

# Permitted Wedding Sites

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

All wedding requests must complete a Facility and Park Use Permit Application. Applications do not guarantee reservation of the requested location or date. However, staff will do their best to find a suitable alternative if necessary. Customer/Payee must have an account at [www.SDRecConnect.com](http://www.SDRecConnect.com).

#### WEDDING LOTTERY:

The Permit Center holds a wedding lottery the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month for the upcoming year.

Applications will only be accepted Monday-Wednesday, the week before the wedding lottery. After all applications are reviewed and chosen, an email will be sent out to all participants. If your date was chosen, the email will provide directions for payment. If your date was not selected, the Permit Center will provide you with alternative dates available. Payment must be made within five (5) days when the initial permit was created, or the date will be forfeited.

Only one entry per couple is allowed. Duplicates will be withdrawn and unable to participate in the wedding lottery.

#### RULES:

- Applications will not be accepted less than 10 calendar days of the event date. (SDMC 63.0103).
- One wedding is permitted per day/per location.
- Flower petals, birdseeds, rice, or any similar objects are NOT permitted to be thrown on the ground. Permit holders will be responsible and invoiced additional fees for clean-up.
- All equipment brought on city property must be indicated on the permit (Chairs, Tables, Archways etc.).
- NO food or beverage allowed at any of our wedding ceremony sites.
- NO glass allowed at any City of San Diego Parks or Beaches.
- Alcohol is PROHIBITED on the west side of Balboa Park (west of Cabrillo Bridge), east side of Park Boulevard including the area surrounding the Developed Regional Parks **Administrative building**, Mission Bay Parks and Beaches (SDMC 56.54).
- Cuvier Park (AKA Wedding Bowl): NO dogs allowed, even on leash, between 9:00am-6:00pm. Before 9:00am and after 6:00pm dogs are welcomed but must always remain leashed.
- Windansea Beach the use of the hut/palapa is prohibited. Must remain for public use only.

#### Hourly Rates:

Two (2) hour minimum and four (4) hour maximum rental for ceremonies only.

For current fees, please refer to the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department Fee Schedule.

Reservations can be made up to a year in advance by submitting applications into the Wedding Lottery.

Reservation times for receptions/ceremonies can only be between 8:00am to 10:00pm. Presidio Park reservation times can only be between 8:00am to 8:00pm.

#### IMPORTANT CONTACT & INFO:

For groups needing assistance from Custodial Staff, please visit their office locations at:

- Balboa Park Casa del Prado Patio A (between Room 104 & 105)
- Balboa Park Club

Permit Office Information: (Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm)

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**CAPACITY LIST**

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SITES	CAPACITY	CEREMONIES ONLY	CEREMONY & RECEPTIONS
ADMINISTRATION COURTYARD*	200	X	
ALCAZAR GARDEN*	50	X	
DESERT GARDEN*	20	X (STANDING ONLY)	
ROSE GARDEN (AKA INEZ GRANT PARKER) *	50	X	
SPANISH VILLAGE*	80	X	
ZORO GARDEN*	75	X	
MISSION BAY			
DANA INN BEACH/LAWN*	150	X	
SANTA CLARA POINT – NORTH LAWN	150		X
SANTA CLARA POINT – SOUTH LAWN	150		X
SANTA CLARA POINT – WOMENS CLUB LAWN*	100	X	
PRESIDIO PARK			
PADRE CROSS*	40	X (CEREMONY & MEMORIALS ONLY)	
PALM CANYON	50		X
INSPIRATION POINT	50		X
THE ARBOR	75		X
SHORELINE			
CALUMET PARK*	80	X	
CUVIER PARK (AKA WEDDING BOWL) *	50	X	
ELLEN BROWNING SCRIPPS PARKS	80		X
SUNSET CLIFFS- LADERA *	50	X	
SUNSET CLIFFS- LUSCOMBS POINT*	50	X	
SUNSET CLIFFS- OSPREY*	50	X	
WINDANSEA*	50	X	

\*Sites for wedding events (as well as memorial events at Padre Cross) ONLY. No other events permitted at those sites.



