



Outdoor Wedding Sites



Welcome to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), one of the largest urban national parks in the world. Established in 1972, as part of a trend to make national park resources more accessible to urban populations and bring “parks to the people”, Golden Gate encompasses 59 miles of bay and ocean shoreline.

Wedding Permit Conditions

A permit is required for all weddings, regardless of group size. The Office of Special Park Uses (OSPU) is here to help ensure your event runs smoothly and without interference to the experience of the park by the general public, park operations and resource protection. Please read the following conditions and determine if they will correspond with your event plans.

Access for other park visitors must not be impeded. A Special Use Permit (SUP) is authorization for your private event to take place on parklands and does not grant exclusive use. It is recommended that you choose less visited sites and schedule your event early or late in the day if you wish to increase the privacy of your event.

- Available parking is limited, often crowded and not guaranteed. Parking spaces may not be reserved or held. Car pooling or van shuttles are highly recommended.
- There is a three hour maximum, so please plan accordingly. This shall include set-up and breakdown time.
- SUP's may be denied during periods of heavy use, (e.g., Labor Day, 4th of July, and weekends during peak season March 15 - October 15).
- The use of special equipment, such as canopies, arches, chairs, or other decorations may require further review and are not allowed in certain areas. Please discuss your decoration plans with OSPU and consider using the parklands as your backdrop.
- Special conveyances, including but not limited to, horse drawn carriages, electric carts and hot air balloons are prohibited. Fires, candles, tiki torches and all other forms of open flame are prohibited.

- In respect of other park visitors, amplified music is prohibited. Acoustic music will be considered. Exceptions may be made for portable tape decks/CD players at certain locations. Standing speakers, disk jockeys, public address systems or any other type of amplified device are prohibited.
- To protect parklands and wildlife, the releasing of balloons, doves or butterflies and the throwing of rice, birdseed, flower petals or other natural or artificial material is not allowed.
- Affixing directional signage to existing buildings, property, signs, poles or plants is not allowed. Please respect the uncluttered views of the park. Any posted signs will be removed immediately by park personnel. Maps may be downloaded at: www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/maps.htm or obtained by request. Written directions to each site are available on our website.
- Alcohol is permitted in most areas and there are restrictions on glass. Please discuss alcohol use in advance.
- All trash associated with your private event must be bagged and removed from the park. Please make certain that someone in your group is assigned to remove trash and decorations after your event or you will be billed for staff overtime at \$85.00/hour.

Reservations

We accept reservations up to one year in advance. Requests are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Once you have decided on a site, call OSPU to check for availability and to reserve a date. At this time your request will be entered on to our event calendar and the date will be held for two weeks. Our office must receive the application and all related costs by the end of the two-week period or the date will be released. Upon receipt of the application and costs, a SUP will be prepared and mailed or faxed to you. For more information please contact James Marks by phone at (415) 561-4374 or by email at: james_marks@nps.gov

North of the Golden Gate Bridge

Location	Size	Condition of Use
Muir Woods		Capacity determined by site. Several designated sites. Please request list & map of designated sites or check our website. Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from March 15–October 15. Ceremonies must be conducted before 10:00 a.m. or after 4:30 p.m. Pets are not allowed. No chairs, lecterns, singing or music. No space for receptions.
Hawk Hill	50	Accessible by steep trail only. Vehicles are strictly prohibited from using the service road. Special permit activity suspended during raptor migration, August 1–December 31. No space for receptions. Portable restrooms available.
Battery Mendell	50	No more than five cars may park at BatteryMendell parking area. Guests may be shuttled from Battery Alexander parking lot. No space for receptions. Portable restroom available.
Point Bonita Lighthouse <i>(May be under repairs until 2010, \$680 in management fees)</i>	65	Accessible by steep ½ mile walk only. Vehicles are strictly prohibited from using service road. Special permit activity suspended during public hours (Saturday, Sunday & Monday from 12:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.). Ceremonies on public use days must be conducted before 11:00 a.m. or after 4:30 p.m. Must hire two park rangers to monitor event. No space for receptions. Only restroom available is ½ mile walk from the lighthouse.
Muir Beach Overlook	100	Ceremonies may take place on the lawn only and are not allowed at the point. Wedding photos at the point will be considered. No more than four cars may park at the Muir Beach Overlook parking lot. Guests may be shuttled from Muir Beach parking lot. Parking in residential areas of Muir Beach is strictly prohibited. No space for receptions. Portable restrooms available.
Muir Beach	100	Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from March 15–October 15. No space for receptions. Portable restrooms available.
Battery Rathbone/ McIndoe	100	No more than three cars may park at the Battery Rathbone/ McIndoe parking area. Guests may be shuttled from Battery Alexander parking lot. Narrow road, limited to 24-passenger van. No space for receptions. No restrooms.
Fort Barry Parade Ground	200	Receptions will be considered. No restrooms. Please call for more details.
Rodeo Beach	200	Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from March 15–October 15. Restrooms available. No space for receptions.
Stinson Beach	200	Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from March 15–October 15. Restrooms available. No space for receptions.

