California State Parks

The California State Park System is happy to make the use of this facility available for your wedding. Our primary objective at this unit is the interpretation to the public of a lifestyle and time period that may be incompatible with your event. We must ensure the integrity of this valuable resource so that all who visit in years to come will enjoy the history that it represents. To limit any expense to the public for your personal use of the grounds, the Department includes all costs associated with your event as part of the permitting process.

Adamson House Event Guidelines

Availability: March through November. We do not schedule events on State Holidays. We are currently booking the 2022 season.
❖ Saturday from 2 PM to 12 AM
❖ Sunday from 9a –9p, 10a-10p, 11a-11p (12 hour max.)
(These time constraints include set-up & clean-up of all rental equipment.)
❖ All events are exterior only.
❖ 200 guests maximum.
❖ Live music and a host bar is allowed.

Fees: $7,000.00 All permits are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a non-refundable deposit of $1,650.00. The remaining balance of $5,350.00 is due 30 days before your event.

Provided on the Grounds

Included in the price are five acres of historic gardens, patios, and lawns, all with an ocean front view; restrooms for your guests, a dressing room for the bride and two uniformed “Special Event Monitors.”

The Front Courtyard

The vast gardens allow you to choreograph your own special day. Many weddings begin with a greeting area overlooking the Malibu Lagoon moving to the Front Courtyard for the cocktail hour. These walls embrace the colorful gardens, which provide you with a sheltered view of the ocean.

Sycamore Lawn

Beyond the fragrant rose garden you will find the Sycamore lawn. Allow the majestic sycamore tree to shade your guests during your ceremony or while you’re serving cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. This rectangular lawn area comfortably seats 200 for dinner and dancing. The stone bench provides a perfect backdrop for your band or DJ. This beautiful garden setting with the brilliant Malibu Tile fountains offer a grand location for ceremonies and receptions. Electrical outlets lay beneath each palm tree and corner garden as your rental company can easily light this area for your evening event. This lawn area can hold 170 seated guests when you place your band or DJ in the upper BBQ patio. Additional tables can be placed on the lower lawn, which truly gives an ocean front view. This lower lawn area also makes for a perfect location to place your buffet tables.

Star Fountain Lawn

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A dressing room is provided in the pool house. The pool area is closed to all guests. To protect the historical site, the Peacock fountain patio is also closed for food and drinks.
The Historic Adamson House grounds are open 7 days a week from 8 am to sunset. For additional information, available dates and appointments, please contact the Special Events Coordinator at malibu.specialevents@parks.ca.gov.

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As the Permittee, you are responsible for the following:

Your caterer: Caterers are permitted to set up in the Neptune's fountain area. A plastic and astro turf covering must be placed on the patio to prevent staining. Your drains are old and can not withstand food, grease, and gray water accumulated from the events. Caterers are required to rinse dishes in Plastic totes and haul all gray water off the property. Catering staff will work closely with the State monitor to ensure regulations are being followed. The caterer in general is responsible for the final clean up of the property.

Party rental company: The party rental company will bring tables, chairs, lights, heaters, dance floors, generators etc. They will coordinate with the caterer in order to bring the proper cooking facilities for the kitchen area. The state requires a minimum of 5 rental staff on site to set up and clean up. (You will notice on Saturdays, you only have 2 1/2 hours to prepare for your party and 1 1/2 hours to get everything off the property.)**Please remember on Saturdays, no vehicles can arrive on the property until 2 PM. Public tours are still in progress, and it is imperative for the caterer and party rental company to keep all walkways clear.

Lights: You will need to light your reception area only. The state provides lighting along all walkways and to the main restroom building.

Electrical outlets—there are multiple outlets in each area. They are connected to the same circuit breaker and only provide 20 amps. For bands and special lighting, generators will be needed.

Tents: can only be used if rain is predicted. The state coordinator will work closely with you and the rental company.

Parking: There is no guest parking on the property. You will need to provide your guests with a parking lot, (2 blocks away) and a shuttle service. Valet service from the property is not permitted. Five parking spaces will be designated for you and immediate family members.

Alcohol: may be served but not sold. All California alcohol beverage laws are strictly enforced.

Insurance: Liability insurance of $1,000,000.00 is required.

Reference list: The state coordinator has a wonderful list of vendors that can help you coordinate your day.

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