Picnic Shelters

The Graf

This modern facility has nine concrete tables under a distinctive slanted roofline. The Graf will seat 54 comfortably and has restrooms, as well as water fountains and electrical outlets. It is on top of the hill on the west end of the grounds, near the Beaman gate.

The pavilion is named after Knoxville’s most prominent architect of his day, Richard Franklin Graf, who designed the historic Marble Bandstand, Sterchi Building and the Journal Arcade, among others.
The Beaman

This shelter sits in the shade at the west end of our grounds with capacity for 100 seated at 13 picnic tables. The pavilion offers running water, electrical outlets and nearby restroom facilities.

Professor Fernando Cortes Beaman owned the farm, which was converted into Chilhowee Park in the late 1880s.
The McAdoo shelter offers more privacy as it sits in a quiet area of the grounds known as the Midway. It offers running water, electrical outlets and room for 100 people at 13 picnic tables. Restrooms are available nearby.

The picnic shelter is named for William Gibbs McAdoo, who brought trolley tracks to Chilhowee Park in 1890, thus linking it to downtown Knoxville. McAdoo later served as Secretary of the Treasury under President Woodrow Wilson.