

WASHINGTON OAKS GARDENS STATE PARK

WEDDING GUIDELINES

- A permit is REQUIRED for ALL weddings and wedding photography held at the Park.
- Weddings may be reserved between the hours of 9am and 2pm. Choose a firm start time. Latest start time is 2pm.
- Your reservation is NOT confirmed until the full payment is received, and written confirmation is authorized by the Park. Do NOT make plans until your confirmation is received.
- Reservations may only be booked ten (10) months out. (No more than 10 months from your date)
- Payments may either be mailed with a check information to the Park address on the Permit Request form or telephone the Park Services Specialist at (386) 446-6783 to make your payment via credit card.
- For weddings held between November 15th through December 31st, please note the gardens will be decorated for the holiday season. Poinsettias and decorations will be planted around the Octagon area.
- Roses are cut back hard around February 1st and will not be in bloom until around mid-April.
- All activities, changing of clothing, and or gatherings of bridal party or large crowds are NOT permitted inside the Visitor Center Museum or inside the Gift Shop.
- Food/Drinks are PROHIBITED in the Formal Gardens.
- Alcohol is NOT permitted anywhere at the Park.
- Chair rentals, decorations, and awnings are the responsibility of the paying party. You are welcome to bring your own or rent them from an outside vendor rental company.
- It is your responsibility to remove any decorations, rental items, etc. from the Park
- Nails, push pins, staples, screws or any adhesive device/material to adhere decorations are STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
- Decor and lights may NOT be hung from any trees, branches or vegetation. Party may be held liable for any damage to Park property.
- Music is permitted. Electricity is available at the Octagon. Please respect the Park and other park visitors in choosing your music volume level and be sure it is suitable for all ages.
- In order to preserve the natural environment of the Park, confetti, rice, glitter, balloons, dropping fake or real flower petals, smoke bombs, or introduction of any foreign materials, or the release of live birds, butterflies or any animal are PROHIBITED.
- Vehicles are not permitted to drive on ANY of the footpaths in the gardens, please give this driving information to your rental companies, musicians, florists, limousine drivers and vendors, etc.
- The park does not offer tours of wedding areas. Please visit for self-guided tours during normal park hours.
- Use of drones are NOT permitted.

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- Restrooms are located across from the Garden Parking Lot and at the Visitor Center.
- Dispose of all litter in the trash receptacles. This is crucial to the ecosystem.
- Pets are NOT permitted in the Gardens or on the Beach.
- Please ask all guests, vendors and bridal party members to stay on designated pathways. Pathways are roughly 5 feet wide, so any 'paths' in the gardens that are much more narrow are NOT designated approved pathways.
- Be considerate of other Park guests and refrain from blocking the pathways.
- All vehicles must park in the designated parking areas. Parking will be available within the Garden Parking and Overflow Parking will be permitted along the road shoulders (past the main parking).
- Special arrangements such as; set up, music, etc., must be discussed with and approved by the Park before this reservation can be confirmed.
- The Park has no indoor facilities for special events. In the event of inclement weather prepare to have a back-up plan. We suggest securing an off-site location in the event of severe weather.
- If a cancellation is required, a two-week notice must be received for a refund. Please return your ORIGINAL receipt that was mailed to you. Allow up to four (4) weeks for refund processing. A \$5.00 administrative fee may be deducted.
- Cutting or pulling of any flower, including roses, is PROHIBITED.
- The Park and its representatives assume no responsibility for any property placed on the premises or any property that is left on the premises after the event is over.
- ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS, including professionals, wedding guests, and wedding party, MUST STAY ON PATHWAYS. Photography is NOT permitted in Garden beds or off pathways while in Formal Gardens. No photography is allowed in the dune system on beach side. These are extremely sensitive ecosystems. Please help us protect this beautiful Park and all its natural resources.
- The Park reserves the right to make renovations and modifications to its facilities at any time and is not liable for alteration or inconvenience to previously intended plans/events.
- Reservation is subject to cancellation with little to no advance notice due to unforeseeable events such as virus-related issues; high wind, flood, hurricane and tropical storm warnings; state of emergency statutes and park damage; etc.
- Party may be held liable for damage to Park property by any guest, family, children, vendor or attendee.

