

# Shelby Township's River Bends Park

## 2012 Usage Fees and General Information

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Picnic Park - 5700 22 Mile Road - south side, west of  
Shelby Road

Woodall Park - 4670 River Bends Drive - east side of  
Ryan, south of 22 Mile Road

Trap & Archery Range - 4863 Range Drive - east side of  
Ryan, south of 22 Mile Road

Fishing Site - East of Ryan, south of 22 Mile Road, south  
side of Clinton River

Nature Center - Phone - 586-323-2478 - 4101 River Bends  
Drive - east side of Ryan, between 22 Mile & Auburn Roads  
E-mail - naturecenter@shelbytwp.org

Holland Ponds - West side of Ryan, north of 22 Mile Road

Website - [www.shelbytwp.org/departments/prm](http://www.shelbytwp.org/departments/prm)

Parks, Recreation & Maintenance Department -  
52700 Van Dyke, south of 24 Mile Road  
Phone - 586-731-0300  
E-mail - shelbyprm@shelbytwp.org

*Photo - aerial view of River Bends Drive looking east*

## **Operating Hours**

**Park visitors should note that all facilities are to be vacated upon closing. Entrance gates will be locked at this time.**

### **River Bends Picnic Areas & Woodall Park**

Open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm or Dusk (whichever comes first) every day. Parks may be closed on major holidays and in extreme weather. We also reserve the right to close the park due to circumstances beyond our control.

### **Woodall Skate Park & Ice Rink -**

**OPEN APRIL 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1 - WEATHER PERMITTING.**

Open for Skateboards and In-line Skating on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Ages 10 & Under: 10:00 - 11:30 am      All ages: 11:30 am - 7:30 pm

Open for BMX Bikes only on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday: 10:00 am - 7:30 pm

**Closed on major holidays, in wet weather, and from late Fall through early Spring.**

We reserve the right to close the park due to inclement weather, reservation, programming activities or circumstances beyond our control. Ice Rink open during winter months when conditions are cold enough to keep ice frozen.

### **Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center**

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday & Friday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	Noon - 5:00 pm

NOTE: Special events, programming and holidays may alter operating hours.

### **Trap & Archery Range**



#### **JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

Saturday & Sunday only 9:00 am until dusk or time posted.

Closed Monday thru Friday. **Also closed on major holidays and in extreme weather.**

#### **MARCH THROUGH DECEMBER**

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday - 9:00 am - 8:00 pm or dusk - whichever comes first. Closed Monday thru Wednesday. **Also closed on major holidays and in extreme weather.**

### **Holland Ponds**

Open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm or Dusk (whichever comes first) every day, except major holidays and in extreme weather.

**For more information or for shelter rental, please contact the Shelby Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department at 586-731-0300**

## **Picnic Shelter;**

There are three (3) shelters in River Bends Main Park that are available for rent beginning Monday, January 9, 2012 for the upcoming summer. There is no vehicle fee to enter any Shelby Township Park. However, to reserve the use of the organizational camp or a shelter at River Bends Park a fee is assessed.

In accordance with the Shelby Township Ordinance Article II: *"Public Parks, Section 50-33 Permits, a permit is required for picnics, outings, or gatherings of 20 or more persons."*



Reservations for shelter use are accepted for groups for the months of May through September. For available dates please phone the Parks, Recreation & Maintenance Department at 586-731-0300. During the month of January reservations must be made in person at the PRM Office and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Beginning February 1 reservations are accepted by phone with a VISA or MasterCard and the contract/receipt will be mailed to the contractor for a \$5 mailing/processing fee unless an e-mail address is provided. A shelter reservation cannot be held without payment. Reservations accepted beginning the second Monday in January for the following summer.

In addition, the following are available without reservation to park visitors:

- A number of picnic tables (6' each) and 8 grills scattered throughout the main park area
- Playscapes and disc golf course located throughout park
- Horseshoes Pits and Volleyball Nets are available at each pavilion in River Bends Park at no charge. However you must provide your own horseshoes and volleyball.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS** for the use of a bouncer or other inflatable, dunk tank, live music, additional tent, caterer, etc. must be submitted in writing and are subject to approval by the Director. If approved, a certificate of liability insurance with the Township named as an additional insured party must be submitted prior to set-up.

