

# Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park - 2020 Special Event Permit Information



***The Mission of California State Parks** is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.*

Thank you for your interest in the Special Event Program at *Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park*. *Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park* is located along the coast on Highway 1. Although there is no beach or waterfall access at this park, there are spectacular views of the ocean and *McWay Falls*. This park offers two (2) unique event venues which are available for advanced reservation.

All the locations in the park are outdoors and rustic. They are suitable for those wishing to have an event in a natural setting without modern trappings.

We permit small, simple weddings with minimal decorations during day-use hours that may last up to two (2) hours. Large events, evening/night events, or events that will last more than two (2) hours are not permitted at this park.

**Because of the rustic nature of these sites, we highly recommend visiting the park and location(s) you are interested in reserving for your event prior to applying for a Special Event Permit.**

You can apply for a Special Event Permit up to one (1) year in advance.

This packet contains information on how to obtain a Special Event Permit and the permit requirements. Please review this packet thoroughly.

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## **What Is a Special Event?**

“Special Events” include all activities beyond the normal scope of park visitor use which could impact public access or enjoyment, and activities which create a greater potential for hazard and liability to the state than incurred through typical operations. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Wedding.
- Elopements.
- Receptions. (Not available at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park)
- Events that have vendors (e.g. – photographers, officiate, etc) providing services, events conducting business (for profit and non-profit) on park property, etc.
- Events conducting business (for profit and non-profit) on park property.
- Events that require liability insurance.

A Special Event Permit is required when any company, association, organization, or group of persons wish to hold, conduct or participate in any celebration, wedding, religious service, picnic, exercise, or event in a state park unit a permit is required. The Special Event Permit must be in accordance with State Park rules and regulations. (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4301(j)).

## **What is the Special Event Coordinator?**

While park’s management staff permits Special Events to take place in the park, they must take into account the impact these events can have at the parks in the Big Sur Sector. The purpose of the Special Event Coordinator’s office is to ascertain if an event can occur in the park with minimal impact on the park, environment, public access and enjoyment, and that the event follows the mission of California State Parks.

The *Special Event Coordinator* will lead the applicant through the permit process. They will provide the applicant information regarding what is permitted at events at the park and what is required to obtain a permit for their event. They will also process your application and submit your permit for final approval from the sector’s management staff once all requirements are met.

The *Special Event Coordinator* does not plan events, scout locations, nor provide guided tours of event locations; however, conducting a self-guided tour of the park’s facilities is very easy. Day-use fees are paid upon entry to the park. You can purchase a park map at the park’s entrance kiosk. All proceeds from park map sales go towards our park’s interpretive programs, such as the Junior Ranger and Cubs programs. Please do not disrupt any park events or guests of the park by entering any locations/sites that are occupied or where an event/program is currently taking place. Do not enter any closed or roped off areas.

## **Special Event Permit Process**

1. Review the entire Special Event Packet. Keep this packet for future reference.
2. Contact the Special Event Coordinator to check a specific date for availability and to request an application.

Events are not placed on the calendar until after the Special Event Coordinator's office receives the completed application and applicable non-refundable filing fee.

3. Complete the Special Event Application and mail (emailed/faxed applications will not be accepted) with the applicable non-refundable filing fee to:

**Special Event Permit Office  
California State Parks  
47555 Highway 1  
Big Sur, CA 93920**

**The submission of a filing fee and/or Special Event Application should not be construed as approval or confirmation of a Special Event Permit.**

4. If accepted, the Special Event Coordinator will email your Special Event Permit with an instructional coversheet. The following must be received by the Special Event Coordinator's office by the due date listed on the instructional coversheet, at least eight (8) weeks from the date of the email or at least two (2) months prior to the event date, which ever date is sooner:
  - Special Event Permit. Signed and dated.
  - Remaining permit fees. Paid to the order of **CDPR**.
  - Refundable damage deposit. Paid to the order of **CDPR**.

