About Park Weddings

Portland Parks & Recreation has more than 180 parks and gardens that can be reserved for weddings and/or receptions.

City Code requires that a permit be obtained for any wedding in a public park where guests are invited (parties consisting of more than just the couple, officiant and two witnesses).

While weddings may be scheduled in a picnic site, receptions cannot be scheduled in a wedding garden.

Please remember our parks belong to everyone and all are welcome to enjoy them. Areas cannot be roped off or otherwise isolated from general public access.

At most outdoor locations, birdseed and bubbles are the only items approved for showering the happy couple after they have taken their vows. Only bubbles are permitted in the Washington Park Rose Gardens. Rice may not be used in any park site.

General Rules & Information

Please leave your area clean and remove your garbage so that the next wedding party can find the area ready for their ceremony.

Decorations are not allowed in the wedding gardens.

Tents, canopies and awnings are not allowed in wedding gardens, however, they may be allowed at other park sites with the park supervisor's approval. If approved, the permittee must supply these items.

Weddings are not permitted at the Japanese Gardens, Natural Areas, Portland International Raceway or the municipal golf courses.

It is unlawful to possess or consume alcoholic beverages in any Portland park without a permit.

Food and/or beverages are not allowed in the wedding gardens unless they are an integral part of the ceremony and only for the couple's consumption.

If you have a portable music player, remember to keep the sound at a level that will not disturb other park users. Noise that is only audible within the boundaries of your area is acceptable. Additional restrictions apply at some locations.

If you are planning to have live entertainment with amplified sound, use a PA system, or have other exceptions to a simple outdoor wedding, you will need a Special Use Permit as well as a Noise Variance Permit. The Noise Permit is issued by the Noise Control Officer at 503-823-7350.

Reservations

Wedding permits are issued for the current calendar year only. **Reservations are taken beginning the first business day of the new year** and are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Walk-in customers are given priority.

Reservations for receptions at a picnic site can be made in conjunction with wedding reservations. If you are planning a park reception only, please see our Picnic Brochure.

Reservations may be made:

In person:
PP&R Customer Service Center
1120 SW 5th Ave. First Floor
Portland, OR 97204
Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00AM – 5:30 PM
(Visa, MasterCard, Cash, Check, or Money Order)

By phone:
503-823-2525 (Visa or MasterCard)
Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 5:15PM

By Fax:
503-823-2515
Please download our Picnic Site Application at www.PortlandParks.org
(Visa or MasterCard)

Peninsula Park Rose Garden Gazebo

Fees

$80	Application/Processing Fee This fee is non-refundable and is in addition to usage fees.
$160	Rush Application/Processing Fee This fee is applied when booked less than 10 business days prior to the wedding. This fee is non-refundable and is in addition to usage fees
$160	Wedding in a park (or as indicated)
$25	Electricity Fee (where available)
$125	Hoyt Arboretum Damage Deposit (refundable)
$100	Key Deposit (refundable if returned no more than 48 hours after the event)

Please see the Picnic Brochure for fees and conditions when scheduling a reception at one of our picnic sites.

Wedding Gardens

Due to their popularity, these sites should be reserved well in advance. Weddings scheduled in our wedding gardens are limited to simple, stand-up wedding ceremonies. A small number of chairs may be permitted for elderly and/or disabled guests. Chairs must be flat-footed and supplied by the permittee.

The gardens may be reserved for your ceremony during one of the following three time periods:

10:00am – 12:00pm
2:00pm – 4:00pm
6:00pm – 8:00pm

The times before, between and after must remain available to the public and cannot be reserved.

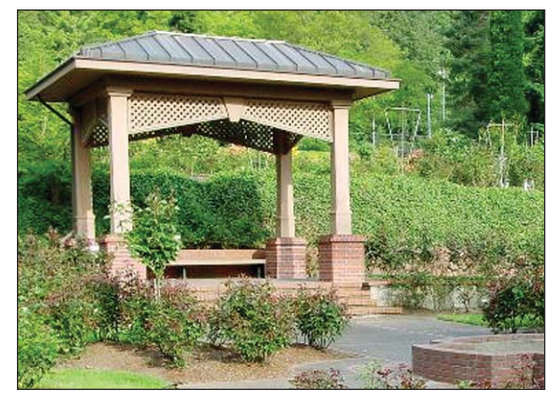
WASHINGTON PARK
The wedding gardens are located in the heart of beautiful Washington Park at 400 SW Kingston Blvd.

