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

For reservations, please contact Special Events

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LOCATION FEE AND INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS

Cotton Bayou location Site Fee is \$674.00 plus a \$5.25 Reservation Fee. Monday through Sunday. Beach Wedding Permit is included. **Parking is not included.**

Wedding ceremony must be held 40 feet to the left or right of boardwalk 1 at Cotton Bayou. Wedding ceremony time should be after 5PM, beaches close at sundown.

A maximum of 100 Guests

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.

All signed paperwork must be received before a reservation is made.

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.

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.