The following must be received by the Special Event Coordinator's office at least two (2) months prior to the event date, if applicable:

- Certificate of liability insurance
- Attendance List
- Vendor List

Applications received less than two (2) months prior the event date will be subject to a shorter billing/turn-around time. Due dates will be set on a case-by-case basis.

All checks and money orders must be made payable to **CDPR**. Do not send cash through the mail.

The event will remain on the calendar as long as all due dates are met.

5. Once all required fees, deposits, and paperwork is submitted to the Special Event Coordinator office, your permit will be submitted to the sector's management staff for final approval. This process usually takes 1-2 weeks.
6. The Special Event Coordinator will contact you once they receive your permit back from the sector's management staff.



## Required Special Event Fees

**Non-Refundable Application/Filing Fee:** Sent in with your completed application.

- **\$25 Non-refundable fee** must be paid 30 days prior to the event date. **-or-**
- **\$100 Non-refundable “RUSH” fee** if application and payment are received less than thirty (30) days prior to the event. *RUSH* events must submit all payments in the form of a cashier’s check or money order only.

### **Event Fees:**

- **\$125 Non-Refundable Processing Fee.** This fee is included with each site fee listed on the following page.
- **Site Fees:** Fee is for an event that lasts a maximum of two (2) hours. See page 5 for site fee schedule.

### **Refundable Damage Deposit:**

- **\$400 to \$1500** (refundable). Must be submitted separately. Amount depends on type of event and activities. The event deposit may be partially or completely forfeited due to damage inflicted upon the venue, failure to adhere to the terms, conditions, and time parameters of the permit, or failure to clean sufficiently upon departure. “*RUSH*” events require the deposit to be made with a cashier’s check or money order. Deposit refunds are issued by the State of California and may take up to 6-8 weeks to be received.

### **Additional Fees (if applicable)**

**Monitor Fees:** The park management staff will determine if a monitor is required after we receive the Special Event Permit Application. The type of monitor is determined by the size, location, date, and specific type of event.

|                              | Per event fee |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Park Aid (PA) or Maintenance | <b>\$120</b>  |
| Ranger                       | <b>\$316</b>  |

## Site Descriptions and Fees

The *Waterfall Overlook* affords a view of McWay Falls and the Pacific Ocean. The *Redwood Picnic Area* is small area in redwoods between the Ewoldsen Trail and McWay Creek. Both areas are suitable for small, simple wedding ceremonies. Music, receptions, and/or catering, and most decorations are not allowed at either of these sites. Up to four (4) chairs may be brought in by the permittee for guests with limited mobility for events at the *Waterfall Overlook*, but use must be preapproved on the permit.

**Special Event Permits are available for events that last up to two (2) hours and must occur between 9am and Sunset. Evening or night events are not permitted at this park. Please note: Site fees must include the set-up and clean-up times in addition to the actual event time.**

| Typical Sunset/Day-Use Closing Times |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Jan                                  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | June | July | Aug  | Sept | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  |
| 5 PM                                 | 5 PM | 6 PM | 7 PM | 7 PM | 8 PM | 8 PM | 8 PM | 7 PM | 6 PM | 5 PM | 5 PM |

○ **Waterfall Overlook:**

- **Maximum of thirty (30) people.**
- Accessed via a quarter (¼) mile, all-access trail.
- This is an all access site.
- Restrooms are located in the parking lot.
- **No beach or waterfall access.** See page 7 for details.

| Monday – Thursday (non-holiday) | Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Two (2) hour permit             | Two (2) hour permit                    |
| \$425                           | \$500                                  |

○ **Redwood Picnic Area:**

- **Maximum of twenty-five (25) people.**
- Trail access is approximately an eighth (1/8) mile along the Ewoldsen Trail.
- This location is not an all-access site and may prove difficult to access to those with limited mobility.
- Restrooms are located in the parking lot.
- Due to the unique layout of the area, we highly recommend visiting this location before applying for a Special Event Permit.

| Monday – Thursday (non-holiday) | Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Two (2) hour permit             | Two (2) hour permit                    |
| \$400                           | \$475                                  |

***Please note: A Special Event Permits does not grant exclusive access to any areas at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. The public will still be permitted access to both the Overlook and the trails alongside the Redwood Picnic Area while the event is taking place.***

## **Liability Insurance Requirements**

**When is *Liability Insurance* Required?** Insurance is required when a vendor (event planner, photographer, etc.) or monitor is involved in your event, or if the event and its specific details pose a greater risk to the environment or persons involved in the event.