South of the Golden Gate Bridge

Location	Size	Condition of Use
Eagle's Point	50	No space for receptions. No restrooms.
China Beach	50	Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from March 15–October 15. No more than five cars may park at the China Beach parking lot. Guests must be shuttled from a remote site. All chairs, decorations and other props must be carried in to the site. Vehicles are strictly prohibited from using service road. Restrooms available. No space for receptions.
Black Point Battery	100	Receptions will be considered. Please call for more details. Portable restroom available.
West Fort Miley	125	Receptions will be considered. Please call for more details. Portable restroom available.
Sutro Heights Park <i>(\$340 in management fees)</i>	200	Must hire one park ranger to monitor event. No space for receptions. All chairs, decorations and other props must be carried in to the site. Vehicles are strictly prohibited from entering the park. No restrooms.
Fort Mason Parade Grounds	200	Receptions will be considered. Large groups may be required to rent portable restrooms and a dumpster. Please call for more details. No restrooms.
Baker Beach	200	Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from March 15–October 15. Restrooms available. No space for receptions.
Ocean Beach	200	No space for receptions. Only available restroom is at the end of Sloat Boulevard.
Crissy Field Locations <i>(\$170 in management fees)</i>	200+	There are four locations at Crissy Field. The Amphitheater maximum is 200, East Beach maximum is 200, Cypress Grove is 50, and the Historic Airfield can hold very large groups. Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from June–October at the Historic Airfield. Restrooms available at the Amphitheater & East Beach only. Receptions will be considered on the Historic Airfield only. Please call for more details.
Fort Mason Great Meadow	200+	Restrooms available. No space for receptions.



Top: Small wedding party at the Amphitheater on Crissy Field. Bottom: Photo of a wedding party at one of the park's more popular sites, Point Bonita Lighthouse.

Nearby Reception Facilities

Within the park, receptions may be held in designated outdoor areas or rented facilities. Holding a reception in one of the Park's outdoor areas can be complex since all amenities must be brought in, (e.g., portable restrooms, dumpsters, tables, chairs, etc.). Many of the Park's historic structures are home to our Park Partners (non-profit, environmental and educational groups) and some of them offer unique reception facilities. Listings for these Park Partner facilities are listed below.

- Fort Mason Officers Club(415) 561-4371
- Cliff House (415) 386-3330
- Fort Mason Foundation(415) 441-3400
- Golden Gate Club (415) 561-5444
- Green's Restaurant (415) 771-6222
- Presidio Golf Course(415) 561-4661
- Presidio Trust Events (415) 561-5444
- San Francisco Film Centre (415) 561-3456
- SF Maritime NHP (415) 561-7123

Fees

Administrative Costs: \$400

Large-scale events may require more extensive review by National Park Service staff. If it is determined your event will require this review, the administrative cost may be higher.

Management Costs: \$85/hour

Depending on the complexity of your event, we may assign National Park Service staff to be on site during your event. If park staff is required either to monitor, provide additional services before or after for your event an additional minimum charge of \$340 will apply. Two monitors are required for Point Bonita Lighthouse and one monitor is required for Sutro Heights Park. The majority of events do not require a monitor.

Refunds

The administrative cost is non-refundable (*no exceptions*). Management costs are refundable if event is cancelled at least twenty-four hours in advance.