

## **Commonly Asked Questions and Guidelines for Weddings at Roberts**

Prior to planning a wedding at the park, please visit the sites you are considering. If booking a wedding reservation within the redwood grove, Bay Vista and Madrone or Roberts Grove and Huckleberry are required to be booked together.

It is advisable for you to plan the start of your wedding early in the day due to limited parking. Roberts Park offers several rustic day use sites. Keep in mind when reserving a site that depending on the site you choose, the path to the sites may be on uneven terrain.

### **Rules and Regulations**

- Decorating of Redwood Trees is prohibited. The forest is a sensitive environment, and you must keep your distance from the trees for their health.
- No modifications to the landscape shall be made. This includes raking, picking up or moving plants or branches. You cannot rake the forest floor clear of natural debris for your event. All redwood duffs must stay in place.
- If you decorate around your picnic site or wedding site, all decorations, and small debris, (flower petals, small pieces of paper, confetti etc....) must be completely cleaned up or you risk losing your deposit. The following invasive plants living or dried are not allowed: Pampas Grass, Thistle (Italian, bull, artichoke), French Broom. No mylar balloons.
- Gas/propane generators are not allowed. Battery or solar generators are permitted.
- Amplified sound/music is not permitted. Battery powered radios, small Bluetooth-type speakers, and similar may be used but sound/music must not be heard more than 50 feet from your site.

### **Parking**

- We do not offer pre-paid parking for your guests. All guests are required to pay the \$5 fee for parking. No exceptions will be made.
- Parking is not guaranteed. We encourage you to provide a map of off-site parking, so your guests are not confused on the event date. Capacity of the parking lot is often reached by mid-day during summer months. Please encourage your guests to carpool or ride share.

### **Setup**

- You can set up chairs for the ceremony in between the sites that you reserved but cannot block access to other park users as trails meander through the redwood grove.
- All cooking must be done at the picnic sites. Food trucks are not allowed, and all food services must be provided in the site.
- On the occasion where the Park District has determined that there is HIGH or EXTREME FIRE DANGER, BBQ's and charcoal burning is not allowed. Use propane or gas-powered cooking stoves/grills. See the [ebparks.org](http://ebparks.org) website for alerts as they are updated regularly and often occur during JUNE-OCTOBER.
- Tiki torches and propane heaters are not permitted.
- Please advise all vendors that they will be required to bring chairs or other equipment into the grove without the use of a vehicle.
- Park staff WILL NOT provide rides to sites for guests, vendors, or park users.
- Per contract, reserved sites must be occupied by 10:30 am.
- Gate Closures fluctuate through the year. See the [ebparks.org](http://ebparks.org) for more information.