**City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department  
BALBOA PARK MUSEUMS & OTHER FACILITIES  
CONTACT LIST**

<b>MUSEUM/FACILITIES</b>	<b>PHONE #</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>
<b>COMIN-CON MUSEUM</b>	<b>619.546.9073</b>	<b>COMIC-CONMUSEUM.ORG</b>
<b>CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA</b>	<b>619.559.6389</b>	<b>CENTRODELARAZA.COM</b>
<b>HOUSE OF CHARM- MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM</b>	<b>619.239.0003</b>	<b>MINGEI.ORG</b>
<b>HOUSE OF CHARM- SAN DIEGO ART INSTITUTE</b>	<b>619.236.0011</b>	<b>SANDIEGO-ART.ORG</b>
<b>HOUSE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS</b>	<b>619.234.0739</b>	<b>SDHPR.ORG</b>
<b>JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN</b>	<b>619.232.2721</b>	<b>NIWA.ORG</b>
<b>LAWN BOWLING CLUB GREENS</b>	<b>619.238.5457</b>	<b>SANDIEGOLAWNBOWLING.ORG</b>
<b>MARSTON HOUSE AND GARDEN</b>	<b>619.297.7511</b>	<b>BALBOAPARK.ORG</b>
<b>OLD GLOBE THEATRE COMPLEX</b>	<b>619.231.1941</b>	<b>THEOLDGLOBE.ORG</b>
<b>THE PRADO RESTAURANT AT BALBOA PARK (MORO GARDEN)</b>	<b>619.557.9441</b>	<b>PRADOBALBOA.COM</b>
<b>TIMKEN MUSEUM OF ART</b>	<b>619.239.5548</b>	<b>TIMKENMUSEUM.ORG</b>
<b>REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER</b>	<b>619.238.1233</b>	<b>FLEETSCIENCE.ORG</b>
<b>SAN DIEGO AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM</b>	<b>619.234.8291</b>	<b>SANDIEGOAIRANDSPACE.ORG</b>
<b>SAN DIEGO AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM</b>	<b>619.231.2886</b>	<b>SDAUTOMUSEUM.ORG</b>
<b>SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER</b>	<b>619.232.6203 X109</b>	<b>SANDIEGOHISTORY.ORG</b>
<b>SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART (SCULPTURE GARDEN)</b>	<b>619.238.7559</b>	<b>MOPA.ORG</b>
<b>SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF US</b>	<b>619.239.2001</b>	<b>MUSEUMOFUS.ORG</b>
<b>SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM</b>	<b>619.232.3821</b>	<b>SDNAT.ORG</b>
<b>SAN DIEGO ZOO</b>	<b>619.231.1515</b>	<b>ZOO.SANDIEGOZOO.ORG</b>
<b>STARLIGHT BOWL</b>	<b>619.255.7170</b>	<b>SAVESTARLIGHT.ORG</b>
<b>VETERANS MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL CENTER</b>	<b>619.239.2300</b>	<b>VETERANMUSEUM.ORG</b>
<b>WORLDBEAT CULTURAL CENTER</b>	<b>619.230.1190</b>	<b>WORLDBEATCENTER.ORG</b>



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## **ADMINISTRATION COURTYARD LAWN**

This is a beautiful lawn area with a fountain in the center, and flower beds on the edges of the walkway leading to the fountain. The arbor covered, concrete walkways have blooming vines, and tile roofed gazebos at each end create an open courtyard. The Courtyard is located behind the Developed Regional Parks Administration Building at 2125 Park Blvd.

This site is available for ceremonies only. **Note:** Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed. Permitted only on Saturdays & Sundays.

**Maximum Capacity:** 200 people

**Available Hours:** 10 a.m. to dusk.

### **Restrooms**

No restrooms available. Permittees must provide applicable porta-potties and/or dumpsters for trash. Porta-potties must be placed in 15-minute parking zone on the southside of building.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or beverages allowed.



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## ALCAZAR GARDEN

Alcazar Garden, whose design is patterned after the gardens of Alcazar Castle in Seville, Spain, is known for its ornate fountains, exquisite turquoise blue, yellow and green Moorish tiles and shady pergola. This formal garden, bordered by boxwood hedges, is planted with 7,000 annuals for a vibrant display of color throughout the year. The garden has been reconstructed to replicate the 1935 design by San Diego architect Richard Requa.

**Note:** Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed.

**Maximum Capacity:** 50 people

**Available Hours:** 10 a.m. to dusk.

#### Restrooms

No restrooms on site.

#### Food/Beverages

No food or beverages allowed.



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## **DESERT GARDEN**

The Desert Garden was originally located west of the Balboa Park Club as early as 1935. In 1977, it was reestablished east of Park Boulevard and has more than 150 species of cacti and other desert plants from North and South America. **Note:** Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed.

**Maximum Capacity:** 20 people (Standing Only)

**Available Hours:** 10 a.m. to dusk.

### **Restrooms**

No restrooms on site.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or beverages allowed.





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## **ROSE GARDEN**

Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden is an award winning All-American Rose Selection Display Garden containing over 2,400 rose bushes in 180 varieties. The garden is in peak bloom during April and May, although many roses are in bloom from March through December. This garden is one of the most popular wedding spots in the park.

**Note:** Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed. Pruning of the Rose Gardens usually takes place every year in January, roses start blooming again around April/May.

