

## **Commercial Use of Park Property**

### **Frequently Asked Questions for Dix Park**

All City rules and policies governing Commercial Use of Park Property (CUPP) also apply to Dix Park. [Please ensure that you have read those rules and policies.](#)

Due to the unique nature of Dix Park, additional rules apply.

**1) What is Dix Park?**

Dix Park is the site of the former Dorothea Dix Hospital. The City of Raleigh purchased the property with the intent of creating a destination park in 2015.

**2) What are the hours of the park?**

As with all City of Raleigh parks, Dix Park is open to the public from dawn to dusk each day of the week, including holidays.

**3) If I get a Commercial Use of Park Property permit, when can I be at the park?**

Commercial Use of Park Property permits for Dix Park are only valid from dawn to 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. to dusk Monday through Friday. The permit is also valid on weekends and state holidays from dawn to dusk. These restrictions are due to the limited parking available on campus and lease agreements with building occupants.

**4) What areas of Dix Park are available for CUPS permitting?**

Please reference the map entitled Appendix A at the end of this document. Areas that are highlighted are available for your activity. Areas that are not highlighted are leased to outside organizations or are rental zones and are not available for CUPP Permit use.

**5) I want to use a specific space in the park. Can I be guaranteed that space?**

Space is on a first come, first served basis. The permit is not exclusive, meaning that you must share the space with any other permitted groups utilizing the space. Permits are also superseded by Special Event Permits and City of Raleigh events, so please check availability before utilizing the space.

**6) Where can people park?**

Parking is available from dawn to 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. to dusk, Monday through Friday, and from dawn to dusk on weekends and state holidays. Parking is available during these times in four specific lots: Hunt Drive Lot, Dwire Drive Lot, Rocky Branch Greenway Trailhead Lot, and Oak Room Picnic Area Lot. Please see the map entitled Appendix A for the locations of these parking lots. Parking on the grass is not allowed anywhere in the park.

**7) Are there bathrooms, water fountains, electricity and shelter?**

The Stone Houses and Gipson Play Plaza have indoor restrooms, water fountains, and trash cans that are available from dawn until dusk seven days a week. There are portable restrooms in four other locations as well as trash cans and water fountains around the park, but they may not be convenient to your location. All trash must be removed and disposed of properly. Permit holders will be responsible for any trash left at the park. There is no access to running water, electricity, or shelter at the park. Permit holders are responsible for ensuring the safety of their groups. Please be aware of the weather forecast.

**8) Can I go into the buildings?**

Access to the buildings on campus is not allowed, except for the Visitor Center during open hours. Out of respect for the Department of Health and Human Services and the work they do, we ask that you and your group refrain from going into or near the buildings. Please remain on CUPP-eligible space and ensure that the volume of amplified music does not disturb those working in the buildings.

**9) What kind of equipment can I bring out to the park?**

All equipment must be portable and removed at the end of each class or program. No equipment may be left behind. Equipment may not damage the turf, sidewalks or roads, and may not be tied or attached to trees, light poles or any other structures in the park. Climbing of trees or staking into the ground is not permitted. Failure to follow this policy may result in forfeiture of the equipment and revocation of the Commercial Use permit.

