



Weddings at Humboldt Redwoods State Park

Many couples select Humboldt Redwoods State Park each year for their wedding ceremony. The park has a variety of beautiful settings that can provide the perfect place for that special day. **The following areas of the park do NOT allow special events or weddings: Founders Grove, Rockefeller Forest, and the California Federation of Womens Clubs Grove.** Facilities, fees and the number of guests that can be accommodated vary based on the location in the park. Allowable size depends on location, **generally less than 10 people**. Due to COVID-19 special events, such as weddings, may be cancelled at any time by State or Local Public Health Orders.

2021 weddings:

If public health regulations limitations are again implemented due to COVID-19, then those restrictions would apply for any weddings or special events occurring thereafter.

A permit and a fee is required for all weddings/special events:

- The permit fee for all areas of the park is \$150
- Additional fees are dependent on any additional use requirements
- **All fees are non-refundable, non-transferrable.**

If you are working with a wedding planner please provide the name and contact information in your permit application.

Please **select up to 3 different groves prior to application**. We are unable to assist in determining your wedding location.

FAQ:

Cost: The permit fee is **\$150** Pay by check to “Department of Parks and Recreation” or “DPR”. There may be additional fees dependent on the grove you select. Please contact the park at (707) 946-2409 prior to submitting payment.

How to apply: Fill out the forms below and return by US mail to:
Humboldt Redwoods State Park, Attn: HRSP wedding, PO Box 100, Weott, CA 95571

Can I submit application online: No

How to I know if date I want is available?: Call (707) 946-2409

How many people can attend: Location dependent, **but generally <10**. If you desire a location with more attendees, please download the [Williams Grove Wedding Permit Application Packet](#)

How long does it take to process a permit if my date is available: 4 weeks

Weddings Permit conditions

Due to COVID-19 special events, such as weddings, may be cancelled at any time by State or Local Public Health Orders.

There are fees for all areas and fees vary based on area. Most day use areas are **not exclusive and remain open to the public** during your special event.

1. Day use areas and parking lots are not exclusive and remain open to the public during your special event.
2. No Arbors, chairs, or other structures may be set-up in any forest groves.
3. Permittee and guests shall follow all rules and regulations of California State Parks.
4. Permittee shall not inhibit normal public access to park facilities without specific approval.
5. Permittee will arrange with the park for any advance preparation that is required.
6. Permittee shall not attach any signs to any State Park facility, sign, tree, or landmark.
7. Vehicles may only park in designated parking areas. Parking within Cheatham Grove is not guaranteed and no parking spaces may not be reserved or "saved" by any person(s) in your party. Parking on State Route 36 adjacent to Cheatham Grove is not permitted. Plan accordingly if a shuttle is required for event participants. Please ensure that vehicles are parked in an orderly manner that allows access for other visitors and emergency vehicles.
8. Permit is not valid until a completed copy, signed by the permittee, is on file with the Park. Permittee is responsible for securing any additional permits required or paying any additional fees, if required.
9. Noise restrictions: Human voice is to be kept at normal conversational level (i.e., no shouting or screaming). Amplification of voice or music is not permitted.
10. Issuance of this permit is not an endorsement of the permittee or this event or activity.
11. Food service is prohibited.
12. Permittee and guest group size **must not exceed ten (10) people in total.**
13. Permittee and guests must abide by social distancing requirements.

14. Permittee and guests shall wear a facial covering if current CDC or public health guidelines advise their use outdoors.
15. Permittee and guests should utilize the CDC COVID Self Checker prior to the event. Any guest experiencing COVID related symptoms will not attend the event. The self-checker can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>
16. Equipment brought to the park for use in the event will be sanitized prior to use. There are no restroom facilities provided. Hand sanitizer shall be readily available for all participants and encouragement will be issued to sanitize hands often during the event. All sanitizing solutions will be provided by the permittee and meet the EPA's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)
17. All guests shall be provided information concerning people at increased risk for COVID and how to protect themselves and others. This information can be found on the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
18. Noise restrictions: Human voice is to be kept at normal conversational level (i.e., no shouting or screaming). Amplification of voice or music is not permitted.
19. Issuance of this permit is not an endorsement of the permittee or this event or activity

More FAQs

Answers to common questions:

1. Reservations for special events are taken up to six (6) months in advance. Special event permit applications received before that will not be reviewed.
2. No signs or decorations may be attached to any State Park facility, sign, tree, or landmark.
3. No electricity is available.
4. No fires, candles or other open flame allowed in redwood groves
5. No decorations may be attached to park signs or native plants. A better sign to use is a chalkboard easel.
6. No damage deposit is required. Permit fees only, however there may be other requirements based on the size of your group and/or location.
7. The park is open year-round but some areas of our park do seasonally close and remain closed until Spring. During the closed season, no special events are permitted.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

INSTRUCTIONS: To apply for a Special Event Permit, complete this form and read the Special Event Permit Terms and Conditions attached. Submit an original and 2 copies of completed forms (an original and 3 copies for hazardous events), all with original signatures, any supplemental documents (see No. 4 below), and a check or money order to cover the required filing fee to the District office of the park unit where the event will be held.

APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION		
ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE	
CONTACT PERSON	BUSINESS PHONE ()	HOME PHONE ()
PARK UNIT Humboldt Redwoods SP 119	LOCATION	
SPECIFIC USE	DATE(S)	HOURS

1. PURPOSE OF THE EVENT:

2. PARK AREA/FACILITIES TO BE USED:

3. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE EVENT AT ONE TIME AND METHOD FOR LIMITING ATTENDANCE (THE STATE MAY LIMIT THE MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE WITHIN ITS DISCRETION):

4. PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the event involve the sale or use of alcoholic beverages?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will additional fees be charged for participants (beyond regular facility fees)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will items or services be sold at the event?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there any other special conditions or requirements? (e.g., accessibility - see page 2)

If you answered yes to any of the above questions or if liability insurance is required (see Special Event Permit Terms and Conditions), please complete and attach a DPR 246A, Special Event Permit Supplement. If none of the above conditions apply, please complete the signature block below.

I have read and accept the Special Event Terms and Conditions attached. I understand that the District Superintendent or authorized representative may terminate without prior notice any special event activity when it is necessary for the safety and enjoyment of the public, for the protection of the resources, or for violation of any rules or regulations of the Department of Parks and Recreation or conditions of this permit. I also understand that any Special Event Permit may be cancelled without notice in the event of disaster or unforeseen emergency.

SIGNATURE

DATE



FOR DEPARTMENT COMPLETION ONLY		Department of General Services Use Only
TOTAL PERMIT FEES	COMMENTS	
REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDED BY	DATE	
TITLE	BUSINESS PHONE ()	
ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE	
APPROVED BY	DATE	
TITLE Supervising Ranger	BUSINESS PHONE (707) 946-1801	
ADDRESS PO Box 100	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE Weott, CA 95571	
DIRECTOR APPROVAL (for alcoholic beverage sale of more than 4 days only)	DATE	

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT SUPPLEMENT

State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the information requested below then submit this form with your DPR 246, Special Event Permit.

1. List of fees and charges to participants attending the event. (This is in addition to regular park facility fees)

2. Plan and method for collecting special fees.

3. Estimated gross receipts and net profits to the permittee.

4. Guaranteed minimum fees and/or percentage of the gross income to be paid to the State as rent.

5. Method of garbage collection and disposal.

6. List of items to be sold during the event.

7. Method of advertising and promoting the event. Attach sample copy of brochures, flyers, poster, etc. The State reserves the right to review and approve all promotional material to protect the interest of the Department.

8. Detailed description of the program to be presented and the displays and concession booths to be installed. (Prepare attachment if additional space is required.)

9. List of all the organizations involved whether sponsors, recipients or promotional firms. Commercial sponsors must specifically be listed.

SPECIAL EVENT ACCESSIBILITY CHECKLIST

1. If the expected attendance is a thousand or more, have ASL interpreters been hired to be present during programs or activities?
2. If providing additional toilet facilities, such as portable toilets, have additional (20% plus one) accessible toilet facilities been provided?
3. Are wheelchair seating spaces, with companion seating, provided in assembly areas?

Seating Capacity

1 - 50
51 - 300
301 - 500
over 500

Wheelchair Seating Space

2
4
6
Add 1 per 100

4. Are individual wheelchair seating spaces at least 30" wide and 60" in length?
5. If the seating capacity is more than 300, are the wheelchair seating areas in more than one location?
6. If providing additional parking spaces, has the number of accessible parking spaces been increased?

**Total Number Of
Parking Spaces**

1 - 25
26 - 50
51 - 75
76 - 100
101 - 150
151 - 200
201 - 300
301 - 400
401 - 500
501 - 1000

**Minimum Number Of Accessible
Parking Spaces Required**

1 Van Accessible Space
2 Including One Van Accessible Space
3 Including One Van Accessible Space
4 Including One Van Accessible Space
5 Including One Van Accessible Space
6 Including One Van Accessible Space
7 Including One Van Accessible Space
8 Including One Van Accessible Space
9 Including One Van Accessible Space
2%, Including Three Van Accessible Spaces

7. For outdoor events, has an adequate number of shaded seating areas been provided?
8. Are "visiting" exhibits physically accessible?
9. Are stages and their path(s) of travel accessible?
10. Does advertising include a phone number for persons requesting special accommodation?