**How do I obtain *Liability Insurance*?** If proof of insurance is required, please contact a qualified insurance company for the insurance policy; your current renters or homeowners' insurance provider is a good place to start. There are also insurance companies that specialize in event liability insurance

**Do you recommend any companies or insurance providers?** No, we do not recommend nor endorse any particular company or insurer.

**What do you require for *Liability Insurance*?**

The Certificate of Insurance must be received at least sixty (60) days in advance of the event.

**The State Of California requires the following regarding liability insurance:**

1. Must be on an *ACORD25* form.
2. The name of the permittee must be the same of the insured.
3. The *Certificate Holder* must be listed as:

**The State of California  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001**

4. A *Special Endorsement* **MUST** Read:

**The State of California, its officers, employees, and servants are included as additional insured, but only with respect to work performed for the State of California under this contract.**

**OR**

**The certificate holder is added as an additional insured, but only with respect to the liability arising out of the operations of the insured named above.**

5. The *Insurance Requirement* Amount must be a combined single limit (CSL) **\$1,000,000 per occurrence.**

Location address is: Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, 52801 Hwy 1, Big Sur, CA 93920. Do not list this location or park as the certificate holder.

**Please note: If any of the above information from lines 1-6 is missing or if any additional names and/or verbiage is added to the Certificate Holder or Special Endorsement, the certificate will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant for correction.**

## **FAQ and Special Event Permit Parameters**

All park rules and regulations must be observed. Information on some of the park rules and regulations are listed below. Complete rules and regulations can be obtained on the California State Park website at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov) under publications.

### **How Do I Obtain A Special Event Permit?**

Contact the Special Event Permit office for the Big Sur Sector to check the availability of a date(s). If a date is available for your event, request an application. An application will be emailed to you. If you require an application to be mailed to you, be sure to notify the Special Event Coordinator.

Email: [bigsurevents@parks.ca.gov](mailto:bigsurevents@parks.ca.gov)

Phone: 831-667-0507

Remember, events are not placed on the sector's event calendar until the Special Event Permit office receives a completed application and the applicable filing fee.

See page 3 of for more details.

### **What Can I Expect With A Special Event Permit?**

With a regular Special Event Permit, you will be permitted access to a specific site at *Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park* for a maximum of two (2) hours to conduct your wedding ceremony.

**Do I have exclusive access to the site?** No, the public will still be permitted to access either site during your permit time. The only State Park in the sector with exclusive access sites is at *Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park*. You can find more information about that park at [www.parks.ca.gov/pbssp](http://www.parks.ca.gov/pbssp).

**Can I have early access to the site for set-up?** No, early access to the site is not permitted. Your permit must include the set-up and clean-up times, which include the arrival time for your vendors, if applicable.

**Are day-use parking passes or campsites included with a Special Event Permit?** No, day-use parking passes nor campsites are included for events at this park.

**Is the site "cleaned" before the event?** No. Remember, these are rustic, outdoor sites. Leaf litter, redwood duff, soil and dirt, etc will occur naturally on ground and benches in a short amount of time.

**Does my permit allow for rehearsal time?** No, rehearsal time is not included.

### **Beach & Waterfall Access**

**Can I go to or have my ceremony on the beach or at the waterfall at the park?** No, these are closed areas. There is **no beach access or waterfall access** at *Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park* by District Superintendent's Order No. 720-97-003(G) (CCR 4326(a)). Any person(s) attempting to access the beach or any closed areas of the park are subject to citation and will be responsible for all rescue costs incurred, and the Special Event Permit will be cancelled and all fees and deposits will be in forfeit.