**Maximum Capacity:** 50 people

**Available Hours:** 10 a.m. to dusk.

### **Restrooms**

No restrooms on site.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or beverages allowed.



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## **SPANISH VILLAGE**

Built to house shops and restaurants during the second exposition, the Spanish Village Art Center was one of the few areas of the park taken over by the Army, rather than the Navy, during World War II. Today these buildings are home to more than 30 artists' ateliers. On many weekends, ancillary members of the Spanish Village Artist's Guild display their artwork in the open-air plaza located at the center of the studio spaces. The open plaza is available for permitting wedding ceremonies only. **Note:** Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed.

**Maximum Capacity:** 80 people

**Available Hours:** 10 a.m. to dusk.

### **Restrooms**

There are restrooms nearby.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or beverages allowed.



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## **ZORO GARDEN**

Zoro Garden is a sunken garden located between the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center and the Casa de Balboa. In this 1915 stone grotto, a butterfly garden has been planted which contains both the larvae and nectar plants needed for all cycles of the complete life cycles of butterflies. Milkweed, sunflower, passion vine and California lilac were included as suitable plants for the butterfly larvae (caterpillar) stage. Butterfly bush, lantana, pincushion flower and verbena were added as nectar plants for the adult butterflies. Miniature indentations built into rocks collect small pools of water for the monarch, sulfur, and swallowtail butterflies that can be seen among the colorful perennials and majestic Ficus trees that surround the garden.

**Note:** Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed.

**Maximum Capacity:** 75 people

**Available Hours:** 10 a.m. to dusk.

### **Restrooms**

There are restrooms nearby.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or beverages allowed.



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**DANA INN LAWN**

Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed.

**Maximum Capacity:** 150 people

**Available Hours:** 10 a.m. to dusk.

**Restrooms**

There are restrooms nearby.

**Food/Beverages**

Food or beverages allowed. No glass containers.



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## SANTA CLARA POINT

### A- NORTH LAWN

Wedding Ceremony and receptions allowed.  
Maximum Capacity: 150 people

### B- SOUTH LAWN

Wedding Ceremony and receptions allowed.  
Maximum Capacity: 75 people

### C- WOMEN'S CLUB LAWN

Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed.  
Maximum Capacity: 100 people

Available Hours: 10 a.m. to dusk.

#### Restrooms

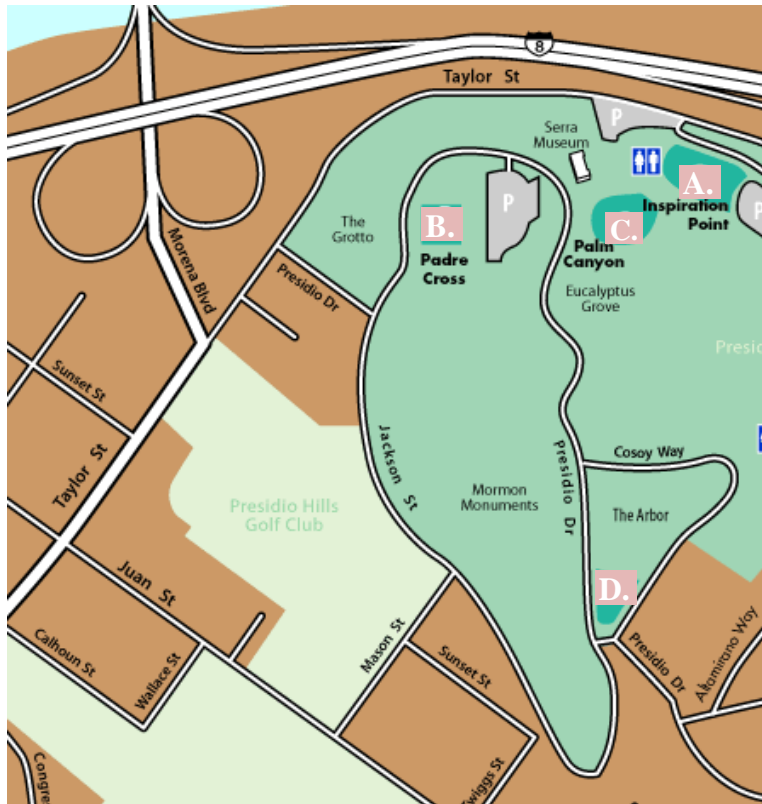
There are restrooms nearby.

#### Food/Beverages

Food or beverages allowed. No glass containers.