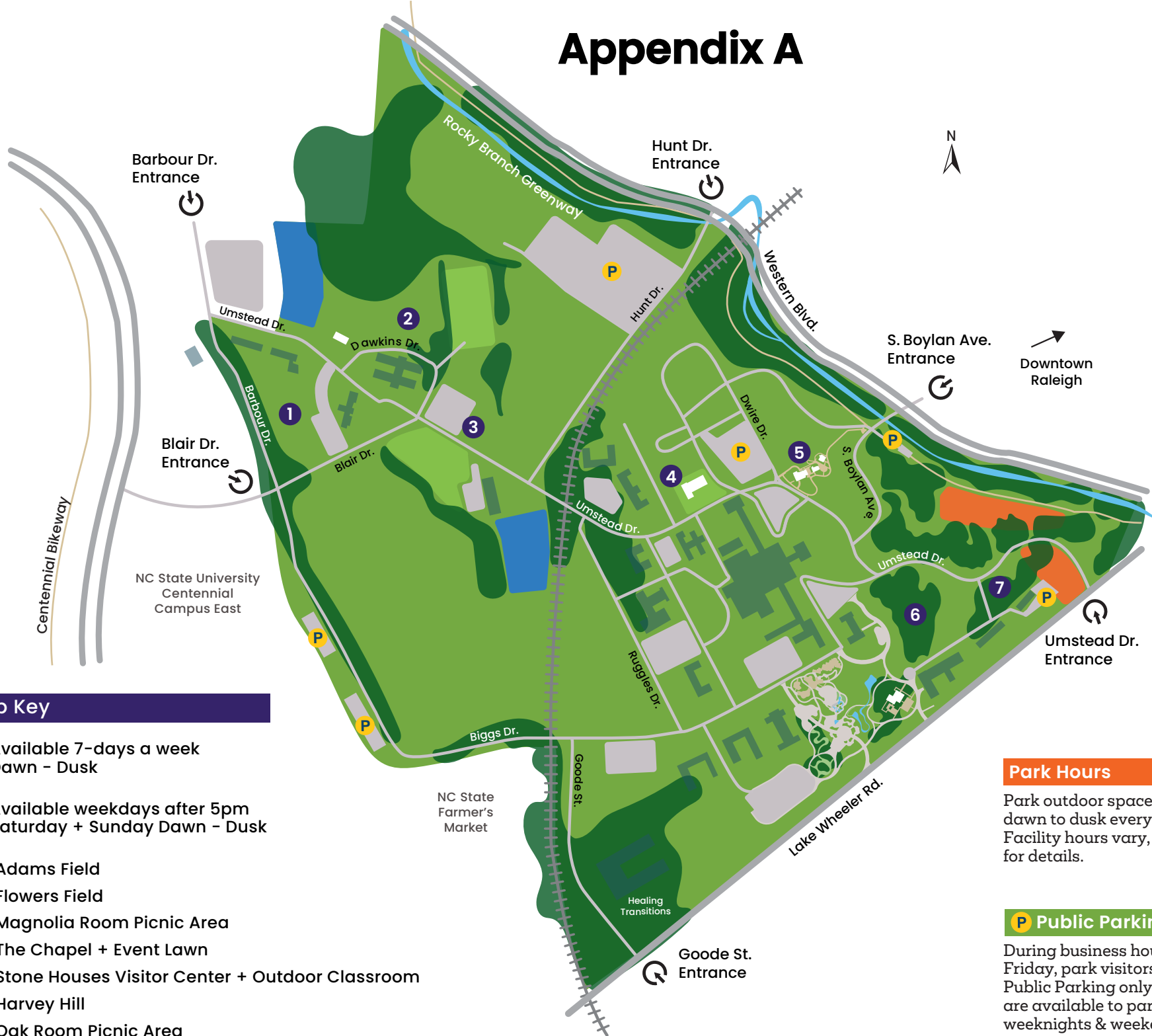
**10) Can I offer off-leash dog training at the park?**

City of Raleigh park rules state that all dogs must be leashed while on park property. This includes during training sessions. In addition, the permit holder will be responsible for ensuring proper disposal of dog waste. There are no dog waste stations in the park outside of the dog park, so dog owners must bring their own bags. All bags must be disposed of in the available trash cans or removed from the park. Dog waste bags left on the grass may result in revocation of the Commercial Use permit.

**11) Can I have a running group at the park?**

Running groups are allowed under CUPP permits. However, the roads throughout the park are used regularly. We ask that you run single file, as close to the curb as possible. There is an at-grade railroad crossing which is often used by trains. There are no lights or signalization at this intersection. Please be aware of this crossing and take all proper precautions.

# Appendix A



## Map Key

- Available 7-days a week  
Dawn - Dusk
- Available weekdays after 5pm  
Saturday + Sunday Dawn - Dusk

1. Adams Field
2. Flowers Field
3. Magnolia Room Picnic Area
4. The Chapel + Event Lawn
5. Stone Houses Visitor Center + Outdoor Classroom
6. Harvey Hill
7. Oak Room Picnic Area

## Park Hours

Park outdoor spaces are open from dawn to dusk every day. Facility hours vary, visit [dixpark.org](http://dixpark.org) for details.

## P Public Parking

During business hours Monday - Friday, park visitors are to use Public Parking only. All parking lots are available to park visitors weeknights & weekends.