### **Alcohol**

**Can I have alcohol at my event?** No, alcohol is not allowed at any events at this park.

**Can I have wine as part of my wedding ceremony at the Campfire Center?** Normally, alcohol is not permitted at this park; however, wine as part of the wedding ceremony (e.g. *Seven Blessings*) may be allowed, but it must be preapproved and under specific direction on the permit. You can submit a request on a separate page with your event application. Be sure to include a brief description of how the wine will be included in the ceremony.



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### **Camping**

**Can I camp at this park?** Yes, there are only two (2) environmental campsites, but campsites cannot be obtained through the Special Event Permit office. You can find more information and make campsite reservations through Reserve California at [www.reservecalifornia.com](http://www.reservecalifornia.com) or 1-800-444-7275 (8 am – 6 pm PST).

**Can I have a wedding in the campground at this park?** It is possible with an *Elopement* Special Event Permit; however, your event will be subject to *Elopement* Permit parameters and must be limited to a maximum of eight (8) people. Contact the Special Event Permit office for details.

### **Cancellations**

**How close to the event can I cancel and still get a refund on my permit fees?** Events cancelled less than fifteen (15) days in advance or event no-shows will not be refunded any permit fees. The refundable damage deposit will be refunded. If you cancel your event more than fifteen (15) days in advance of the event date, you will be refunded all refundable permit fees. The filing and processing fees are not refundable. See *Damage Deposit and Refunds* section on page 9 for details on refunds.

**What if my event is cancelled by the sector or district office due to park or area closure?** In the event of a park or area closure, we will attempt to reschedule your event for an open calendar date at the same or comparable site. If the fees for a comparable site are less than the fees paid, you will be refunded the difference. If rescheduling your event is not possible, you will be refunded the permit fees, except for the non-refundable filing and processing fees, and your refundable damage deposit.

### **Changing My Event and Permit**

**Can I make changes to my event or permit after I send in my application?** Yes, it is possible to make changes to the event or permit after we receive your applications. If we receive the changes before your remit due date, you will not be charged an additional processing fee.

**What if I want to make a change to my permit after I remit the permit and fees?** You may still do so; however, you may be charged an additional processing fee of \$125 to change the permit. The additional processing fee is assessed for any change that change the permit fees or require the permit to be resigned by the permittee or reapproved by the sector's management staff.

**Will I be charged an additional processing fee (when assessed) for each change to the permit?**

An additional processing fee is charged each time you make a change to the permit.  
*For instance: 3 months prior to the event, the permittee requests to change the event location and number of people at the event. The permittee will be charged a \$125 processing fee in addition to the other fee changes. Then 2 months prior to the event date, the permittee requests to change the date of the event, they will be charged an additional \$125 in addition to the other fee changes that may apply.*

**Is there a deadline for making changes to my event or permit?** Yes, we do not accept any changes to the event or permit less than thirty (30) days from the event date.



# **FAQ and Special Event Permit Parameters**

## **Damage Deposit and Refunds**

**Do all events require a damage deposit?** Yes. The refundable damage deposit is required for all events to prevent damage to the site and to ensure permit compliance.

**What events may occur to cause me to lose my damage deposit?** The Sector's Superintendent will decide if a damage deposit will be held, fully or in part. A damage deposit may be held due to:

- If there is damage to the site or park property due to the event.
- If the permittee, attendees, or event vendors do not comply to the permit parameters or violate any park rules.
- If a Park Ranger or other peace officer(s) must contact your event for law enforcement reasons.

***Should any person involved in the special event be detained, cited, or arrested by State Park law enforcement personnel for violation of any of these conditions or other unlawful behavior, the applicant shall be liable for the cost of staff time at a rate of time and one half under the authority of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 4301 (j) and California Government Code section 53156 and may result in the cancellation of the event and forfeit of all fees and/or deposits.***

**How are refunds issued?** The sector office processes sends refund requests to the accounting office at the beginning of each month for the previous month's events.

