



Weddings at Haleakalā National Park

Haleakalā volcano is a marriage of light and stone, clouds and forest, ancient and contemporary. It inspires awe and requires contemplation. The serenity of the mountain affects all who take the time to experience wonder. Weddings at Haleakalā are small affairs conducted amidst the natural beauty of one of the jewels of our nation. Lovers of nature and beauty may choose this place to wed because they are drawn by the splendor and natural silence of this majestic landscape.

A permit is required to hold a wedding in the national park. Follow the guidelines outlined here to ensure that your Special Use Permit is in place in time for your special occasion.

Application

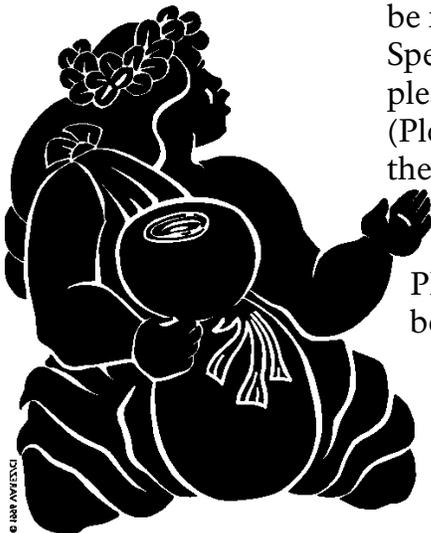
A Special Use Permit is required for any ceremony in the park. For a simple ceremony with no chairs or set-up needed, the application and application fee of \$100 must be received at least two weeks prior to the requested date. For ceremonies requiring set up (including chairs, etc.) a minimum of four weeks is necessary. Until a Special Use Permit is approved and issued, the requested date and location can not be guaranteed.

Your application fee includes the initial two hours spent on your application including administrative costs incurred to communicate with applicant, park staff, wedding coordinator, etc. Additional fees will be incurred for any additional time necessary at the rate of \$50 per hour. Monitoring fees of \$50 per hour, per monitor (including travel time to permit location) may also be incurred, depending on location. Monitors are typically required for any approved wedding permit that is complex in nature or is held in a location where there is a concern of impact to archeological sites or endangered species.

Applications are available on the park website (in the Permits section) and must be mailed with the application fee via USPS to: Haleakalā National Park, Attn: Special Park Use Manager, PO Box 369, Makawao HI 96768. If you use UPS please use the following address: Mile Marker 11, Crater Road, Kula HI 96790. (Please do not use FedEx, DHL, or Airborne Express as they DO NOT deliver to the park.) Applications will be accepted by fax, however processing will not begin until the original signed application and fee have been received.

Please read the following pages for location information and permit conditions before submitting your permit application.

For additional information, you can contact the Special Park Use Manager at 808-572-4440 or email HALE_Commercial_Manager@nps.gov



Locations

The location you choose may depend on the size of your group - or vice versa. No wedding permits will be approved for any group larger than 25 persons, and some sites have further restrictions. Permits will not be approved for ceremony sites within the Wilderness Area (including wilderness cabins and campgrounds), or for the Ka`apahu or `Ālelele areas near Kīpahulu.

