

Weddings In Rodney District Parks, Reserves or on the Beach

Customer Factsheet - June 2008

To hold your wedding ceremony in an ARC parks and reserves

Contact ARC on ... 0800 80 60 40

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Contact RDC Call Centre on ... 0800 426 5169

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to book a public park for a wedding ceremony?

Yes, you do need to book parks or reserves for wedding ceremonies. However, please note that a booking does not give exclusive use of the area. The benefit of booking the area is that we will not give permission for any other events in the area at the time of the wedding and also ensures the grass won't be cut whilst you are saying 'I do'.

How do I book it?

The Wedding Application Form is a simple one page form which you can access on the RDC external website in the Forms/Events section. Post the completed form to the address on the form a minimum four to six weeks on advance please.

How long does it take to get a permit?

Usually up to 3-4 weeks from time of application. Contact the Events Administrator at any time regarding the status of your application.

Can I have my wedding reception on public land?

RDC permit the ceremony only on public land, not the reception

What would happen if someone else was using the area?

You can use your permit to ask people to move along for the period your permit specifies, though you must maintain public access to the general area.

What costs are involved in having a wedding on park or reserve land

The Council does not currently charge for using public grounds for a wedding ceremony.

What happens if it rains?

We recommend that you organise an alternative venue in case of rain.

Can we have seating for our guests?

This is at the discretion of Parks staff and dependent on weather conditions and you would need to provide it.

Can we use a wedding arch?

Yes, providing it is free standing and would not damage the grounds.

What power supplies are available?

There are power supplies in some parks or reserves which can be used with approval from the Parks staff. Extension leads must be provided by the hirer.

However, if you require power it is best to use a generator or battery power as most parks do not have access to a power source.

Can we serve alcohol?

At the discretion of the council your wedding guests may toast the happy couple, though you may not sell alcohol nor hold your reception on public land.

Can we use confetti?

No, as the area must be left in the same condition as it was found.

Can we use candles?

Anything of this nature would have to be enclosed so as not to cause any damage to the surrounding area (e.g. use candle holders so wax does not drip).

Also this may be a safety hazard so is not encouraged, however ultimately this is at the discretion of the Parks staff.

Can you recommend some parks, reserves or beaches we can use?

The call centre has a reference list of parks and reserves considered to be ideal locations for weddings and photographs because of their natural beauty and location.

It is not a complete list of parks and reserves in the Rodney District but will give the customer some initial ideas.

Contact

The Development Advisor, Events at Rodney District Council is happy to answer any further wedding related queries on 0800 426 5169