Getting “Hitched” at Dead Horse Point State Park

A guide to getting married in the park

Permits, Venues, Frequently Asked Questions, and more!

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Dead Horse Point State Park is a perfect venue for any nature loving couple looking to host a small to medium sized wedding ceremony for their big day.

This packet will help you decide if DHP SP is the right fit for you and walk you through the permitting process so that the big day will go as smooth as possible.

Things to consider before you get started:

- Most sites do not have wheelchair accessibility, except under the shade shelter at Dead Horse Point.
- All sites are open to the public and will not have exclusive use of the area.
- Live or cut flowers are allowed to be brought into the Park. However, the use of Pampas Grass and similar plants are highly discouraged due to their high potential of establishing and becoming invasive.
- Only domestic dogs are allowed at the wedding locations and all park regulations for dogs apply.
- Drone use is prohibited between March and October. November through February, drones may be used by a special use permit holder (this is a separate permit from the permit for the ceremony itself). For more information on drone use visit:
    - https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/dead-horse/drone-regulations/
- Existing trails must be used to access the wedding location.
- Cars must be parked in the agreed upon parking area(s).
- All fees must be paid in advance of the wedding or immediately following.
- Tossing seeds, confetti, rice, and/or releasing wildlife are prohibited.
- Amplified music, artificial lighting, open flames are not permitted.

Frequently Asked Questions

How far in advance do I need to plan for my wedding?
Contact the park at least 30 days prior to the desired date you plan to get married in the Park to ensure adequate time for the permitting process.

Which wedding site is the most accessible?
The Shade Shelter Site at Dead Horse Point is the most accessible site in the Park.

How much does it cost to hold a wedding at DHPSP?
The Special Use Permit costs varies depending on the size of the event.

- Up to 40 people: $60 ($10 application fee and $50 permit fee)
- 41-80 people: $80 ($10 application fee and $70 permit fee)
- More than 81 people: $100 ($10 application fee and $90 permit fee)

The day of the wedding will cost $20 per vehicle (this covers up to 8 people in each vehicle), or if you bus in your attendees we charge $4 per person. Ranger monitoring is $50/hr if the park manager determines that it is necessary. However, it is generally not required.

What is the earliest or latest I can have a wedding in the Park?
Seasonally: We allow weddings all year long.
Daily: We allow weddings at all times of the day with the Special Use Permit.

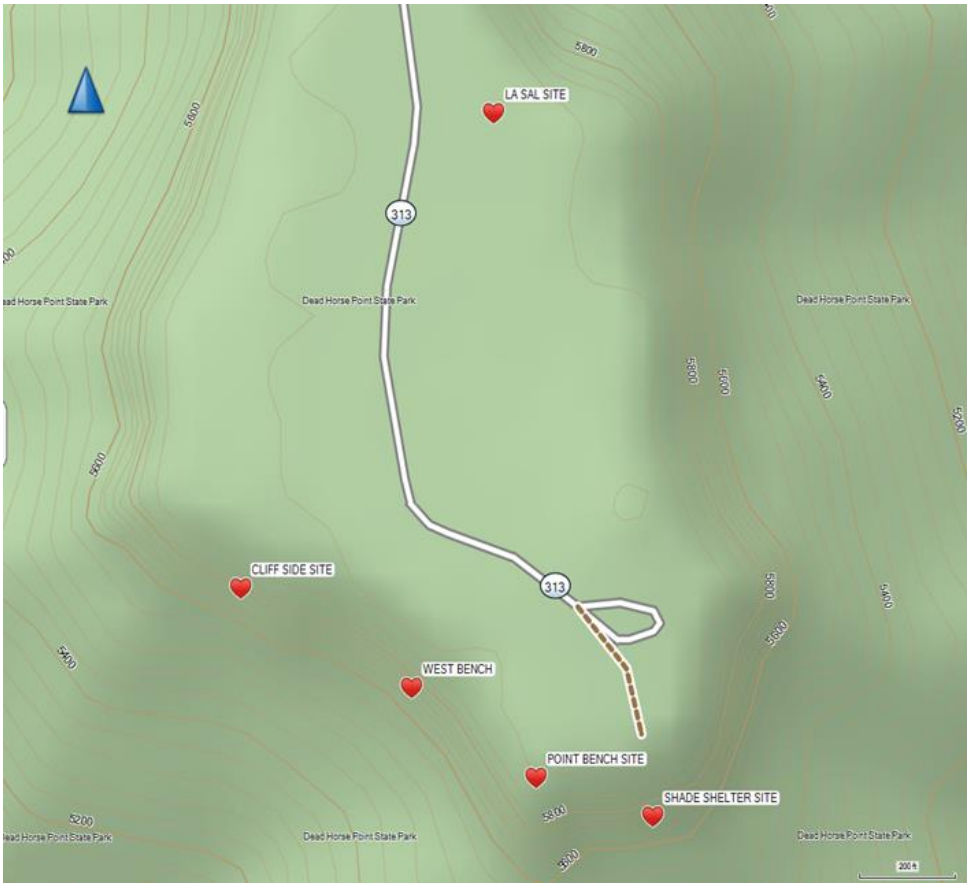
Step One: The Special Use Permit Application

