Weddings at Zion National Park

Zion is a marriage of light and stone, desert and water, ancient and contemporary. It inspires awe and requires contemplation. The serenity of the park affects all who take the time to experience wonder. Weddings at Zion are small affairs conducted amidst the natural beauty of one of the jewels of our nation. Lovers of nature and beauty may choose this place to wed because they are drawn by the splendor and natural silence of this majestic landscape.

A permit is required to hold a wedding in the national park. Follow the guidelines outlined here to ensure that your Special Use Permit is in place in time for your special occasion.

Application

A Special Use Permit is required for any ceremony in the park. For a simple ceremony in a pre-approved area, the application and application fee of $100 must be received at least ten business days prior to the requested date. Until a Special Use Permit is approved and issued, the requested date and location cannot be guaranteed.

Your application fee includes the initial two hours spent on your application including administrative costs incurred to communicate with applicant, park staff, wedding coordinator, etc. Additional fees will be incurred for any additional time necessary at the rate of $50 per hour. Monitoring fees of $50 per hour, per monitor (including travel time to permit location) may also be incurred, depending on location and complexity. Monitors are typically required for any approved wedding permit that is complex in nature, large group size or is held in a location where there is a concern of impacts to visitors or resources.

Applications are available on the park website (in the permits section) and must be mailed with the application fee to: Zion National Park, Attn: Special Park Use Office, SR 9, Springdale UT 84767. Fedex and UPS also delivers to the park using the same address. Applications will be accepted by fax or scanned and emailed with signature. Original applications may be requested. At this time electronic payment such as credit cards and ACH debit are not accepted. Please check back on the park website for future changes.

Please read the following pages for location information and permit conditions before submitting your permit application.

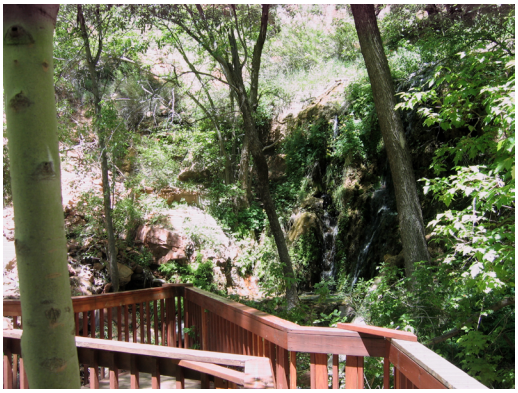
For additional information, you can contact the Special Park Use Office at 435-772-7820

Locations

The location you choose may depend on the size of your group - or vice versa. No wedding permits will be approved for any group larger than 100 persons, and some sites have further restrictions. Permits will not be approved for any other area than those described below. Also keep in mind that these are public areas and the park will not exclude or allow you to exclude other park visitors from the site during your ceremony.

Zion Canyon Area [group size limit]

Temple of Sinawava [35 people]



Menu Falls [10 people]

Zion Lodge Lawn [75 people]

Nature Center North Lawn [50 people]

Kolob Canyon Area [group size limit]

South Campground Amphitheater [100 people]

Timber Creek Overlook [20 people, 4 cars]

Sample Terms & Conditions

1. This permit does not guarantee exclusive use of an area. The area will remain open to the public during park visiting hours. Permit activities will not unduly interfere with other park visitors' use and enjoyment of the area. Visitors will be allowed to watch the wedding ceremony and activities.
2. Activities will be spot checked by NPS personnel for compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit and to ensure that no resource damage is occurring.
3. Foot travel will be restricted to established roadways and identified permitted trails.
4. No physical changes may be made to environment.
5. Any decorations will need prior approval.
6. Throwing of confetti, rice, birdseed and similar items is prohibited.
7. Releasing birds, butterflies, or other animals is prohibited.
8. Access to visitors may not be blocked or impeded by wedding activities. Use may be monitored for compliance.
9. Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas.
10. Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is closed to vehicles April through October. Access to this area is by shuttle bus only.
11. Use of any Zion Lodge facility requires prior approval from Lodge management. Please call Zion Lodge 435-772-3212.
12. Any trash must be removed from the area at the completion of the event.
13. No public address system or amplified music is permitted: (Re: 36CFR 2.12). Noise levels must not exceed normal speaking volumes.
14. Open fires are allowed only in designated sites.
15. Use of the Grotto picnic area or the Kolob Canyons picnic area for reception gatherings is on a first come, first serve basis. No portions thereof may be reserved.
16. Compliance with all terms and conditions of the National Park Service Special Use Permit and any additional instructions required by the NPS is mandatory.
17. Electrical power will not be furnished nor will generators be allowed.
18. Erecting of banners, signs, etc. is prohibited.
19. Food service is prohibited (except at designated picnic/camping areas).
20. A separate Commercial Photography Permit may be required depending on the complexity of the project.
21. Vehicles entering the park for the wedding are subject to the entrance fee. ($25 per private, non-commercial vehicle). Commercial vehicles are subject to the standard commercial entrance fees.
22. Chairs are permitted at Temple of Sinawava, Lodge Lawn and South Campground Amphitheater not to exceed the number of persons permitted at respective site. During the Shuttle operation season (roughly March-November), chairs must be folding chairs as regular chairs cannot be accommodated on the shuttle bus. Special permission to drive to event location to deliver chairs will not be permitted.

Live plants and/or flower arrangements are permitted provided that neither live plant or flower arrangements contain any seed pods whether dried or live.