

ALABAMA'S
GULF
STATE PARK



2020 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 Building**, 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!

gulfevents.statepark@dcnr.alabama.gov

251-948-7275 ext. 2099

WEDDING PERMITS

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

Gulf State Park 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 Wedding Permit may be acquired by contacting the **Special Events Department at 251-948-7275, Ext. 2099.**

The fee for a Gulf State Park Wedding Permit is **\$150.00**. Visa, MasterCard, 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 waves and a large starfish. The Gulf State Park logo is in the top left corner. The form includes fields for Permit No., Name, Applicant or Wedding Planner, Date of Ceremony, Time of Ceremony, Beach Access, and Number of Guests. There is a line for "Approved by:" and the text "Gulf State Park Special Events" at the bottom right.

 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 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**

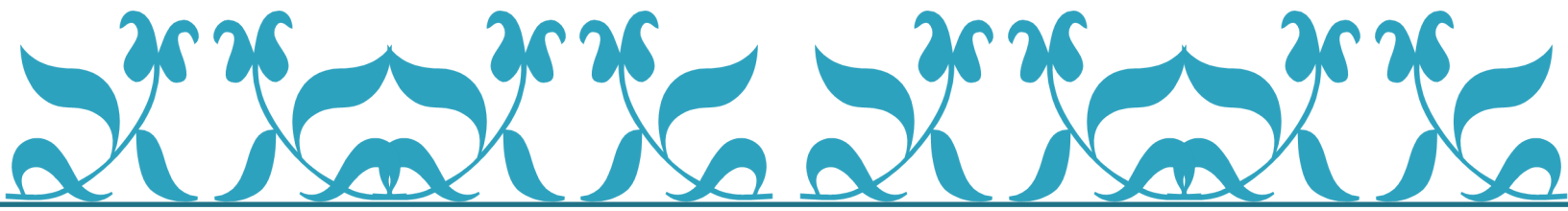
- cooking**

- 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

Gulf Beach Weddings

Pavilion Reservations*

Activities Building 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

Boardwalk 2

Boardwalk 3

Weddings by Permit*

***Beach Location/Wedding Permit Fee \$600**

SHELL BEACH

East Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach, Alabama 36561



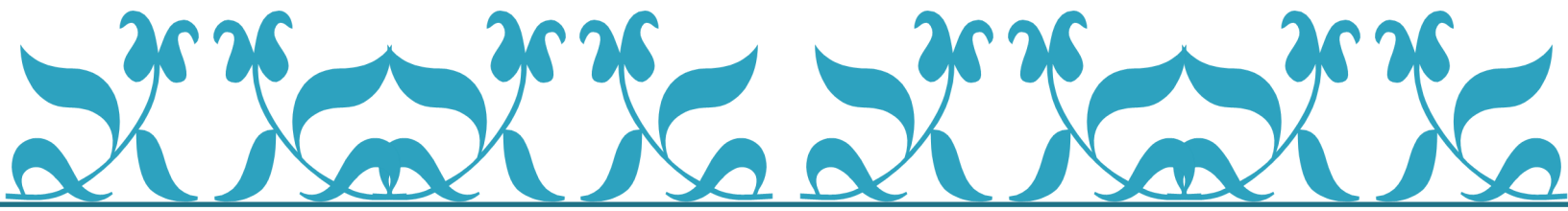
Boardwalk 1

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 1st – October 31st \$700

November 1st – March 31st \$400

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 BUILDING

22118 Campground Rd., Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542



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

Rental Rates: Monday-Thursday \$205

Friday-Sunday \$307

Tables: 15 - 6ft rectangular tables Chairs: 125 grey chairs

Capacity: 200

The Activities Building 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 open facility features a beautiful fireplace, convenient kitchen, and includes the use of tables and chairs.

EDUCATION BUILDING

22210 Campground Rd., Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542



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

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

AMPHITHEATER

22210 Campground Rd., Gulf Shores, Alabama 36542



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

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.



PREFERRED VENDORS

Please refer to our [Wedding Planner Guide](#) and [Vendor Guide](#) to browse your options for wedding planners, photographers, caterers, and more!

The vendors listed in this guide are participants in the Gulf State Park Preferred Vendors program. Each vendor has provided documentation that meet Gulf State Park's criteria for doing business in Gulf State Park.

Outside vendors must obtain a Special Events Vendor Permit. The cost of the permit is \$40.00 per event, and may be purchased through Gulf State Park's Special Event Department by email at gulfevents.statepark@dcnr.alabama.gov, or by telephone at 251-948-7275, ext. 92127 or 92128.

