



Permit for Weddings

A permit is required for all wedding ceremonies held within Mount Rainier National Park. Because the park is a natural area, extravagant ceremonies and arrangements do not lend themselves well to the park setting. Most ceremonies in the park are brief and simple. Weather in the park is unpredictable, and at higher elevations such as Paradise and Sunrise snow often remains on the ground well into July.

Restrictions and Conditions

Party size determines which locations in the park may be used for wedding ceremonies.

- **1-12 participants:** may use almost any location in the park.
- **13-24:** may not use wilderness or primitive locations, but may use certain pre-determined locations along trails at Paradise and Sunrise; may also use locations along roads such as pullouts, picnic areas, and campground amphitheaters.
- **25-60:** limited to roadside locations and campground amphitheaters.
- **Over 60:** campground amphitheaters only.

If party size is over 12, weddings at Paradise, Sunrise, and Tipsoo Lake may not take place between the hours of 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm on weekends due to congestion. Additional restrictions of location may apply.

Ceremonies may not impede the activities of other visitors. Outdoor areas will not be closed off during ceremonies and parking may not be reserved. Throwing of rice, confetti, etc. is not allowed. Modest decorations are permitted. Setting up chairs or erecting tents or awnings in roadside pullouts or parking areas or on trails is not permitted.

Campground Amphitheaters

Campground amphitheaters are used by the Park Service most evenings, but may be available during the day.

Cougar Rock Amphitheater is available from late May to early October. It is handicapped accessible and there is seating for about 100 people. Parking for a limit of 30 vehicles is available at the Cougar Rock Picnic Area, which is about one-quarter mile from the amphitheater.

Ohanapecosh Amphitheater is also available from late May to early October, but is not available on weekends due to

congestion and lack of adequate parking. This amphitheater can seat up to 200 people. Parking is limited to 30 vehicles at the ranger station one-quarter mile from the amphitheater.

White River Amphitheater is available from late June to late September, but is not available on weekends due to congestion and lack of adequate parking. Seating capacity is about 50 people and the site is not handicapped accessible. Parking is limited to about 15 vehicles in the hiker/climber parking lot a short walk from the amphitheater.

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How to Apply

Complete an application form and mail it to the following address with a check for \$60 to cover a non-refundable application fee. In compliance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, the applicant must submit his or her social security number or federal tax identification number when making payment by check. Alternatively, you may submit the application by fax or mail and request that the permit coordinator

contact you for payment by credit card. A minimum of two weeks is required for processing.

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