



Riverside at the Lagoon, part of Carmel River State Beach located at Scenic and Carmel Streets in Carmel.

Wedding Rock above Middle Beach section of Carmel River State Beach; accessible from Ribera Road



Special Event Information

for Weddings, Catered Lunches, Dinner Parties, Corporate Gatherings

Reservations may be made up to two (2) years in advance of the requested event date. A request date will be tentatively held for (14) fourteen calendar days to allow an applicant to fill out the Special Event Application, and the pay processing fee. After the processing fee is paid, State Parks will request additional information in order to complete the special event permit. If the nonrefundable processing fee is not received within fourteen days, the event will be removed from the calendar. The requested date is not reserved until all paperwork and a special event permit is officially signed by the Sector Superintendent.



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Description of Premises

Carmel River State Beach is located south of the city of Carmel. The beach offers scenic views, sandy beaches, and rocky bluffs overlooking Carmel Bay. Specific locations located within Carmel River State Beach include Stewart's Cove, the river mouth and lagoon adjacent to the parking lot at Carmel and Scenic Drives, the Rock Outcropping, Middle Beach, and Monastery Beach.

Garrapata Beach on the west side of Highway 1 is eight miles south of Rio Road on Highway 1. The sandy beach and rocky outcroppings are magnificent. There is a long trail from the highway to the stairs that take you down to the beach.

Monterey State Beaches include the beach adjacent to The Beach Resort at Canyon del Rey and Highway 1, and Marina State Beach.

Facility Information

Capacity: The Rock Outcropping accessible from Ribera Road has a 50 person limit. All other beach locations have a 200 person capacity.

No Specific area with the venue is reserved for your event. We do not schedule more than one event for a specific time period. If you desire a specific location, please arrive early to secure the location.

Insurance - insurance is required for all events.

Availability: Year round at all locations except Marina State Beach. No events permitted during Snowy Plover nesting season: March through September.

Use Periods: Beach parking lots close at 1/2 hour after sunset. The beaches are closed to public access at 10:00 P.M..

Fires: Warming fires may not exceed 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft. Fires are permitted at Carmel River State Beach only at the Middle Beach and Monastery sections. No fires are permitted from the river mouth to Stewart's Cove, or at Monterey and Marina State Beaches.

Alcohol: Alcoholic beverages are permitted on the beach. You must be 21 years of age to consume alcohol.

Restrooms: Restrooms are available at south Monastery Beach, at the parking lot for Carmel River State Beach, at Monterey State Beach (Seaside), and Marina State Beach. Additional portable sanitary facilities for events are the responsibility of the permit holder.

Music: The volume of electronic equipment, speakers, and other devices used to amplify sound may not extend beyond the permitted area. The State shall be the sole judge of the sound level.

Trash: Garbage / charcoal collection and removal is the permit holder's responsibility.

Parking: Vehicles under the authority of the permit holder shall park in designated areas only.

Fees and Deposits

Wedding only: \$100

2 hour permit. Rate is for a simple wedding with no decorations, props, or musicians.

Wedding with Props: \$200

4 hour permit. Rate is for events with awnings, chairs, decorations, arches, props, and musicians.

Special Events: \$300

Receptions, banquets, luncheons, etc. for the first 4 hours and a monitor fee.

Event Deposit: \$100 to \$1000 (refundable)

The event deposit maybe forfeited due to damage of the facility, failure to adhere to the terms of the permit, or failure to clean sufficiently.

Monitor Fee: A monitor is required by State Parks for all events of 100 or more people and 50 or more if alcohol is being served.. The fee is **\$30 per hour**, minimum four hours. For certain events a Peace Officer may be required. The fee is **\$76 per hour** minimum four hours.

Holiday Fee: \$150

An additional fee for events on a holiday or on weekends before or after a holiday. In addition, you would be limited to no more than 50 guests.

Rush Fee: \$75

This fee is added to permits that are completed less than 30 days prior to the date of the event.

Additional Hours: \$100 per hour

Administrative Fee: \$125 non-refundable



South Monastery Beach part of Carmel River SB Two miles south of Rio Road, Carmel on Highway 1



The beach at Garrapata State Park Six miles south of Point Lobos SR on Highway 1

Middle Beach also known as Ribera Beach a part of CRSB. Accessible from Ribera Road and from Highway 1 at the Bay School.



Stewart's Cove at the west end of CRSB Beach located at Scenic and Carmelo Streets in Carmel.



Roberts Beach Adjacent to the Beach Resort Monterey at Highway 216 at Highway 1