

# **Planning a Wedding at Snow Canyon State Park 2026**



## **A Guide to Getting Married in the Park**

**Permits, Venues, Frequently Asked Questions, and More!**

**Snow Canyon State Park is the perfect venue for any nature loving couple looking to elope or host a small to medium sized wedding ceremony for their big day.**

**This packet will help you decide if SCSP is the right fit for you and will walk you through the permit process so that your special day will go 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 26 (and not exceeding 50 people) can **only** use Lower Galoot (with reservation).
- 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 2026 dates:**
  - January 17 – 19 (Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend)
  - February 14 – 16 (President's Day holiday weekend)
  - March 7 – 16 (Washington County Spring Break)
  - March 28 – April 5 (Davis County Spring Break; Easter holiday weekend)
  - May 23 – 25 (Memorial Day holiday weekend)
  - October 3 – 18 (St. George Marathon; Huntsman World Sr. Games; Columbus Day holiday)
  - October 14 – 18 (UEA / Fall Break)
  - November 14 (Snow Canyon Half Marathon)
  - November 26 – 29 (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 has been approved; do not e-mail any credit card information.
- **Lower Galoot Reservation:** \$150 for up to three hours and \$50 per hour for every hour after.
- **Park Day Use:** \$15 - \$20 per vehicle. Note: This fee is also applicable to florists, caterers, and other vehicles entering the canyon to assist with your event.
- **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/13/2024/12/Professional-Photography-in-Snow-Canyon-2025-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](mailto: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. 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 props, 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 staff 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)