**How long does it take for a refund to be issued?** Refunds usually take 4-8 weeks to be processed and issued by the accounting office. Checks are issued by the *State of California*.

**How are refunds initiated?** The Special Event Coordinator will email you within 2 weeks after the event or cancellation to verify the name, address, and phone number of the refund recipient to process the refund. The refund for the damage deposit and permit fees (for cancellations, if applicable) will be sent as separate checks. It is not unusual for the refunds to arrive a few days/weeks apart.

**Can I receive a refund of any fees if there is rain or inclement weather during my event?** No.

## **Decorations**

**Can I have decorations at my event?** Yes; however, only small, handheld decorations (such as a bouquet) are permitted. All decorations must be preapproved on the permit.

**Can I have a large decoration, such as a chuppah or an arbor?** No, any decoration than cannot be reasonably held by a single person with one (1) hand will not be permitted.

**Can I have a tent or covering at my event?** No.

**Can I have a rug or runner at my event?** No.

**Can I have any glass or porcelain at my event?** No.

**What if my wedding will have the *Breaking of the Glass* as part of the ceremony?** This may be allowed, but it must be preapproved on the permit under specific instructions. If you would like this as part of your ceremony, include your request on a separate page with your application for your event.

**Can I have decorations with flames (e.g. candles, lanterns, etc) at my event?** No.

**Can I scatter rice, birdseed, flowers, flower petals, or confetti at my event?** No.

**Can I dispose of my decorations in the trashcans and/or dumpsters at the park after my event?** No, all decorations must be removed from the park at the conclusion of your event.

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### **Electricity**

**Is there electricity at any of the event sites?** No, there is no electricity available.

**Can I bring in a generator for my event?** No, generators are not permitted.

### **Environment and Natural Hazards**

The Big Sur Sector of California State Parks is committed to maintaining and protecting the delicate ecosystem of the Big Sur area. Some “hazards” do exist. Remaining in event areas and on designated trails will help minimize your exposure.

**What kind of “natural hazards” can I expect?** Gopher and ground squirrel holes, rattlesnakes, wasps, and bees may sometimes be in the event site. Poison oak is throughout the park. Branches and other debris may fall from any sites that have tree cover. There are unstable cliffs surround the *Waterfall Overlook* and *McWay Falls*.

Much of these “hazards” can be avoided by being aware of your surroundings, staying in your event area and on trail, and by not entering any closed areas.

**Can I trim any tree branches/shrubs or cut any of the grasses in the site or at the park for my event?** No, you may not alter the environment in any way. Any persons associated with the event that is found altering the environment in any way will be cited, the permit will be immediately cancelled, and a refund will not be issued.

**Will any of the local wildlife visit my event?** It is unlikely that large predators (e.g. mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes) will venture near an area with a large amount of humans, but smaller animals (e.g. Stellar’s Jays and ground squirrels) may visit. **DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE.**

**IF A RATTLESNAKE IS AT THE SITE, CONTACT THE PARK’S STAFF IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE OR ENGAGE THE SNAKE. DO NOT KILL THE SNAKE.**

**Can I release birds or butterflies at my event?** No. **What if it is not an invasive species?** No.

**Can I scatter or throw rice, birdseed, ashes, confetti, flowers, or flower petals at my event?** No. This is littering.

**What is considered litter?** Litter includes leaving, depositing, or scattering of flowers, flower petals, ashes, rice, confetti, seeds, or any other litter at the park except in a receptacle designed for that purpose. In other words, if you are not throwing these items into a trash can or dumpster, it would be considered littering.

**Are there alternate or indoor locations if there is wind, rain, or otherwise inclement weather?** No. All locations are outdoors and uncovered.

**Can I have a drone at my event to film or for any other purpose?** No.

### **Event Times and Dates**

**What dates are available for events?** The park is open 365 days a year; however, weather events may cause park closures and/or road closures without warning between November and April.

