

Regulations Governing the Use of NPC Band Shells

The Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) administers and maintains over 1,325 hectares of parkland along the Niagara River Corridor. These parklands include environmentally sensitive historical sites, golf courses, picnic areas, a marina, restaurants, gift shops, attractions, a horticultural school and kilometres of recreational trails and scenic drives.

NPC encourages the use of its three band shells and provides many services to the public including electricity and 30 chairs for performers on stage. Organizations wishing to hold a special event on NPC property must make their request in writing on a NPC application provided on line at www.niagaraparks.com or call 905 371-0239.

As of 2011: The following rental fees for the use of band shells apply;

Performance Fee	Any event under a 4 hour duration that uses one of the three NPC band shells	\$400.00/less than 4 hours
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- Additional rental fees for the use of pavilions and other areas of the Parkland may apply.

The following conditions apply to the use of the band shell areas under the jurisdiction of NPC. We ask that these conditions are read carefully and respectfully adhered to when visiting Niagara Parks properties.

1. Solicitation of Funds

Niagara Parks band shells are subject to venue rental fees. In accordance with The Niagara Parks Act, the solicitation of funds, memberships, etc. and/or the distribution of literature, etc., in connection with your performance, is not permitted.

2. Set up / Tear down and Clean Up

An additional ½ hour is dedicated for set up and tear down before and after booking times for all groups using NPC band shells. Vehicles will be admitted to the band shell area for the purpose of dropping off persons with a disability and large equipment only. Please keep this to a 5 minute maximum. It is the responsibility of each group to appoint its own clean-up committee and to ensure that the grounds and band shells are left clean. Remember, other groups may be coming in after yours and we ask for your cooperation in helping to keep the parklands clean. Any expenses incurred by NPC to re-organize the band shell or damages incurred will be billed to the organization using the facility.

Queenston & Fort Erie Band Shells/Oakes Garden Theatre

There is no official check in for these venues. Vehicle will be admitted to stop near stages for the purpose of dropping off persons with disability and large equipment only. This does not apply to large passenger buses. Please keep this to a 5 minute maximum.

3. Non-musical Activity at NPC Band Shells.

Non-musical Activity, such as religious services, are permitted in Niagara Parks band shells, **with the exception of Oakes Garden Theatre**. Non-musical activities at Queenston Heights and Old Fort Erie must be completed by no later than 11:00 a.m.

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4. Public Address (PA) Systems

Electricity is available for public address systems **free of charge**, although the PA system is not provided by NPC. Respecting the rights of others who are enjoying the park, public address systems should not be overly loud.

5. Policy for Booking Band Shells

Performances are limited to two hours, unless special performances are approved in advance. *Please be aware that concert locations do not have regular attendees and advertising is the sole responsibility of the party booking the event.*

6. Dogs

Dogs must be on a leash and kept under direct control at all times. Please “stoop and scoop” - you are responsible, to clean up after your pet.

7. Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on NPC property under Section 31, sub-section 2, of the Liquor Licence Act of Ontario which reads as follows: “No person shall consume liquor (alcohol) in any place other than a residence, or a premises in respect of which a licence or permit is issued”.

8. Security

Unfortunately, our extensive grounds and large number of visitors are sometimes attractive to thieves and vandals. We strongly urge guests to lock all valuables in car trunks - do not tempt crime by leaving possessions in view. If a security issue does arise, please contact the Niagara Parks Police at (905) 356-1338.

9. Confirmation of Reservation

Please remember to carry your Band Shell Reservation Confirmation to the site the day of your performance.

Band Shell reservations will be honoured for one hour after the time your performance was booked. If there are any last minute changes regarding times please contact the NPC Event Office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and we will be happy to assist you.

Enjoy your day in the Park!

Any inquires regarding NPC Band Shells should be directed to:

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