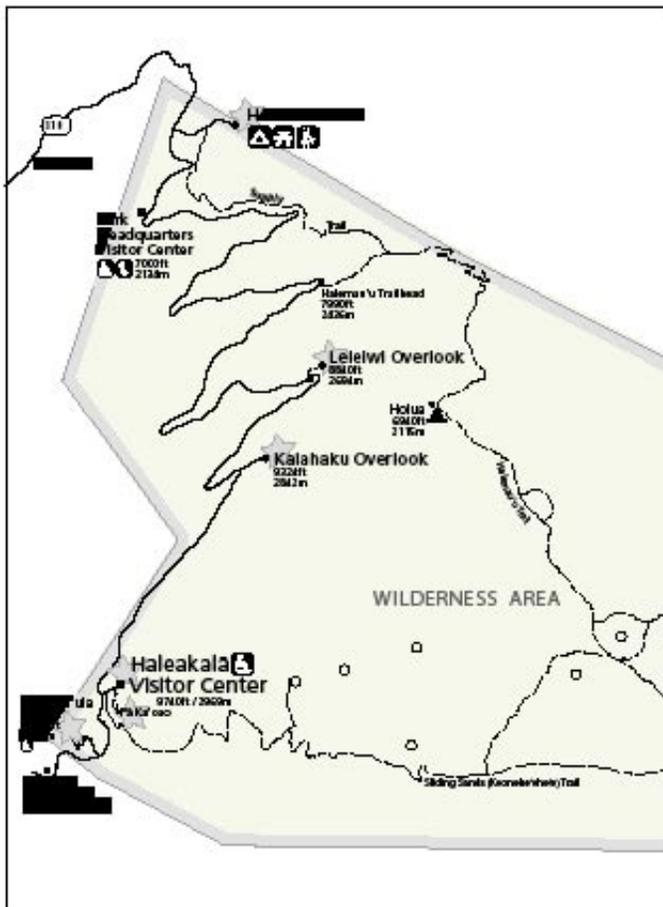
Also keep in mind that these are public areas and the park will not exclude or allow you to exclude other park visitors from the site during your ceremony.

Summit Area Sites [group size limit]

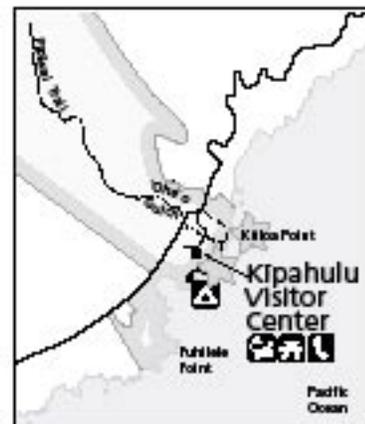
Pu`u`ula`ula (Red Hill) [25 people]
 Haleakalā Visitor Center area [25]
 Pā Ka`oao (White Hill) [15]
 Kalahaku Overlook [20]
 Leleiwi Overlook [15]
 Hosmer Grove Campground
 & Picnic Area [25]

Kīpahulu Area [group size limit]

Kūloa Point [15 people]
 Kūloa Loop Trail [5-25 location dependent]
 Coastal Trail from Kuloa Point
 to Campground [25]



Summit Area



Kīpahulu Area

Terms & Conditions

1. The safety of the public, park employees, and individuals involved with the special use activity will be a prime consideration at all times.
 2. Weddings cannot interfere with normal visitor activity in any manner nor deny them access to any facility normally open to the public; expect that there will be other visitors present.
 3. Vehicle or foot travel off designated roadways, walkways, sidewalks, or trails is prohibited.
 4. Native materials will not be used for props except as a natural backdrop.
 5. Throwing or scattering of rice, bird seed, flowers, confetti, streamers, or other litter is prohibited. All plant, flower material, decorations and trash shall be removed by the permittee.
 6. Electrical power will not be furnished nor will generators be allowed. Audio devices (e.g. electrified musical instruments, P.A. systems, tape players, etc.) are prohibited. Non-amplified musical instruments that do not impact the visitor experience may be considered in some locations -- e.g. flute, violin, ukulele.
 7. Erecting of banners, signs, etc. is prohibited.
 8. Food service is prohibited (except at designated picnic/camping areas).
 9. Vehicles entering the park for the wedding are subject to the entrance fee (\$10 per private, non-commercial vehicle). Commercial vehicles are subject to standard commercial entrance fees.
 10. A separate Commercial Photography Permit may be required depending on the complexity of the project.
 11. If in doubt about any proposed action, the permittee shall consult with the Wedding Coordinator and Special Park Use Manager prior to initiating the action. Failure to do so will not absolve the permittee from responsibility for their actions.
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