Two levels of usage are considered – general and special events.

General Use:

General use of the Picnic Grounds will be from Mid-May until the end of October, as weather permits. General usage will be on a first-come, first-served basis and includes both “reserved” and “walk in” usage.

Picnic Grounds General Use Rules

- Use can be reserved for a private event (e.g. family reunion) via the sign-up sheet located on the western gate post. Walk in usage is open any time that there is no pre reservation for a private event. Shared usage among SVR owners is encouraged.
- General usage will be limited to groups of up to 50. Events with more than this number are considered **Special Events** subject to the rules for this type of event below.
- Users must be SVR owners, house and personal guests or long-term renters only. A hosting SVR owner must accompany any friends, or non-member, just as any guest must be hosted by a SVR owner at the Trap and Skeet Range, at the Tarn, at the Tennis Court, at the Stables, or at any SVR Common Area. Usage by family members without the homeowner present is allowed, but there must be an “adult” of 18 years or older present and responsible for all elements of usage.
- **Hours of Use:** Use of the picnic area may not start before 9:00 am and all activity must conclude no later than 9:00 pm, including clean up and “lights out”.
- **Automobile Parking:** All parking must be in designated area on the mulch; carpool when possible, or bicycle to the Picnic Grounds. Due to the fragility of the land, parking must respect all existing vegetation.
- **Open Fires:** No open fires are allowed except in provided fire pit and grills, and only if there is no fire ban posted by the Red, White, and Blue Fire District. All Town of Blue River and Red, White, and Blue fire restrictions must be adhered to. A fire extinguisher (stored in the cupboard) or adequate water to extinguish the fire must be present at the fire pit. All fires must be completely extinguished before your departure not later than 9:00 pm.
- **Dogs –** must be always leashed and cleaned up after.
- **Prohibitions:**
 - No firearms or other discharge devices sounding like firearms are allowed.
 - All illegal drugs are prohibited.
 - All types of smoking are prohibited; the Picnic Grounds is smoke-free and tobacco-free.
 - Loud music is prohibited. – both ToBR and Town of Breckenridge sound ordinances must be adhered to. Amplified music of any kind is highly discouraged.
 - Liability: Any SVR owner or long-term renter using the picnic area assumes liability for any issue which may arise from their or their guests use.

Operational Considerations:

- All food, drink, trash and garbage must be cleaned up and hauled out to your home refuse disposal before you leave. Any additional clean up required will be charged to the homeowner.
- Respect the 9:00 am to 9:00 pm operating times
- Turn off propane appliances in three places – the grill itself, the valve behind the grill wall and at gas tank, before you leave.
- One Port-a-Potty is provided by the Ranch. It is serviced bi-weekly and on an “as needed” basis. If you discover the Port-a-Potty needs service, please contact the SVRF Board.
- If you notice anything needing service or repair, please notify the SVRF Board.
- Homeowner is responsible for ensuring that the gate is secure when leaving – gate code is 2000.
- Removal of trash and excess food is critical to respectful use of the amenity to avert nuisance ants or scavenging bears. Notify the SVRF Board if you have any concerns about an owner not leaving the Picnic Grounds in a proper condition, “as good or better” than before its use.

You and your guests are asked to be conscientious users of the area. Proper decorum will support good community, both with the Natural Community and the Social Community of the Ranch. Anyone using the Picnic Grounds is required to comply with these Rules and Guidelines immediately and without protest. In the event a user refuses to comply with the rules, the Board will follow the procedures outlined in the enforcement policy.