- **Gold Medal Garden**.....$400
  (Limit 25 people, 6 chairs on the hard surface only)
- **Shakespeare Garden**.....$600
  (Limit 75 people, 12 chairs on the hard surface only)

The Washington Park Rose Gardens are not available for weddings during the Rose Festival or Washington Park Concert Series. Vehicle access, amplified sound, tents, canopies and awnings are prohibited at all times.

PENINSULA PARK
This rose garden is one of Portland's most beautiful formal rose gardens with 8,900 plants spanning two-acres. The garden entrance is located on N Albina Ave. between Ainsworth & Rosa Parks Way.

- **Rose Garden & Gazebo**.....$600
  (Limit 100 people, 12 chairs)



Washington Park Gold Medal Garden

Other Featured Gardens & Locations

There are other parks and gardens for your outdoor wedding that may be scheduled during park hours. Only one wedding is allowed per park per day, except at the Peninsula and Washington Park Rose Gardens. Due to their popularity, these sites should be reserved well in advance.

- **Mt. Tabor Summit** $275
  SE 60 Ave. & Salmon St.
  (Limit 100 people, 12 chairs)
- **Hoyt Arboretum**
  $125 refundable security deposit
  ****$100 refundable key deposit for access***
  4000 SW Fairview Blvd. (Limit 100 people)
  Hoyt Meadow $177
  Hoyt Picnic Shelter $457
  Redwood Deck $177
  .....(with Meadow).....$97
  Classroom* open hours $51/hr
  (M-F 9am-4pm Sat 11am-3pm)
  Classroom* after hours $66/hr
- **Portland Memory Garden** $201
  SE 99 Ave. & SE Powell Blvd.
  (Limit 100 people, 12 chairs)
- **Washington Park Amphitheater** ..$1500
  400 SW Kingston Blvd.
  (Limit 2000 people, built in raised seating)
- **Mt. Tabor Amphitheater** $500
  SE Salmon St. east of SE 60 Ave.
  (Limit 500 people, benches for 80 provided)

Portland Memory Garden

- **Cathedral Park Amphitheater** $500
  N Edison St. & Pittsburg Ave.
  (Flexible capacity, chairs on hard surface)
- **Cathedral Park Stairs** $200
  N Edison St. & Pittsburg Ave.
  (Flexible capacity, chairs - ask)
- **Rocky Butte Summit** $160
  (Limit 100 people, no chairs)
- **Council Crest Summit** $275
  (Limit 100 people, chairs on hard surface)
- **South Waterfront Park** $300
  (Limit 150 people, chairs on hard surface)

Cancellation & Rescheduling

You may cancel your permit prior to the scheduled event date or reschedule your event once without paying an additional non-refundable Application/ Processing Fee by contacting the Customer Service Center during business hours. Upon notification, your permit will be cancelled or rescheduled. Upon cancellation, the Permitee will delete or dispose of the cancelled/rescheduled permit as it is no longer valid*.
Refunds may be issued under the following cancellation guidelines:

- Contact the Customer Service Center at least 3 business days before your event to receive a full refund of all but the Application/ Processing fee.
- Contact the Customer Service Center less than 3 business days prior to your event and receive a 50% refund of all but the Application/Processing Fee.

* If you are found using a cancelled permit, you will be billed for the original cost of the rental and assessed a fine equal to the cost of the original rental. Accounts with unpaid balances due to fines will be forwarded to collections for recovery.

Additional Locations

Please contact each of the following sites for information on fees, rules and availability. You may also view our website for additional venues at www.PortlandParks.org.

Leach Botanical Garden
6704 SE 122 Ave., 503-823-9503
The Manor House at Leach Botanical Garden features a Great Room with heavy wooden beams, fireplace, piano and french doors leading to an outdoor terrace. 50 to 70 people can be comfortably accommodated inside. The capacity is slightly higher when utilizing the adjacent outdoor terrace. Kitchen facilities, serving area and dressing rooms are available as well.

Oaks Pioneer Church / SMILE Station
455 SE Spokane St., 503-233-1497
SMILE Station, 503-234-3570

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
SE 28 Ave. & Woodstock Blvd., 503-771-8386
Located on the east side of the Eastmoreland Golf Course, this lovely seven-acre garden provides a beautiful setting for weddings and receptions.

World Forestry Center
4033 SW Canyon Rd., 503-488-2101
Located just west of the Oregon Zoo.

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How to Reserve a Park for Your Wedding

- **Rates & Fees Effective January 1, 2013**
- **Portland Parks & Recreation Customer Service Center - 503-823-2525**

Cathedral Park Stairs

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