All couples wanting to use DHP SP as the venue for their wedding ceremony must have a fully executed Special Use Permit prior to the desired date. The application for this permit can be found at:

- https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/dead-horse/special-use-permits/

Please fill out the form in as much detail as possible.
Once complete, the form can be emailed to the park manager for review at: dhoyt@utah.gov
This address will also be your contact for any questions you may have regarding your permit application.

Ceremony Sites at Dead Horse Point State Park



La Sal Site

Location

View

Pros	Cons
Very scenic	Uneven surface
Can accommodate 25 people	Sloping grade

Cliff Side Site

Location

View

Pros	Cons
More isolated	Uneven surface
Very scenic	Exposure
Can accommodate 20 people	

West Bench Site

Location

View

Pros	Cons
Easy access	Favorite view area for visitors
Very scenic	Uneven surface
Can accommodate 50 people	

Point Bench Site

Location

View

Pros	Cons
Very scenic	Uneven surface
Easy access	Can only accommodate 5 people

Shade Shelter Site

Location

View

Pros	Cons
ADA accessible	Favorite view area for visitors
Chairs permitted	
Shade cover nearby	
Can accommodate 100 people	

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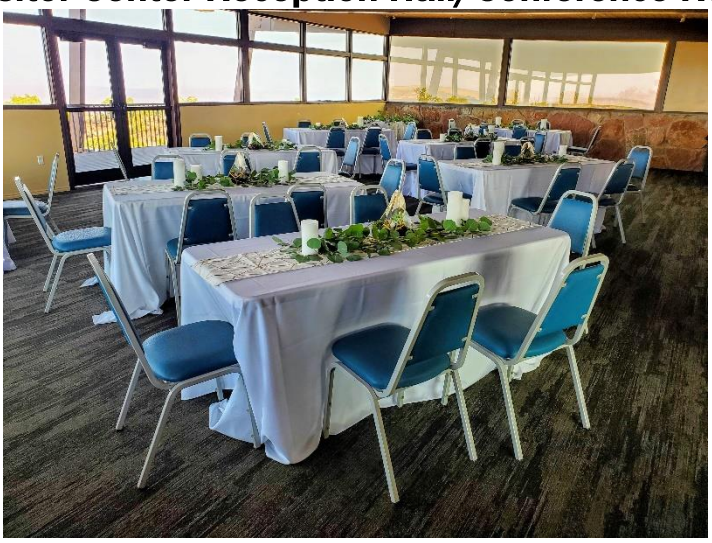
Visitor Center Reception Hall/Conference Room



Inside

Outside

Amenities
ADA accessible
Ten 6 foot tables and Fifty chairs available
Can accommodate 50 people

Frequently Asked Questions

How far in advance do I need to reserve this facility?
Contact the park at least 30 days prior to the desired date you plan to use this facility to ensure adequate time for the permitting process.

How much does it cost to host the reception at the visitor center reception hall/conference room?
In addition to the Special Use Permit and applicable day-use fees, the flat rate, per-day rental fee for this facility is $500.

What is the earliest I can have access to the facility and how late can I have use of this facility on the day of the event?
This facility will be available to use from 5pm to 10pm on the day of the rental.

Are there any days that this facility is not available?
This facility is not available:

- Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend
- The day before and the day of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day

*Any group events held at DHP SP must establish, maintain, and enforce best practices for social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions, as recommended by the CDC, the Utah Department of Health, and any specific restrictions in place by the County or other local health departments.

Thank you for considering Dead Horse Point State Park for your wedding venue!

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