

Guidelines for Runs/Walks in Seattle Parks

Seattle Parks operates over 480 parks across Seattle, at 11% it is also Seattle's largest landowner. Each park comes with unique opportunities and considerations. When applying for a run/walk we will consider many factors around your park selection including, but not limited to: time of year, availability, impact to a neighborhood, and the determined capacity of the park.

The following guidelines for runs and walks help keep park events well managed, minimize traffic and congestion, neighborhood impacts and keep all of the many daily activities that happen in Seattle Parks successfully working together.

- Reservations are made on a rolling calendar. Ex: March of 2022 you can request to book any day through the end of March 2023.
- A site plan as well AND a route map are REQUIRED for all runs/walks. Your application will not be reviewed until it has been received. [Site Plan Example](#).
- All route markers/directional signage must be removed at the end of the event. Chalk, paint, or markings directly on the ground or other park surface is NOT permitted. Company logos on directional signs must either be covered or will be charged an advertising fee, per sign. Click here to see [what qualifies](#)
- Vehicle access into non-parking areas within a park must be requested in advance and with few exceptions we do not allow reserved parking. Any bollard removal to accommodate this access must also be requested in advance and staffing fees may apply.
- You may be required to reserve sections of the park impacted by your event (Ex: picnic tables, shelters, etc) and may need to coordinate with other tenants such as concessionaires and/or neighbors.
- We do not permit new runs/walk at Green Lake Park from May-September.
- To host a run at Magnuson Park you must follow rules listed on page 2
- We do not permit runs at Discovery Park
- Large Runs/walks that intend to use/need multiple city services may require applying for a citywide permit, due 90 days in advance: [Citywide Special Events](#). Examples include:
 - A public right of way use, outside the footprint of a park;
 - Amplified sound prior to 9am (weekends);
 - Alcohol sales;
 - Other significant impacts to the public space (ex: increased volume in park, etc)
 - Run/walks that cross city roads may need police traffic support. Note police support may be limited due to staffing constraints.
- 10% gross participation fees and sales collected on site are due 10 business days after event.
- There is no non-profit rate for Seattle Park and Recreation event reservations.
- Event insurance is required for all runs.

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You may be required to provide the following:

- If you are crossing a road or parking entrance/exit you will need to provide a management and safety plan for both pedestrian and traffic flow.
- Depending on location and time of year, you may need to provide a parking plan for your event, which may include parking monitors. Please consider neighborhood impacts and look into off-site parking options.
- If you plan on driving past bollards, into the park, you are required to have event insurance that includes vehicle liability.
- You may also need to provide a restroom plan. Please estimate your need [here](#).

Magnuson Park Specific Requirements:

- Must select from 1 of 5 approved routes. Please note that Routes D and E are only approved in the off season, Oct to April. Routes are listed here: [Approved Routes](#)
- Magnuson Park complex is limited to a total of 2000 people for events. This factors in all event spaces at Magnuson. As a result, larger events should consider other venues.
- Course Monitors are required in a couple of locations based on the route you choose
- Please note that events starting on the waterfront need to factor in picnic table/shelter reservations will be include April-Oct.