### **Bittersweet Shelter - Capacity 180 persons**

45' x 33' with modern restrooms - unattached

Shelby/Utica Resident Rental Fee - \$170      Non-resident Rental Fee - \$200

- Electricity and water
- 9 picnic tables - 12' each
- 1 single barbeque grill
- Sand volleyball & horseshoe pits

### **Hickory Grove Shelter - Capacity 180 persons**

40' x 30' with modern restrooms - attached

Shelby/Utica Resident Rental Fee - \$170      Non-resident Rental Fee - \$200

- Electricity and water (in restrooms only)
- 9 picnic tables - 12' each
- 1 double barbeque grill
- Sand volleyball & horseshoe pits

### **Mapleview Shelter** - Capacity 180 persons

50' x 30' with new portable toilets - maintained regularly

Shelby/Utica Resident Rental Fee - \$110      Non-resident Rental Fee - \$140

- Electricity and water
- 9 picnic tables - 12' each
- 1 single barbecue grill
- Sand volleyball & horseshoe pits

### **Woodall Neighborhood Park** - Capacity 60 persons

40' x 30' shelter with modern restrooms - attached

Shelby/Utica Resident Rental Fee - \$100      Non-resident Rental Fee - \$130

- Electricity
- 6 picnic tables - 8' each
- Water in restrooms only
- 1 single barbecue grill
- Horseshoe pits

### **Organizational Camp and Shelter** - ORGANIZATIONS ONLY!

Daily Fee - \$15 per group - per day

Overnight - \$25 per group - per night

- 20' x 40' shelter
- 1 unisex primitive restroom
- no water or electric
- 1 single barbecue grill
- 1 picnic table - 6'
- 2 picnic tables - 12' each

### **Fishing Site (no shelter)**

- 3 picnic tables - 6'
- 2 single barbecue grills
- 1 unisex primitive restroom

### **Holland Ponds**

- 23' x 19' shelter - no reservations accepted
- 1 unisex primitive restroom
- no water or electric
- 3 picnic tables - 6' each
- 7 ponds accessible by a trail measuring over 1 mile



## **General Park Rules**

### **Restrooms**

SHELTER RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY ALL PARK VISITORS AND ARE NOT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF SHELTER RENTERS.

### **Alcoholic Beverages**

Beer and wine are the only alcoholic beverages allowed in the park. No alcohol of any kind is allowed from April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>. Beer and wine shall not be sold in the park nor shall an admission be charged to a function or event by any group or organization at which beer or wine is available unless a Special License from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission has been obtained to sell beer or wine. A group or organization that is granted a Special License shall obtain liability insurance naming the Charter Township of Shelby as an additional insured for the function or event to be held in

the park. Such Special License and Proof of Insurance shall be presented to the Director of the Parks, Recreation & Maintenance Department at least five (5) business days prior to the date of the scheduled event or function. Please note that liquor is prohibited by State law in any public place (including Shelby River Bends Park). The party whose name appears on the Shelter Use Permit is responsible for the orderly conduct and sobriety of their group and/or guests. Public intoxication or disorderly conduct is a violation of state law and local ordinance.

### **Drugs**

The use or possession of drugs or controlled substances other than those expressly prescribed by a physician for a medical purpose is prohibited. No person who appears to be under the influence of any illegal drug or controlled substance shall be allowed to remain in the shelter or the park.

### **Advertisement**

All advertisement is forbidden in the park unless prior specific written approval is obtained from the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department.

### **Political Activities**

Any endorsement or advocacy of any political candidate, ballot proposal or proposition is prohibited.

### **Religious Promotion**

All religious promotions are strictly prohibited in any park.

### **Adult Supervision**

Groups comprised of individuals under the age of eighteen (18) years shall have one (1) adult attendant for each twenty (20) persons using the shelter or any portion of the park.

### **Decorations**

Banners, streamers, balloons, and other decorations or materials used in and/or around the shelter shall be completely removed and properly disposed of at the end of the event or function. Do not use nails, glue or other fasteners that may damage or leave permanent marks on the shelter or surrounding trees.

### **Electrical Outlets**

One (1) duplex outlet is provided in all shelters, except the Organizational Site and Holland Ponds Shelters. The capacity of each circuit is 20 amps, which should handle about 2,400 watts. This is usually sufficient for two (2) small electrical appliances. Please check the amperage rating of any appliances you intend to use.

### **Fire Prevention**

The use of open flames is prohibited - NO BONFIRES permitted. Electrical extension cords and decorations must have no exposed wire and be UL rated and approved.

## Music

Live bands and amplified sound equipment is strictly prohibited. Small portable radios or tape players are permitted, provided that the volume is kept low enough so that it is not heard beyond the shelter. Park rangers will strictly enforce this. Violation will result in disconnection of electric power and/or eviction from the shelter and park without refund.



## Pets

Pets are allowed provided they are kept on a leash no longer than six feet in length, do not create a public nuisance, are in immediate control of their owner, and their waste is removed and properly disposed of.

## Special Functions or Events

Any special or commercial function, event, program or game is strictly prohibited unless written approval is obtained from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Maintenance at least two (2) weeks prior to its scheduled date. The use and possession of fireworks in the park is prohibited.

## Tents, Bounce Houses, or Other Rented Items

Requests for the use of tents, bounce houses, dunk tanks, caterers, any other rented items or for amplified music are only permitted upon prior written approval by the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department and only to persons renting shelters. Tents are not to be larger than 20' x 40' and MUST be removed at the end of the day of use. If approved a certificate of liability insurance with Shelby Township named as an additional insured must be submitted at least 5 business days prior to scheduled date of shelter rental.