**Can I have my event on the same date as another event?** No, the Big Sur Sector permits one (1) event per day for the sector.

**Can I have my event on a holiday or a holiday weekend?** No, park attendance increases exponentially during holidays. It is unfeasible to have an event on a holiday at this park.

**Can I have a night or evening event at this park?** No.

**Can my event last more than two (2) hours at this park?** No.

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## **FAQ and Special Event Permit Parameters**

### **Film Permits**

**Do I need a film permit for my event?** Most Special Events do not require an additional film permit issued by the California Film Commission (CFC). An additional film permit would be required for any film, motion or still, that will be published, used for advertisement, used commercially, etc.

**Do I need a film permit if I want to have a film or photo shoot on a different date and/or at a different location than the site that is listed on my Special Event Permit?** Yes, it is likely you will need an additional film permit. Any photo shoots and/or filming that will occur outside of exclusive access sites and/or Special Event Permit times require a film permit issued by the CFC.

**Can my photographer or I apply for a film permit after my event occurs?** No, film permits are not issued retroactively.

**How does my photographer or I acquire a film permit?** You can apply on the CFC website at [www.film.ca.gov](http://www.film.ca.gov). Film permits take a minimum of two (2) weeks to complete from the date the sector office receives the pending application from the CFC.

### **Fires**

**Can I have a fire at my event?** No.

**Can I bring a heater(s) to my event?** No.

### **Maximum Number Of People**

**What is the maximum number of people I can have at my event?** It depends on the event location. See page 5 for details on group size maximum per site.

**Do vendors (e.g. officiant/celebrant, photographers, etc) count towards my maximum?** Yes.

**Do children count towards my maximum?** Yes.

**What if I plan to have more people at the event than the site and permit will allow?** You must either pare down your group size to meet the maximum or apply for use of a site that can accommodate the size of your group. *Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park* is the only State Park in the sector that has locations that can accommodate events with more than thirty (30) people.

**Will I get a refund if my event has no-shows?** No, refunds are not issued for no-shows.

### **Monitors**

**What is an event monitor?** An event monitor is a member of the sector or district staff that is assigned by said sector or district to be at your event.

**Is it typical for a wedding at this park to require a monitor?** No, typically weddings at this park do not require a monitor; however, the monitor requirement is determined on a case-by-case basis after we receive the completed application and non-refundable filing fee.

**When will the monitor be at my event?** The monitor will be at your event during the permit time.

**Does the State Park monitor(s) count towards my maximum number of people?** No.

### **Music and Sound**

**Can I have music at my event?** No.

**Can I have acoustic music at my event?** No.

**Can I have any amplified sound at my event (such as a PA system)?** No.



## **FAQ and Special Event Permit Parameters**

### **On-Site Contact Person**

**What/Who is the on-site contact person and what will they do?** This is a person affiliated with your event that can be contacted at any time during the entire course of the event by the sector's staff. They will also be the person that will conduct the pre-event and post-event walk-throughs, if applicable, with the event monitor.

**Who should I pick as my on-site contact person?** It is best to pick a responsible person that will be at the site for the entire event time and can maintain their full faculties throughout the entire event.

**Can the bride or groom be the on-site contact person for the event?** Yes, but we do not recommend this. Remember, if the park's staff must speak with the contact person during the wedding, it will interrupt the event if the contact person is the bride or groom.

### **Parking**

**Is day-use parking included with my event permit?** No.

**Can I prepay for day-use passes for my event?** No, prepaid parking is not available at this park.

**Are there any parking restrictions at this park?** Yes, vehicles over twenty-four (24) feet in length are not permitted in the park. You can find more information at [www.parks.ca.gov/jpb](http://www.parks.ca.gov/jpb).

**Is day-use parking usually available at the park?** This is a very popular park and parking lots can fill up by mid-morning, even during the off-season. We encourage visitors to carpool whenever possible.

