

Downtown Cary Park Map



Hours of Operation

Downtown Cary Park is open daily from 7:00am-11:00pm

GUEST SERVICES' HOURS

January-March: Monday-Saturday: 10:00am-6:00pm and Sunday: 1:00pm-6:00pm

April-December: Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-8:00pm and Sunday: 1:00pm-6:00pm

Guest Services will be closed for all holidays.

Transportation & Parking

There is an accessible parking deck located behind the Cary Regional Library with parking available. Additionally, parking is available in the lot on Charlie Gaddy Lane, at labeled street parking, and at the Town Hall Deck.

We have a drop off/pick up location located next to the Park on S Walker Street for buses to unload. Contact Morgan McGee at morgan.mcgee@carync.gov to identify bus parking options in downtown Cary.

Rules & Regulations

GENERAL

- All Cary ordinances, policies and procedures will apply.
- Your Group Leader is responsible for communicating and enforcing all rules and guidelines to guests and vendors participating in your visit.

Safety guidelines prohibit . . .

- Glass containers and outside alcohol.
- Riding skateboards, skates, scooters, rollerblades, bicycles or motorized recreational vehicles inside the Park.
- Entering planting beds, ponds, and fountains.
- Allowing your pet to be off leash outside the Barkyard.
- Excessive amplified sound or noise
- Defacement of Park property
- Smoking in indoor spaces.
- Littering of any kind.
- Weapons of any kind unless permitted by law.
- Driving poles, stakes or flags into the ground.
- Grilling, cooking or open flames.

- Confetti, glitter, silly string, pinatas, party poppers or streamers.
- Erecting tents or structures without a permit or permission of Park staff.
- Photography and filming of moderate to high impact as defined by Cary's Film/Video/Photography Guide. This level of photography and film must be scheduled in advance with Park staff.

Emergencies

GENERAL

For any life threatening emergencies, please call 911. You may also call the non-emergency Cary police number (919) 469-4012. Park Ambassadors are our on-site staff and may be reached at (919) 653-7180 during Guest Services hours.

FIRST AID KITS

Large and portable first aid kits are located throughout the Park. They can be found at Market 317, The Bark Bar, and Guest Services.

First Aid Kits will include first aid supplies, ice packs that activate, and zip-lock bags to make ice packs. Ice can be obtained from Market 317, The Bark Bar, and Guest Services.

DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

AEDs are located throughout the Park: Academy Pavilion, Bark Bar, Gathering House, Nest Restrooms, and Guest Services.

SEVERE WEATHER

Severe weather notifications will be communicated on the kiosks in the Park, social media, and our website.

Severe Thunderstorm

- If hail, strong winds, and lightning are present, Park Staff will ask visitors to return to their vehicles to wait out the storm
- Staff will also open additional available building for visitors to shelter in place
- Lightning within 10 miles will suspend all activities and events. Activities and events are safe to resume when there are no more storms inbound nearby and there has been no lightning within 10 miles for 30 minutes.

Tornadoes

- Tornado Watch – staff will require visitors to evacuate and return home ahead of the storm.

- Tornado Warning – staff will instruct visitors to specific buildings to shelter in place.

Amenities

CARTS

Reading

Our Reading Cart is a page-turning paradise for everyone. The Reading Cart is located primarily at Academy Plaza and will feature children's books, young adult novels, novels, graphic novels, dress up items, and much more. Grab a book, find a cozy spot, and let the stories take you on a journey!

Cart Hours: 7am-7pm

Fit & Play

We have 2 Fit & Play Carts in the Park. One Fit & Play Cart is located at Park Street Courts with supplies for ping pong, foosball, putt putt, badminton, lawn bowling, and more. The second Fit & Play Cart will be located in other parts of the Park to ensure active play is just a step away. This cart holds items such as hula hoops, jump ropes, soccer balls, footballs, and other fun items.

Cart Hours: 10am-10pm

Art

Set your imagination free with our Art Cart! The Art Cart is a mix of planned activities and creative flow using the supplies on the cart. Art activities and supplies are for all to enjoy and let their creative side run wild!

Cart Hours and Location: The Art Cart is a pop-up experience cart so be on the lookout to see if it is out during your visit.

Board Game

Our Board Game Cart sparks fun for all ages. On this cart you may find board games, card games, puzzles, trivia, and more! Pick out a game with family and friends and let the friendly competition begin!

Cart Hours and Location: The Board Game Cart is a pop-up experience cart so be on the lookout to see if it is out during your visit.

Programs

Downtown Cary Park offers a wide variety of programs and classes that appeal to all walks of life. Check out our website prior to your visit to see if there are any programs happening. *Registration may be required in advance.*

Dining at the Park

MARKET 317

Market 317 offers elevated grab-and-go options such as sandwiches, salads, wraps, snacks, beverages, and so much more!

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Park visitors can bring a lunch and have a picnic in the Park. Enjoy lunch on the Great Lawn, Frantz Square Lawn, or anywhere around the Park.

FOOD TRUCKS

Please visit our website for a schedule and list of any food trucks that may be at the Park during your visit.

DOWNTOWN DINING

In addition to the wonderful food options inside the Park, Downtown Cary offers an exciting and eclectic food scene. To learn more about the various options around Downtown please visit <https://downtowncarync.org/single-category/restaurants/>.

Items to Bring

General

- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Bottled water
- Diapers/Wet Diapers
- Comfortable shoes
- Photo ID
- Phone Charging Cord
- Travel umbrella

Social District

The Downtown Cary Park Social District will allow alcoholic beverages to be consumed within district boundaries, Sunday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Boundaries for the social district will be clearly marked with signage at prominent entrance and exit points of the district. Please visit www.carync.gov/socialdistrict for more information.



FAQs

Please visit our website for a list of FAQs about the Park:

<https://downtowncarypark.com/about/faq>