

Planning a Wedding in Snow Canyon State Park - 2022

Thank you for your interest in Snow Canyon. The park's natural setting and scenic backdrop make it a popular location for outdoor weddings. All weddings, regardless of size, require a Special Use Permit. Failure to obtain the proper permit can result in a \$600 fine. Before contacting the park regarding a permit please review the following criteria and fees (exceptions will not be made):

Criteria

1. **Requests must be submitted a minimum of three-weeks before your proposed event.** Requests may be made for the current calendar year only.
2. Group size may not exceed 50 people and 10 vehicles. Weddings exceeding 50 people are not permitted.
3. Groups of 25 or fewer people can choose from one of the following locations:
 - a. Snow Canyon Overlook* (duration is limited to 1-hour or less)
 - b. Petrified Dunes* (parking may be limited to five vehicles depending upon the date)
 - c. Lower Galoot
 - d. Sand Dunes*

* These locations are still open to the general public and cannot be reserved for exclusive use.
4. Groups larger than 26 (and not exceeding 50 people) can **only** use (and reserve) Lower Galoot. On Saturdays and Sundays from March-May and October-November, Lower Galoot can only be reserved between the hours of 8a.m. and 11a.m. OR 4p.m. and 9p.m.
5. No more than one wedding permit will be issued for any given date (i.e. once a date has been booked by a wedding party, regardless of time and location, it cannot be booked by another group).
6. Due to heavy visitation; high visitor demand and limited parking; or special events, wedding permits will not be issued for the following dates:
 - a. January 15 – 17 (Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend)
 - b. February 18 – 21 (President's Day holiday weekend)
 - c. March 12 – 20 (Washington County Spring Break)
 - d. April 2 – 10 (Davis County Spring Break)
 - e. April 15 – 18 (Easter holiday weekend)
 - f. May 7 (Ironman World Championship)
 - g. May 28 – 30 (Memorial Day holiday weekend)
 - h. October 1 (St. George Marathon)
 - i. October 3 – 4 (Huntsman World Sr. Games)
 - j. October 7 – 9 (Columbus Day holiday weekend)
 - k. October 13 – 16 (UEA / Fall Break)
 - l. October 28 – 29 (Ironman World Championships)
 - m. November 5 (Snow Canyon Half Marathon)
 - n. November 25 - 28 (Thanksgiving holiday weekend)
7. Hiking is on designated trails only. Your ceremony, wedding party photos, or other wedding activities cannot take place off-trail.
8. Drones, generators, PA systems, and blue tooth (or other sound systems) are prohibited.
9. Use / throwing of rice, birdseed, confetti or other items is prohibited.
10. Wood burning is prohibited. Use of candles or other flammable items is also prohibited.
11. Signs, balloons, and other temporary markers are not permitted.

Fees

1. Non-refundable Filing Fee: \$150. Note: This fee is typically handled via phone/credit card once your request has been submitted and date has been approved; do not e-mail any credit card information.
2. Lower Galoot Reservation: \$100 for up to three hours and \$30 per hour for every hour after.
3. Park Day Use: \$10 - \$15 per vehicle. Note: This fee is also applicable to florists, caterers, and other vehicles entering the canyon to assist with your event.

As well, please note that if you hire a professional photographer or videographer they are required to purchase an Annual Professional Photography Pass. Please direct your photographer to:

<https://stateparks.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2021/12/Professional-Photography-in-Snow-Canyon-2022.pdf>

Application Process

If your proposed plans fall within the criteria and you are able to meet the outlined fees please email (to all three addresses listed below) the following information a **minimum of three weeks** in advance of your proposed event:

1. Date(s); a secondary date is advised in case your first date is unavailable.
2. Location.
3. Arrival and departure times.
4. Approximate number of guests and vehicles. **No more than 50 people and 10 vehicles are permitted. We will not accommodate weddings that exceed this limit.**
5. Name, address, phone number and e-mail address for **both** partners (please indicate who should be listed as the primary contact on the permit).
6. Any additional details relevant to your event (setting up chairs, awnings, tables, caterers, etc).
7. Business name, contact person, address, and phone number of any professional photographer, videographer, caterer, or other professionals you will be hiring to assist with your event.

Please note we are not wedding planners. We strongly advise that you visit the park to assess parking and site conditions (prior to submitting your permit request) to determine the best fit for your event. You can review a copy of our park brochure and park boundaries at:

<https://stateparks.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2021/10/Snow-Canyon-Brochure-Web-2021-optimized.pdf>

If you would like additional information on the park or have general questions please feel free to phone 435-628-2255. Any of the full-time staff can assist you with your questions or permit requests:

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