



Hot Springs National Park

GUIDELINES FOR INFORMAL WEDDING CEREMONIES

There are several areas in the park that can be used for informal ceremonies. Informal ceremonies must be a simple standup exchange of vows, no setup is allowed, with a small groups of less than 15 people attending, and a ceremony lasting no more than 15-20 minutes. Weddings that do not meet all the above guidelines will require a special use permit and monitoring fees.

To receive authorization for an informal wedding ceremony, a request must be made in writing to the Superintendent . The request will include the following:

1. Name of Bride/Groom and who will be performing the ceremony;
2. Requested Area of park for ceremony;
3. Date and start/finish times;
4. Anticipated number of participants (15 or less);
5. Contact person's name, address, and telephone number;
6. Any additional pertinent details.

All items needed for the event must be carried onto the grounds (unauthorized vehicles are prohibited on park property). The permittee agrees to leave the area in the same condition as found. Nothing may be affixed, in any way, to park property, including trash receptacles, light poles, and trees. The permittee shall pay the United States for damages directly resulting from this use. Throwing of rice, birdseed, flower petals, confetti, etc., and use of balloons is prohibited.

The permittee must agree to save and hold harmless the United States of America, its agents and employees, from any and all claims, damages, suits of law or equity of whatever kind of nature for damages to or loss of property or injury or death to persons resulting directly or indirectly from or attributable to the permittee or its employees in connection with the authorized activity.

Going forward with this event constitutes acceptance by the requester of the conditions described herein. Authorization may be cancelled at the discretion of the Superintendent without notice if damage to resources, facilities, or visitors is threatened.

For additional information, contact the Park Permits Office at 501-623-2824.

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