## Trash

All shelters are cleaned before your arrival. Trash barrels are provided for use. Please clean up all trash and debris before your group leaves the park. Failure to do so may result in an extra charge for labor and is a violation of state law and local ordinance.



## Vehicles

Cars, trucks, vans or other motorized vehicles are not permitted to leave the parking area to load or unload vehicles without prior approval.

## Responsible Party

The person signing the Shelter Use Permit shall be responsible for any and all damages caused during the use of the shelter. Further, renter shall not cause, allow any destruction of, or injury to, said shelter, the park or any part thereof, nor use the same except for the specific purpose indicated in the permit.

## Refunds

A refund for the amount paid minus a \$7 processing fee will be granted if requested to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Maintenance **in writing** at least thirty (30) days prior to the reservation date. Any reservation made less than 30 days in advance is non-refundable. The letter must state that you wish to cancel your reservation for shelter use. If payment was made by cash or check a check will be processed and mailed to address listed on permit within four (4) weeks. Refunds for credit card payment will be immediate.

## **River Bend; Park Trails**

**22 Mile Picnic Park** – The trail is part gravel, part paved and approximately 2.5 miles

**Woodall Community Park** - Paved Trail approximately 1.6 miles

- Trails are open to foot and bicycle traffic ONLY. No vehicles other than those of the rangers are allowed on them.

## **River Bend; Park Bridge**

Visitors to River Bends Park have access to the entire park via the bridge that crosses the Clinton River connecting the 22 Mile Picnic Park to Woodall Community Park at the Ryan Road site. It also allows them access to the Trap & Archery Range and the Shadbush Nature Center. The bridge is open to FOOT AND BICYCLE TRAFFIC ONLY. No vehicles other than those of the rangers are allowed on the pathways or bridge.

## **Trap and Archery Range**

### **Daily Range Pass Fees**

Regular Day Pass           \$6 per day - per shooter

Senior/Junior Day Pass    \$4 per day - per shooter

over age 65 or Under 15, accompanied by an Adult

### **Annual Range Cards Fees**

Regular Annual Card       \$40 per year - per shooter

Senior/Junior Annual Card \$30 per year - per shooter

over age 65 or Under 15, accompanied by an Adult



### **General Range Rules**

1. Range available during posted hours only
2. Spectators are prohibited on the firing line of designated shooting ranges.
3. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the archery and trap ranges.
4. Litter must be disposed of in provided containers.
5. Dumping of refuse such as grass clippings, leaves or household trash is prohibited.
6. Animals must be on a 6' leash.
7. You are responsible for the removal & proper disposal of your pet's waste.

## Trap Range Rules

1. Shotguns only – no shooting of rifles or handguns of any kind permitted!
2. All shotguns will have the gauge size on the side of the barrel. Acceptable sizes (smallest to largest) are as follows: 410 - 28 - 20 - 16 - 12.
3. All shooters are required to wear eye and ear protection.
4. No more than two (2) shells allowed in a shotgun at a time.
5. No patterning of shotguns at ground targets or slightly elevated targets. FLYING clay targets (skeet) only!
6. Maximum of two (2) shooters allowed at each shooting station.
7. No black powder is permitted in any type of gun.
8. No shotgun shell with deer hunting loads - i.e. slugs or buckshot.
9. **No discharge of pistols allowed** - even though some pistols are available with the smallest shotgun size (410), they are not allowed.
10. All shotguns must have an overall length of 26" or more.
11. Use of BB guns is prohibited unless prior arrangements have been made with a Range Officer who MUST be present during use. 177 caliber pellets are not allowed.

## Archery Range Rules

1. Use of compound, long and recurve bows and target arrows are permitted.
2. Due to changes in DNR rules, crossbows are now also permitted. A CROSSBOW ARROW (BOLT) STOPPER IS RECOMMENDED. Special crossbow rules apply - please see a range officer for details.
3. No hunting or broadhead arrows (bolts) permitted.
4. Use approved targets only.

## Fishing Site

### Fishing Site Rules

1. Children must be accompanied by an adult as banks along the river can be unstable.
2. All persons fishing at River Bends Park must have the proper license. Patrons should refer to the DNR Rules and Regulations Fishing Booklet for license requirements. Fishing licenses may be purchased at most sporting goods stores as well as:

K-Mart (23 Mile & Van Dyke) 586-739-1811      Meijer (Hall & Hayes Rd) 586-566-0400  
Meijer (26 Mile & Van Dyke) 586-677-8000      Wal-Mart (23 Mile & M-53) 586-997-6905

## Woodall Skate Park

### Skate Park Rules

1. Know your abilities - - be safe!
2. Use of facilities is AT YOUR OWN RISK!
3. Helmets must be worn at all times by those inside the fenced-in area.
4. No food or drinks within the fenced area.
5. No smoking in any areas of the Skate Park.
6. No make-shift ramps or other items may be brought in, and no modification of existing apparatus is permitted.
7. For your own safety it is recommended that proper safety equipment be worn, i.e. knee and elbow pads, wrist supports, gloves, and proper shoes.