

# Weddings and other Ceremonies in Death Valley National Park

Weddings and other ceremonies are permitted in Death Valley National Park in a number of locations. Some of the more popular sites are:

- Dante's View
- Zabriskie Point
- Breakfast Canyon—semi-private location

A visit to the park is highly recommended prior to finalizing your plans in order to decide on a site for your ceremony.

The ceremony permit does not allow your event to restrict other park visitors from your chosen location nor does it guarantee you exclusive use of a specific site. It is recommended that you avoid sites that attract a large number of visitors, or schedule your ceremony for early or late in the day, and/or on weekdays, when there are fewer visitors in the area. The wedding or ceremony party is allowed up to two hours for the event.

Visit the state of California's website for information about marriage licenses at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/birthdeathmar/Pages/MarriageLicenseceremonygeneralinfo.aspx>

## Costs:

- A special park use permit along with a non-refundable application fee of \$210 is required.
- An additional charge of approximately \$35.00 per hour will be incurred for an Event Monitor.
- Entrance fees into the park are not waived for either ceremony participants or guests.
- A certificate of general liability in the amount of \$1,000,000US listing the United States of America as additional insured is required.

## Special Park Conditions:

- Guest limit is a maximum of 50 people.
- Butterfly releases, and all other living and/or inanimate object releases or dispersal, including birdseed and rice, are prohibited. Food items provide an unnatural food source for park wildlife.
- The use of balloons or any other type of decorations will not be authorized. Event or directional signs are not allowed
- Chairs, tables or other furniture are not allowed at the ceremony site. Consideration is given to those with special needs.
- The Code of Federal Regulations (36CFR 2.12), addresses audio disturbances and prohibits the following: use of radio, television sets, tape deck or musical instruments, in a manner that

exceeds a noise level of 60 decibels measured on the A-weighted scale at 50 feet. No amplified music or public address systems are allowed

- All vehicles (including motorcycles) must be parked in designated parking areas only; no off-road traffic. Car-pooling is recommended and may be required at specific locations. Vehicle limits are imposed at some locations.
- Pets are not allowed at any ceremony sites.
- Special conveyances, including but not limited to horse drawn carriages and hot air balloons, are prohibited.
- Park Rangers strictly enforce all laws relating to excessive drinking. Permittee and guests must comply with all applicable federal, state and county regulations.