Welcome to Geauga Park District’s Great Blue Heron Lodge in The Rookery. This facility may be reserved from 6 AM to 11 PM by phone or in person on a first-come, first-served basis.

In order to ensure the facility is well maintained for all who use it, we ask that you observe these guidelines:

- Please leave the lodge in the same condition you found it.
- Return the picnic tables to original positions.
- Remove all traces of decorations, including staples and tape, and all signage before leaving, especially signs left at the park entrance. Do not place signs or balloons on entrance signs leading to the park.
- A water spigot is located beside the lodge, but is turned off during winter months, approximately November 1 through May 1.
- Trash - Please leave trash and containers inside the lodge for maintenance staff to pick up.

Amenities inside

- Twelve picnic tables and four serving tables.
- Electrical outlets. Please do not plug in more than 2 items per outlet to avoid overloading the circuit.
- Fireplace. Please bring your own firewood. A limited amount of firewood may be provided, however, cannot be guaranteed.
- Alcohol is permitted within the lodge only. Alcohol is not permitted in areas adjacent to the lodge such as trails, the parking lot, roads or the restrooms.
- Smoking is not permitted in the lodge.
- Heat is available at the lodge. A utility fee is charged year round, and a heat surcharge October 15 through April 15. Preferred method of payment is credit card (Visa or MasterCard). Patrons may also opt to have heat during other months and pay per session at the time the reservation is made. Late requests for heat require a 3-day notice.

Amenities outside

- Charcoal grill.
- Restrooms are located in a separate building away from the lodge. They do not have flush toilets or running water.
- Please note that your reservation does not include the picnic areas surrounding the lodge, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis, or exclusive access to the nearby playground.

Reservations must be made at least 3 days in advance. To receive a fee refund, cancellation must occur at least 7 days prior to the reservation date. Fees are nontransferable.

FIREPLACE OPERATION

Starting the Fire:
1) Use paper and kindling.
2) Do not use flammable liquids such as lighter fluid, charcoal starter, gasoline, etc. on the fire or in the fireplace.
3) Keep the fire small.
4) Add a few logs at a time.
5) Do not overfill the fireplace.
6) Do not cook in the fireplace.
7) Keep the screen in front of the fireplace at all times.

Leaving the Fire:
1) Allow the fire to burn down.
2) Coals may be left in the fireplace.
3) Do not extinguish the fire with water as it will crack the stone structure.
4) Replace the fireplace screen in front of the fireplace before leaving the lodge.