

# Popes Creek Picnic Pavilion

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The Popes Creek Picnic Area Pavilion is located within George Washington Birthplace National Monument. The surrounding picnic grounds were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. A connecting foot bridge leads to the historic area, farm, colonial garden, visitor center and gift shop. The Washington family burial ground is located one mile away.

The 30' by 42' picnic pavilion contains 12 picnic tables and two grills. Restrooms, a water fountain and electrical outlet are 50' away. Parking is available for 25 vehicles on a first come first served basis with one space reserved for the permit holder. A dumpster and recycling bin are available.

The pavilion and picnic area sit on a bluff overlooking the mouth of Pope's Creek with views of the Potomac River in the distance. A one mile nature trail meanders along the shore of Popes Creek and through wooded areas. A connecting trail and series of boardwalks takes visitors through Dancing Marsh and into the historic area.

The picnic pavilion may be reserved for \$80 per day on [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). When not reserved, it is available without charge on a first come, first served basis from 9:00 a.m. to dusk March-October and from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. October- February. An entrance fee of \$5 per vehicle (good for seven consecutive days) is also required. Built with funds provided by park fees, the Telegraph Road Picnic Pavilion is a good example of how the National Park Service uses fee monies.

For more information, please [e-mail](#) the park visitor center, or call at 703-221-7181.

## Emergencies and Security

Report all emergencies to a park ranger. The park visitor center is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with exception to Christmas Day, Thanksgiving and New Years Day. The visitor center phone number is 703-221-7181. For a law enforcement concern, please contact a park ranger or call Park Dispatch toll free at 866-677-6677, or call 9-1-1 for emergencies. Lock your vehicle and keep

valuables out of sight. Report lost and found items to a park ranger or at the visitor center.