



# United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
CASA GRANDE RUINS NATIONAL MONUMENT  
1100 W. Ruins Drive  
Coolidge, Arizona 85128

## SPECIAL USE POLICY

**"Special uses"** are activities proposed to occur within monument boundaries that are not readily available to the general public. These are typically, but not limited to, religious ceremonies (e.g., weddings, special masses), commercial photography (both still and motion), dedicated use of a specific area of monument grounds normally open to the public, or use of/access to an area not open to the public.

Special uses can only be approved by the monument Superintendent and require a Special Use Permit (SUP). Special use activities/events authorized at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument will be limited to those determined appropriate to the historical, prehistorical, cultural or spiritual aspects of the area and consistent with the purposes for which the monument was established. No special use will be allowed that will have an adverse impact on these resources or negatively affect visitor use and enjoyment by interrupting or conflicting with regularly scheduled monument activities.

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is developed and staffed for day use only. The monument has no overnight services. There are no facilities for open or contained fires and trash pickup and disposal services are very limited. There is no access to sanitation facilities available before the monument opens at 8 am or after it closes at 5 p.m. daily. Special uses involving overnight camping will generally not be authorized.

**APPLICATION/REQUEST PROCESS:** Request for any special use of monument grounds or facilities must be made in writing, at least 2 weeks in advance of the date(s) desired. An application form or letter should be directed to: Superintendent, Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, 1100 Ruins Drive, Coolidge, Arizona 85228.

**COSTS:** The application fee is \$50 non-refundable. The standard permit processing charge is \$100, also non-refundable. If the event or use occurs outside regular monument hours or is of such complexity that park staff must supervise the activity at all times, there will be an additional \$50.00 per hour (two hour minimum), per employee fee to cover personnel costs. Any additional costs related to permit compliance with federal regulations and environmental/cultural preservation laws must also be recovered from permittee.

**ENTRANCE FEE:** The monument has a standard entrance fee of \$5/person, which may be waived by the Superintendent for special uses/events that do not include use of museum and ruins complex.

**OTHER COSTS:** The permittee may be required to provide certain facilities or services directly as a condition of the permit i.e. portable sanitation facilities, utility costs, security or emergency medical services, and pay and travel for additional National Park Service (NPS) staff.

**PARKING/ACCESS:** Vehicle parking is available in front of the monument's visitor center. To avoid disruption in the museum, access may be arranged through a gate outside of the visitor center, adjacent to the parking lot.

**VISITOR ACCESSIBILITY:** Because the prehistoric "Casa Grande" is the primary structure that people visit the monument to experience, public access to it cannot be interrupted or denied. The monument will attempt to reschedule any guided or special interpretive program that might conflict with the event, but this may not be possible. Regardless, access by monument visitors during the event must still be accommodated.