### **Payments**

**When are the fees and deposits due?** See page 3 for details.

**What happens if I apply for an event date that is less than two (2) months away?** All payments must be received at least thirty (30) days from the event date, but it would depend on when the sector office receives your application and non-refundable filing fee.

**What happens if I apply for an event date that is less than thirty (30) days away?** You would be subject to *RUSH* permit parameters. All payments must be received at least two (2) weeks from the event date and must be in the form of a cashier's check or money order.

**What form of payments are accepted?** We accept personally checks, company/business checks, cashier's checks, and/or money orders made out to **CDPR**. However, any payments received less than thirty (30) days from the event date must be the form of cashier's checks and/or money orders only.

**Do you accept credit card payments?** No, not at this time.

### **Pets**

**Can my pet be at my event?** No, pets are only allowed in the parking area (on leash at all times) and are not permitted on any park trails nor any park event sites.

**Can I leave my pet in my vehicle during my event?** No, pets may not be left in vehicles unattended.

### **Receptions**

**Can I have a reception at this park?** No, receptions are not permitted at this park; however, they are permitted at the *Group Picnic Areas* at *Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park* with a Special Event Permit.

## **FAQ and Special Event Permit Parameters**

### **Seating**

**Do any of the sites have seating?** No.

**Can I bring in seating for my wedding?** You may bring a maximum of four (4) folding or camp chairs for those attending the event with limited mobility at the *Waterfall Overlook* only. The exact number of seats/chairs must be preapproved and stated on the permit.

**Where can I place the chairs at the *Waterfall Overlook*?** The chairs may be placed anywhere that does not block the trail nor block public access to the Overlook.

**Does the park remove the chairs at the end of the event?** No, the chair(s) must be removed from the park by the permittee at the conclusion of the event.

### **Signs**

**Will the park post a sign at the park or at my event location to denote my event?** No.

**Can I bring in a sign or signs to help my guest find my event location?** No; however, both event locations are easy to locate. You can find a park map under the brochures tab at [www.parks.ca.gov/jpb](http://www.parks.ca.gov/jpb).

### **Vendors**

**What is a Vendor?** A vendor is any persons or company that will provide a service at your event for a fee (paid by your or your guests/participants), for trade, or as a complementary service. Vendors include caterers, bartenders, florists, event rental companies, photographers, etc.

**Do all vendors at my event have to be listed on my permit?** Yes, any vendors not listed on your permit will not be admitted to the park.

**Is there a limit the type or number of vendors permitted at my wedding at this park?** Yes, you can have an officiant/celebrant, wedding planner, photographer, and/or videographer at your event. Florists, caterers, decorators, and equipment rental companies are not permitted at events in this park.

**Does my vendor need a day-use pass to enter the park?** Yes, even for drop-offs. It is important to note that California State Park annual passes may not be used by vendors to enter the park.

**Can my vendor arrive early to set-up or drop-off event items prior to my permit time?** No, all set-up, including dropped off items, must be during the time listed on your permit.

**What happens if my vendor violates the park rules or the terms of my permit?** You and/or your vendor could be cited, the permit will cancelled, and you could also lose your deposit. Remember, you are responsible for the conduct of your vendor(s) and their staff.

**Can the sector staff send a copy of my permit to my vendors?** No, your permit contains information that we consider private (addresses, phone number, etc); however, you may send a copy of the permit to your vendor.

### **WiFi and Cell Service**

Wi-Fi and cell phone service are spotty on the Big Sur Coast. Trees and mountains hinder cell phone signals. We highly recommend downloading any files to your device prior to coming to Big Sur.

**Are there any cell service providers in Big Sur?** Both Verizon and AT&T have limited coverage in the area and spotty coverage in the park. There are no other cell service providers in the area.

**Is there high-speed internet in Big Sur?** Some businesses offer Wi-Fi access; however, it will not be close to the speed that is available in most urban or suburban areas.

**Is there WiFi access in the park?** No.

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