

ALABAMA'S  
**GULF**  
**STATE PARK**



# 2022 WEDDING GUIDE



# Welcome!

Thank you for visiting **Gulf State Park's Online Wedding Guide**.

The information and resources provided in this guide will provide everything you need to plan your beach destination wedding. Gulf State Park has several water front rental facilities.

The *Beach Pavilion*, located on the Gulf of Mexico, has a capacity of 200 guests, and is the most popular wedding venue.

There are additional wedding sites on the Gulf of Mexico at **Romar Beach, Cotton Bayou and Alabama Point**.

The **Activities Center**, located inside the Gulf State Park Campground, can accommodate up to 200 guests, has a view of Middle Lake, and is a perfect venue for wedding receptions.

For smaller gatherings, the **Education Building**, which is also in the campground, can host up to 50 guests and has a deck that overlooks Middle Lake. It is and is commonly used in combination with the nearby **Amphitheater**.

Happy Wedding Planning! We look forward to seeing you at Gulf State Park!

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251-948-7275 ext. 62101

# BEACH WEDDING PERMITS

Gulf State Park Beach Wedding Permits are **NOT** the same as a marriage license. For marriage licenses, please contact the **Baldwin County Probate Office** at **(251) 937-0260**.

A Gulf State Park Beach Wedding Permit is required for **ALL** weddings on Gulf State Park property. Even small, intimate gatherings.

Gulf State Park Beach Wedding Permits may be purchased up to one year in advance but should be purchased no later than one week in advance of wedding date. A Beach Wedding Permit may be acquired by contacting the **Special Events Department** at **251-948-7275, Ext. 62101**.

The fee for a Gulf State Park Beach Wedding Permit is **\$150.00**. Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express is accepted. There are **no refunds** but the date may be changed one time.

The form is titled "Gulf State Park Wedding Permit" and features a background image of a beach with a starfish and coral. It includes fields for Name, Applicant or Wedding Planner, Date of Ceremony, Time of Ceremony, Beach Access, and Number of Guests. There is also a section for "Approved by:" and a "Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_" field. The Gulf State Park logo is in the top left corner, and "Gulf State Park Special Events" is at the bottom right.

 **GULF STATE PARK**

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

***Gulf State Park Wedding Permit***

**Name:**

**Applicant or Wedding Planner:**

**Date of Ceremony:**

**Time of Ceremony:**

**Beach Access:**

**Number of Guests:**

**Approved by:**

**Gulf State Park Special Events**

# BEACH WEDDING GUIDELINES

All beach access areas are open to the public. Several beach weddings may be going on at one time. Please note that we do not designate a certain area for your ceremony. It is handled on a first come, first serve basis.

The wedding set up must be at least **40 feet to the left or the right of the boardwalk.**

The following are **NOT** allowed at any Gulf State Park Beach Wedding location:

**fire or fireworks of any type (includes sparklers)**

**Chinese Lanterns**

**alcohol**

**glass containers**

**loud music**

**motorized vehicles on beach**

**foot traffic in sand dunes**

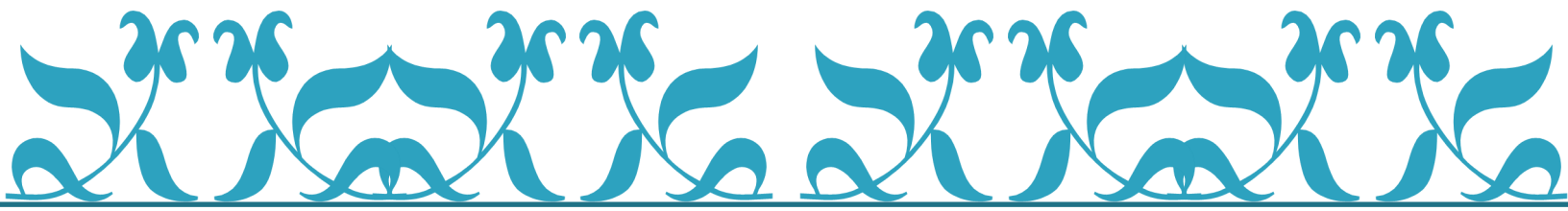
**cooking**

**animals**

Throws need to be biodegradable (bird seed, or bubbles).

