



Fees for sporting and recreation events

Definitions

Term	Definition
Small scale sporting event	Sporting or recreation event with under 151 participants or school cross-country, picnics for up to 300 participants
Large scale sporting event	Sporting event with over 151 participants or events deemed high impact
High use park	Reserves which are popular for events: • Arakoon National Park • Blue Mountains National Park • Bouddi National Park • Garigal National Park • Glenrock State Conservation Area • Kamay Botany Bay National Park • Kosciuszko National Park (south of Khancoban and Eucumbene Cove) • Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park • Lane Cove National Park • Rouse Hill Regional Park • Royal National Park • Scheyville National Park • Sydney Harbour National Park
Peak/Off-peak	Peak = weekends and public holidays. Off-peak = all other days
Time	Except for wedding venues, fees are charged by the day

Small scale sporting and recreation event fees

No application or assessment fees apply.

Fee type	Number of participants	Sydney Harbour peak	Sydney Harbour off-peak	High use park peak	High use park off-peak	Other parks peak	Other parks off-peak
Per Group	Up to 40	\$190	\$175	\$120	\$110	\$85	\$75
Per Group	40 to 80	\$385	\$350	\$240	\$220	\$170	\$155
Per Group	80 to 150	\$720	\$660	\$450	\$410	\$320	\$290

Events for under 40 people do not require permission unless they are commercial or are a competitive sporting activity that forms part of an organised competition or tournament.

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Application fees

Application fee type	High use park	Other parks
Return event	\$330	\$155
Return event with changes	\$720	\$330
New event	\$720	\$330
New event, high impact (3 or more days or more than 3 parks)	\$990	\$660
Short notice – less than 12 weeks before event date	\$720	\$330

Administrative fees

Administrative fee type	Description	All parks
Deposit	25% of participant or venue hire fees or \$500, whichever is greater	–
Supervision	3-hour minimum (if required)	\$110 hour
Late submission	Event plans submitted less than 4 weeks prior to event	\$195
Minor amendment	Minor changes to event dates and times	\$60
Major amendment	Changes to routes or sites or new features	\$195
Key deposit	If required for access key, refundable on return	\$130

Per participant fees

Number of participants	High use park peak	High use park off-peak	Other parks peak	Other parks off-peak
151 to 500	\$10.00	\$8.80	\$4.40	\$3.80
501 to 1,000	\$8.50	\$7.50	\$3.80	\$3.20
1,001 to 2,000	\$7.20	\$6.30	\$3.30	\$2.80
2,000+	\$130 per 100 pax	\$110 per 100 pax	\$55 per 100 pax	\$50 per 100 pax

Participant fees are waived when less than 5% of the event or less than 1 km of the event route is on NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) land.

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Site hire fees

If a large scale event requires exclusive use of a track or locations for start and finish areas, checkpoints, rest areas or aid stations, the participant fees are increased by this amount.

Fee type	Percentage of participant fees
Exclusive use of track – Kosciuszko National Park	75%
Exclusive use of tracks – all other parks	50%
Start and finish site	50%
Start or finish site	25%
Checkpoint or rest area	10%
Aid Station	No fee if infrastructure does not exceed 2 marquees 3 m x 3 m

Discounts

Category	Discount
Registered charity, non-profit, volunteer or community organisation	25% discount on large scale venue hire and participant fees
Primary or secondary education institution	25% discount on large scale venue hire and participant fees
Multi-day event held in the same park	Discount applied on venue hire and participant fees: • day 3 25% • day 4 50% • day 5 75% • day 6 onwards 12.5% Does not include bump-in or bump-out days
Multiple events in one year	Organisers holding 5 or more events in one year receive 25% discount on venue hire and participant fees for return events if all dates are provided with the first application All 5 events are in their second year of operation on park Events in low-use parks do not receive this discount
Road cycling event with 2,000+ participants using only Transport for NSW roads within and NPWS reserve (not NPWS roads or trails)	50% discount on participant and precinct rates

- One concession only is applicable, which is applied to participant and precinct hire fees.
- Application and operational fees are exempt from concession.
- Proof of not-for-profit registration, or volunteer or community status is required.

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Other fees

Category	Discount
Park usage fee	Some parks have a vehicle entry fee The fee may be paid by the participant or the event organiser A list of parks and fee information can be found at Fee-collecting national parks
Camping	If the event uses a campsite as a precinct or for camping, the campground fee at full occupancy will be charged rather than precinct hire. The fee will apply for the full event period, including bump in and bump out.

Refunds or cancellations

Cancellation	Refund
Cancelled by organiser more than 6 weeks before event	Deposit refunded and application fee retained
Cancelled by organiser less than 6 weeks before event	Deposit and application fee retained
Cancelled by NPWS	Change of date or 100% refund

Excludes application and administration fees.

All fees are inclusive of GST. Fees listed are current from 1 January 2027 and will increase in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) at the start of each financial year.

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