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Special Event Permits, when approved, shall be issued subject to the following provisions:

1. All activities and arrangements for advance preparations within the above named unit, shall be at the direction of the District Superintendent or authorized representative.
 2. Rules and regulations of the Department of Parks and Recreation unless specifically exempted or otherwise noted shall be observed by the permittee, employees, agents, or contractors.
 3. The only special activities granted permittee herein are those which are listed in writing on the permit.
 4. No structures or sets may be constructed unless specifically provided for and described in writing, no digging or excavation is permitted, and no shrubbery or trees are to be cut, trimmed or injured. No additions, alterations, modification, or decorations may be affixed to any Department of Parks and Recreation facility without specific written approval of the District Superintendent.
 5. Fires will not be permitted except upon the specific written approval of the District Superintendent and under specific direction.
 6. Vehicles under the authority of the permittee will be parked in areas designated by the District Superintendent.
 7. Permittee will control all traffic and vehicles associated with the event as directed by the District Superintendent.
 8. Permittee will maintain the permitted area in a clean and sanitary condition and will restore the area to the condition in which it was received to the satisfaction of the State.
 9. Permittee will repair or be billed at the discretion of the State any and all damage to the park unit or any State property which was a result of permittee's activities. State will be the sole judge of the extent of damage and the extent of repairs required to remedy the damage. All repairs will be performed to the satisfaction of the State.
 10. The State may require at its discretion, the following special conditions:
 - a) Fire control measures and additional fire fighting equipment to be furnished by permittee as required by the District Superintendent.
 - b) First-aid service to be supplied by permittee, including ambulance service, doctors or nurses.
 - c) Additional police protection and/or traffic control personnel. Policing of the event will be provided by permittee and at own expense.
 - d) Parking arrangements required for permittee's operating personnel.
 - e) Additional sanitary facilities as required by the District Superintendent. Sanitary facilities over and above those furnished by State may be provided by permittee and at own expense.
- The permittee will be charged a fee based on the number of hours and job classification of State personnel required to meet any special condition.
- All special conditions and associated fees will be listed on the permit.
11. Unless otherwise specified on the Special Event Permit, the State agrees to provide the following services, if available or appropriate.
 - a) Maintain public restrooms.
 - b) Provide fresh water.
 - c) Provide electricity.
 - d) Provide garbage cans and remove refuse.
 - e) Clean all areas prior to occupancy by permittee.

12. The interest of permittee created by this agreement may be subject to property taxation. Permittee agrees to pay any possessory interest tax or any other tax levied on such interest and to indemnify the State from any damage or loss arising, by reason of such tax or Revenue Taxation Code Section 107.6.
13. Permittee may be charged a permit fee in addition to normal park fees, based on costs incurred by the State, size and scope of the event, and prevailing fees for commercial facilities in the locality.
14. Depending on circumstances and probability of occurrence, permittee may be charged a damage deposit as determined by the District Superintendent. Costs for damage repair and any fines or penalties for noncompliance with permit conditions will be deducted from this deposit. The District Superintendent shall determine if all or only a portion of the deposit is refundable.
15. The District Superintendent may terminate without prior notice any special event activity when it is necessary for the safety and enjoyment of the public for the protection of resources, or for violation of any rules or regulations of the Department of Parks and Recreation or conditions of this permit. In addition, any Special Event Permit may be cancelled without notice in the event of disaster or unforeseen emergency.
16. It is an express condition of this permit that the State, its officers, agents and employees shall be free from any and all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suit for or by reason of any death of or injury or injuries to any person or persons or damages to property of any kind whatsoever, whether the person or property of permittee, its agents or employees, or third persons, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this permit or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by permittee in connection therewith; and permittee hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify and to save harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees from all liabilities charges, expenses (including counsel fees) and costs on account of or by reason of any such deaths, injury, liabilities, claims, suits, or losses however occurring or damage growing out of same.
17. For events having greater potential hazard or liability to the State than is incurred through typical daily park activities, permittee will be required to provide the District Superintendent with a certificate of insurance with required endorsements as proof of liability insurance coverage. The policy will cover the period of the permit and will be in an amount no less than one of the following as determined by the District Superintendent:
 - Public Liability \$300,000 each person, \$500,000 each occurrence. Property Damage Liability and Products Damage Liability \$200,000; OR
 - Combined single limit (CSL) \$500,000 per occurrence; OR
 - Combined single limit (CSL) \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Insurance policies shall be underwritten to the satisfaction of the State and shall contain the following special endorsement:

State of California, its officers, employees, and servants are included as additional insured but only insofar as operations under this contract or permit are concerned;

The insurer will not cancel or reduce the insured's coverage during the period that this permit is in effect or without 30 days prior written notice, whichever is shorter, to State.

This cancellation provision shall not be construed in derogation of the duty of the permittee to furnish insurance during the entire term of the permit.

18. Contacts relating to the insurance policy and payment of fee and in regard to the permit generally may be made through the District Superintendent.