Items placed on beach must be removed promptly after ceremony.

All beach accesses close at sundown.



# **BEACH WEDDING ACCESS POINTS**



# BEACH PAVILION

22250 East Beach Boulevard, Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542



## Boardwalk 1

Pavilion Reservations\*

Activities Center Reservation Beach Site\*

Education Building Reservation Beach Site\*

**\*Beach Site/Wedding Permit Fee \$200**

## Boardwalk 2

Big Day Weddings

Sand Dollar Beach Weddings

I Do Gulf Weddings

Sun Coast Beach Weddings

## Boardwalk 3

Paradise Beach Weddings

All the Details

Your Dream Beach Wedding

At the Beach Wedding

# ROMAR BEACH

24522 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach, Alabama 36561



**Weddings available after 5 PM**  
**No Setup Allowed - 10 Guests Maximum**  
**Location Fee/Wedding Permit \$250.00**

# COTTON BAYOU

25900 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach, Alabama 36561



**Weddings available after 5 PM**  
**Setup Allowed - 50 Guests Maximum**  
**Location Fee/Wedding Permit \$600.00**



# ALABAMA POINT EAST

27556 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach, Alabama 36561



## Boardwalk 1

Gulf Shores Wedding Chapel

White Sands Weddings and Events

## Boardwalk 2

Something Blue Beach Weddings

## Boardwalk 3

Permitted Weddings\*

# SHELL BEACH

East Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach, Alabama 36561



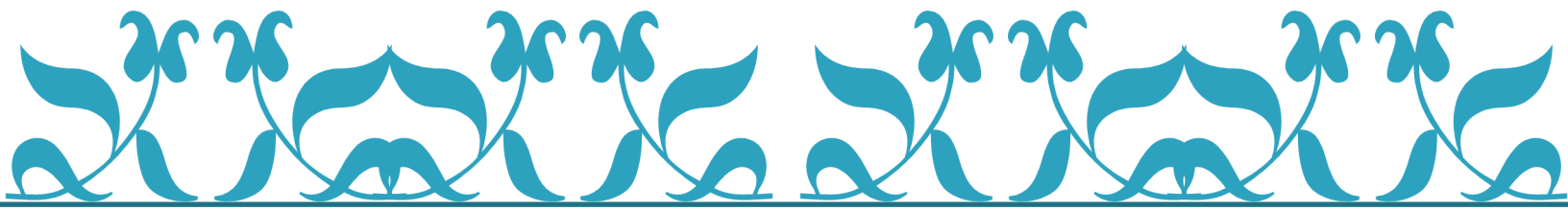
## Boardwalk 1

Beach Dream Weddings

Beach Weddings Alabama

Elegance at the Beach

Bella Weddings by the Sea



# RENTAL FACILITIES



# BEACH PAVILION

22250 East Beach Blvd., Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542



**Rental times: 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**Rental Rates: April 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> \$750**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> \$450**

**Tables: 10-15 wooden picnic tables**

**Capacity: 200 guests**

**The Beach Pavilion is the perfect venue for wedding receptions! Rental options are available 7 days a week (except major holiday weekends).**

# ACTIVITIES CENTER



Rental Times: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Rental Rates: Monday-Sunday \$325

Capacity: 200

The Activities Center is the perfect place to host a wedding and reception that won't break the bank! Located in the campground with a view of Middle Lake, this facility has a warming kitchen and includes the use of tables and chairs.

**22118 Campground Rd., Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542**

# EDUCATION BUILDING

22210 Campground Rd., Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542



Rental Times: 3:00p p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Rental Rates: Monday-Sunday \$325

Tables: 10 – 60 inch round tables

Chairs: 75 chairs

Capacity: 50

The Education Building is a gorgeous venue is right next to the Nature Center and includes the use of tables, chairs, and a beautiful covered deck. It makes the perfect location for a corporate meeting or small catered event.

# AMPHITHEATER

22210 Campground Rd., Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542



Rental Times: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Rental Rates: Monday-Sunday \$103

Chairs: Permanent seating for 72

Looking for an outdoor event venue that's near the beach, but without all the sand? Look no further! The Amphitheater is located right next to our Education Building and makes the perfect location for an outdoor wedding with a reception venue in walking distance.