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## PRESIDIO PARK

### A- INSPIRATION POINT

Wedding Ceremony and receptions allowed.  
**Maximum Capacity: 50 people**

### B- PADRE CROSS

Wedding Ceremony and receptions allowed.  
**Maximum Capacity: 40 people**

### C- PALM CANYON

Wedding Ceremony and receptions allowed.  
**Maximum Capacity: 50 people**

### D- THE ARBOR

Wedding Ceremony and receptions allowed.  
**Maximum Capacity: 75 people**  
**Available Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

#### Restrooms

There are restrooms near Palm Canyon and The Arbor. No restrooms nearby Inspiration Point and Padre Cross.

#### Food/Beverages

Food or beverages allowed. No glass containers.



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## **CALUMET PARK**

Calumet Park is a small park in a residential neighborhood of Bird Rock. It overlooks a popular surfing site called Rock Pile.

To get to the park, head north from Pacific Beach or south from La Jolla to La Jolla Boulevard, then turn west onto Midway Street. Go down two blocks to Calumet Avenue and turn left. The park is about two houses down on the right-hand side.

Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed.

**Maximum Capacity:** 80 people

**Available Hours:** 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Restrooms**

There are no restrooms nearby.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or beverages allowed. No glass containers/alcohol.



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## **CUVIER PARK**

Cuvier Park, also called The Wedding Bowl, is a small park located at Coast Boulevard and Cuvier Street in La Jolla. It is located directly across the street from the San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art. The park site is about five steps below street level, so it is hard to see from the street. It is the most popular spot for weddings along the La Jolla coastline.

Take state Route 52 west to La Jolla Parkway and continue as the street becomes Torrey Pines Road. Turn right on to Prospect Street and then right on to Cuvier Street. Street parking only.

Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed. NO dogs allowed, even on leash, between 9:00am-6:00pm. Before 9:00am and after 6:00pm dogs are welcomed but must always remain leashed.

**Maximum Capacity: 50 people**

**Available Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

### **Restrooms**

There are no restrooms nearby.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or beverages allowed. No glass containers/alcohol.





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## **ELLEN BROWNING SCRIPPS PARK**

Most photographed spot in San Diego, according to *AAA Magazine*; this is a very popular spot for weddings. Permits are issued year-round, with a maximum number of 80, from September through May; and 50, during the summer months of June through August.

Take state Route 52 west to La Jolla Parkway and continue as the street becomes Torrey Pines Road. Turn right on Prospect Street and then right on to Coast Boulevard. The park is located at the bottom of the hill. Street parking only.

Wedding ceremony and receptions allowed.

**Maximum Capacity:** 80 people

**Available Hours:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Restrooms**

There are restrooms nearby.

### **Food/Beverages**

Food or beverages allowed. No glass containers/alcohol.



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## **SUNSET CLIFFS – LADERA**

The Ladera Street area is used for sunset viewing and weddings may also be permitted for a maximum of 50 people. Parking is available on the street or in a few small lots at the park site.

Take Interstate 8 west to the end. Then follow Sunset Cliffs Boulevard through Ocean Beach to the cliffs and Ladera Street.

Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed.

**Maximum Capacity:** 50 people

**Available Hours:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Restrooms**

There are no restrooms nearby.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or beverages allowed. No glass containers/alcohol.



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## **SUNSET CLIFFS – LUSCOMB POINT**

The Luscomb Point area is named for Happy Luscomb, a local surfing personality. It is a favorite spot for sunset viewing and weddings, which can be permitted for up to 50 people. Parking is available on the street or at a few small lots at the park site.

Take Interstate 8 west to the end. Then follow Sunset Cliffs Boulevard through Ocean Beach to the cliffs to where the street ends at Hill Street.

Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed.

**Maximum Capacity:** 50 people

**Available Hours:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Restrooms**

There are no restrooms nearby.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or beverages allowed. No glass containers/alcohol.



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## **SUNSET CLIFFS – OSPREY**

The Osprey Street area is used for sunset viewing and weddings, which can be permitted for up to 50 people. There is a small parking lot at the park site, but parking is also available on the street.

Take Interstate 8 west to the end. Then follow Sunset Cliffs Boulevard through Ocean Beach to the cliffs to where the street ends just north of Osprey Street.

Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed.

**Maximum Capacity:** 50 people

**Available Hours:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Restrooms**

There are no restrooms nearby.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or beverages allowed. No glass containers/alcohol.



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## **WINDANSEA BEACH**

The rocky shore of Windansea Beach is perhaps best known for its beautiful scenery and surf breaks created by underwater reefs.

Much of Windansea experiences moderate to severe shore break, a condition on steep beaches which results in hard breaking surf right at the shoreline. This makes it a popular location for surfing; however, swimmers should enter and exit the water carefully to prevent potentially serious injury.

Wedding Ceremony site only; No receptions allowed.

The use of the hut/palapa is prohibited. Must remain for public use.

**Maximum Capacity:** 50 people

**Available Hours:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Restrooms**

There are no restrooms nearby.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or beverages allowed.