

Getting Married? Do's and Don'ts for Saying 'I Do' at Santa Monica State Beach and Palisades Park



With sweeping ocean views and proximity to hotels and restaurants, Palisades Park and Santa Monica State Beach are popular settings for weddings. The City of Santa Monica does not issue permits for wedding ceremonies at Santa Monica State Beach or Palisades Park. The rule is first-come, first-serve to each location and you must have less than 150 participants on site. Smaller weddings are more suitable to Palisades Park due to its narrow configuration, high level of daily use and limited parking. At each site, users must obey all beach and park laws.



Okay:

- Tables, chairs, runners and small archways.
- Canopies under 400 square feet
- Stages under 30" high
- Amplified sound between 8 am – 10 pm

We do ask that you be considerate of neighbors and other park/beach visitors. Sound is subject to the noise ordinance and Santa Monica Police can ask the sound to be turned down or off if complaints are received from the surrounding public.

- Generators are not recommended. If a generator is a must, it needs to be battery powered.

Not Okay:

- Structures that would require Building and Safety Permits or Fire Permits
- Tents with side panels
- Vehicles on park turf or pathways, sand, bike path or Ocean Front Walk
- Staking anything into turf or attaching anything to trees, shrubs, facilities and other amenities
- Blocking sidewalks or pedestrian pathways
- Fires, cooking, alcohol, glass containers and smoking

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Santa Monica Community & Cultural Services Department at 310-458-8300.