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## **COTTON BAYOU BEACH ACCESS WEDDING RESERVATION AND GUIDELINES**

For reservations, please contact Special Events  
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Email: [gulfevents.statepark@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:gulfevents.statepark@dcnr.alabama.gov)

### **LOCATION FEE AND INFORMATION**

Cotton Bayour location Site Fee is \$600.00 Friday through Sunday. Wedding Permit is included.

Weddings are available after 5:00 PM. Beaches close at sundown.

A maximum of 50 Guests

Set ups allowed.

Cotton Bayou Beach Access is not available on major holidays.

Any outside vendor (i.e. commercial photographer) must obtain a Special Event Vendors Permit. The cost is \$40.00 and must be obtained through the Special Events Office before the date of the event.



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## **RESERVATIONS**

All signed paperwork must be received before a reservation is made. A \$100.00 **non-refundable** deposit must be made at the time of the reservation. The balance is due 60 days in advance of the wedding. No refunds will be issued inside 60 days.

In case of inclement weather a reschedule date will be issued, but no refund.

## **GENERAL RULES**

Cotton Bayou Beach Access is open to the public, and beach guests have the right of way. No one can be asked to move, and the wedding ceremony cannot impede beach traffic.

Wedding ceremony must be held 40 feet to the left or right of the boardwalk.

No smoking (including vaping)

No pets

No fire or fireworks of any type (including sparklers)

No alcohol

No glass containers

No loud music

No drones

No motorized vehicles on beach

No foot traffic in sand dunes

Throws need to be biodegradable (flowers, bird seed, or bubbles) Rice cannot be used as throws.

No artificial flowers are to be put on beach.

No balloons, Chinese wishing lanterns (or any decoration being sent off in the air or water) are allowed.

Leave no trace- All items, trash etc. must be removed promptly after wedding ceremony.

