

Planning a Wedding at Snow Canyon State Park 2024



A Guide to Getting Married in the Park

Permits, Venues, Frequently Asked Questions, and More!

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Snow Canyon State Park is the perfect venue for any nature loving couple looking to elope or host a small wedding ceremony.

This packet will help you decide if SCSP is the right fit and walk you through the permit process so your special day goes as smoothly as possible.

Things to consider before you get started:

- Group size may not exceed 50 people and 10 vehicles. Elopements/weddings exceeding 50 people are not permitted.
- Groups of 25 or fewer people can choose from one of the following locations:
 - a) Snow Canyon Scenic Overlook*
 - b) Petrified Dunes*
 - c) Lower Galoot
 - d) Sand Dunes*
- * These locations are still open to the general public and cannot be reserved for exclusive use.
- Groups larger than 25 (and not exceeding 50 people) can **only** use Lower Galoot (with reservation).
- 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.
- 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).
- Park hours are 6a.m. to 10p.m. daily. Day use is not permitted outside these hours.
- Hiking is on designated trails only. Your ceremony, wedding party photos, or other elopement/wedding activities cannot take place off-trail.
- The following are not allowed:
 - Drones
 - Amplified music
 - Generators
 - Open flames or flammable items
 - Signs, balloons, or other temporary markers
 - Rice, birdseed, confetti or other wedding toss items
 - Release of doves, butterflies, or any other type of wildlife
- Dogs must be leashed and under control. Scoop, bag, and bin all dog waste.
- **Due to heavy visitation; high visitor demand and limited parking; or special events, wedding permits will not be issued for the following 2024 dates:**
 - January 13 – 15 (Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend)
 - February 16 – 19 (President's Day holiday weekend)
 - March 9 – 17 (Washington County Spring Break)
 - March 29 – April 7 (Davis County Spring Break; Easter holiday weekend)
 - May 3 - 5 (Ironman 70.3 North American Championship)
 - May 25 – 27 (Memorial Day holiday weekend)
 - October 5 – 14 (St. George Marathon; Huntsman World Sr. Games; Columbus Day holiday)
 - October 17 – 21 (UEA / Fall Break)
 - November 16 (Snow Canyon Half Marathon)
 - November 27 – December 1 (Thanksgiving holiday weekend)

Frequently Asked Questions:

How far in advance do I need to plan for my elopement/wedding?

- Requests must be submitted a minimum of three-weeks prior to the proposed event.
- Requests may be made for the current calendar year only.

How much does it cost to hold a wedding at SCSP?

- **Non-refundable Filing Fee:** \$200. Note: The Special Use Permit fee is typically handled via phone/credit card once your request has been submitted and date approved; do not e-mail any credit card information.
- **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.
- **Lower Galoot Reservation:** \$150 for up to three hours and \$50 per hour for every hour after.
- **Professional Photographer and/or Videographer:** 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/13/2023/12/Professional-Portrait-Photography-in-Snow-Canyon-2024-v1.pdf>

What does each venue look like?

- Photos and general venue information can be found further in this document.
- 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 also review a copy of our park brochure and park boundaries at:

<https://stateparks.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2023/02/web-Snow-Canyon-Trail-Guide-Map-Brochure-2023.pdf>

Application and Special Use Permit Process:

If your proposed plans fall within the criteria and you are able to meet the outlined fees, please email snowcanyon@utah.gov 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. Selected location (i.e. Snow Canyon Scenic Overlook, Petrified Dunes, Lower Galoot, or Sand Dunes).
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.

Once we receive your information a member of our team will respond by email with more information on paying your fee(s) and issuing the required Special Use Permit.

Snow Canyon Scenic Overlook



Pros	Cons
Very scenic	Public area
Easy access	Exposure (sun, wind, rain)
Can accommodate 25 people	

Petrified Dunes



Pros	Cons
Very scenic	Uneven surface
Large area; many location options	Public area
Hard surface	Exposure (sun, wind, rain)
Can accommodate 25 people	

Lower Galoot – By Reservation Only



Pros	Cons
Wheelchair accessible	Additional fees apply
Can be reserved for exclusive use	Exposure (sun, wind, rain)
Adjacent restrooms	
Can accommodate 50 people	

Sand Dunes



Pros	Cons
Very Scenic	Deep sand, uneven surface
Close to picnic area & restrooms	Public area
Can accommodate 25 people	Exposure (sun, wind, rain)