

Big Basin Redwoods State Park

Wedding Information Sheet

Many couples wish to hold their wedding celebration at Big Basin Redwoods State Park. All weddings held in the park require a Special Event Permit. The following additional information should help you in preparing your permit and planning your special day at Big Basin.

Wedding ceremonies and receptions can be held at various locations throughout the park. Some of the more popular areas include the Campfire Center (seats up to 400) and Sky Meadow and Sequoia Group Camps. We recommend that you reserve the Sky Meadow Group Camps in addition to the special event permit if you wish to use Sky Meadow. If you have a special or unique location idea, please meet with the Supervising Ranger for more details and information on specific regulations.

Because of the potential damage to resources caused by large groups, and the potential inconvenience to visitors, certain limitations are necessary.

Acoustic music is permitted; amplification systems, disc jockeys, etc. are not. Organized games, such as volleyball, horseshoes, baseball, football, Frisbee or badminton are not allowed due to the potential resource impact. All park rules and regulations apply. Your cooperation in observing peace and quiet hours is appreciated.

An electrical outlet is available for use at the campfire center and Sequoia Group Camp. Prior arrangements for electrical outlet use must be written in the special event permit.

Decorations may be used in the immediate area. Staples, nails or wire may not be used to attach items to trees. All decorations must be removed before your group exits the park.

Rice, birdseed, confetti and the like are not allowed to be thrown in the park. These items are non-native, and can affect the plants and wildlife in the park.

All trash must be deposited into trash receptacles. Park staff will dispose of trash in the receptacles provided. If your group needs additional trash cans, advance notice must be made in writing on the Special Event Permit. Recycle bins are also provided throughout the park.

If your group requires restroom facilities in addition to those already provided by the park, it is the permittee's responsibility to rent or arrange portable restrooms from an outside vendor. The park does not have the equipment to pump chemical toilets on a regular basis.

All vehicles entering the park must pay the day-use entry fee. This fee can be paid in advance by the permittee. Advance fees must be paid at least a week before the event to give park staff time to prepare the documents and entry tickets. All vehicles entering the park must check in at Park Headquarters or the entrance station to pay fees or receive a pass. If you wish to provide a directional handout to the park staff, we will issue these out to your guests. All copies must be made at your own expense.

Santa Cruz District State Parks **Special Event Permit Reservations**

Fees are determined based on group size and proposed activities. In general, fees are as follows:

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| 1) Non-refundable Filing Fee (30 days' notice) | \$25.00 |
| Non-refundable Filing Fee (less than 30 days' notice) | \$100.00 |
| 2) Special Event Fee: 50 people or less: | \$300.00 |
| (per day) 51-100 people: | \$400.00 |
| 101-150 people: | \$500.00 |
| 150-200 people: | \$625.00 |
| 3) Security Deposit (refundable) | \$250.00 |
| Security Deposit w/alcohol (refundable) | \$350.00 |
| 4) Alcohol Waiver: 50 people or less: | \$50.00 |
| 51-150 people: | \$100.00 |
| 151-250 people: | \$250.00 |
| 251+ people: | \$300.00 |
| 5) Additional personnel and other fees determined based on group size and proposed activities. | |

Call the Special Events coordinator at (831) 335-3455 for information and special event reservations.

For additional information about Big Basin Redwood State Park call (831) 338-8861 or go online at www.parks.ca.gov