

Booking Your Wedding in Slave Lake District Provincial Parks

To have your wedding ceremony in a northwestern Alberta provincial park, you need to apply for a [Special Events Permit](#) from the park. You will need to complete a [Special Event Permit Application Form](#) and submit it to the park you would like to have your wedding in. Applications are accepted beginning in January of the year the wedding is to take place, and should be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the event (90 days during summer months). Applications are reviewed and approved on a case by case basis.

We recommend that you visit the park venues prior to applying for your Special Event Permit to see which would best fit your wedding ceremony.

We have three options for potential wedding venues in Slave Lake District Provincial Parks: Non-reservable Day Use Areas, Reservable Group Use Campgrounds, and the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation.

Rules that apply to all options:

- Parking is permitted in designated parking areas only and is limited at all park venues; call the park to find out how many vehicles and people can be accommodated at each site you are considering for your event.
- Be aware of the natural hazards in Alberta provincial parks, which are natural parks with few manicured grass areas. Cutting, picking, defacing, or removing any living or non-living material including deadfall is prohibited.
- Fires are allowed in designated fire pits only. Firewood may not be supplied by the park – call to ask. Do not pick deadfall for firewood or green branches for roasting sticks. Ensure that the fire is completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- Use of real flower petals, confetti, or rice is not permitted.
- Any music and/or microphone with speakers that is brought into a park or played during the ceremony must have the volume kept low so as not to disturb the quiet enjoyment of the park by other park users.
- You must remove any decorations and other items that were brought in once the ceremony is over (i. e. seat covers, runners, chairs, tables, etc.). All materials and/or supplies, litter, garbage, etc. associated with this event must be cleared from the area at the conclusion of the event and disposed of properly.
- Extra tables for your event will not be provided by the park. All picnic tables that you move for your event must be replaced to their original positions before you leave.

Other rules may apply for the specific option you are considering.

Submit Applications to:

Slave Lake District Office
P.O. Box 730, Slave Lake, AB, T0G 2A0

Phone: 780-849-7100

Fax: 780-849-7330

Email: dave.crooks@gov.ab.ca

OPTION 1: Non-reservable Day Use Areas

The following non-reservable Day Use Areas are approved for weddings:

Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park

- Devonshire Beach
- Marten River Beach
- Marten River Campground Amphitheatre

Hilliard's Bay Provincial Park

- Beach / Day Use Area

Winagami Lake Provincial Park

- Beach / Day Use Area

What you need to consider:

- This Special Events Permit **does not** give your group exclusive use of any area or facility. Public access must be maintained at all times.
- Alcohol is prohibited in publically accessible areas of our northwestern Alberta provincial parks, which includes all Non-reservable Day Use Areas.

The cost to have your wedding ceremony in a non-reservable Day Use Area in a park is based on a number of factors, with the total number of people in attendance being a key component. This Special Events Permit fee is non-refundable.

OPTION 2: Reservable Group Use Campgrounds

The following reservable Group Use Campgrounds are approved for weddings:

Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park

- Marten River Group Use Campground
- Lily Creek Group Use Campground
- Golf Course Group Use Campground (Not on Reserve Alberta Parks; please call 780-849-7100 for fees and to reserve.)

Hilliard's Bay Provincial Park

- Hilliard's Bay Group A
- Hilliard's Bay Group B
- Hilliard's Bay Group C

Winagami Lake Provincial Park

- Winagami Lake Group Use Campground

What you need to consider:

- Before applying for a Special Events Permit, you will need to book the date(s) that you need for your ceremony to take place in a Group Use Campground. Unless otherwise indicated, you can book online at Reserve.AlbertaParks.ca or by calling 1-877-537-2757; reservations are taken for the whole season beginning in February each year (exact date varies from year to year). You will be charged a Group Use Campground fee. Group Use Campgrounds are in high demand and book up very quickly, so you will want to reserve your site as soon as possible once RAP is open for Group Use reservations.
- This Special Events Permit will allow you to hold your wedding in a reservable Group Use Campground. For the duration of your reservation, you will have exclusive use of these sites.

- Responsible alcohol consumption is permitted in reservable Group Use Campgrounds in our northwestern Alberta provincial parks.

Camping fees for reservable Group Use Campgrounds vary by site; check albertaparks.ca for details. In addition to a nightly camping fee, you will be charged a \$12.00 reservation fee.

Special Events Permit fees are normally waived for this option because you are already paying a camping fee. You will have to pay a Special Events Permit fee if you choose to use multiple locations, for example, a non-reservable Day Use Area for your ceremony and a Group Use Camping area for your reception. Cost of this permit is based on a number of factors, with the total number of people in attendance being a key component.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The prepaid reservation fee of **\$12.00 is non-refundable** regardless of when a reservation is cancelled. The camping fees paid at the time the reservation was confirmed, will be refunded provided the reservation is **cancelled at least 10 days before 2:00 pm on the date** of the reservation. We DO NOT refund for inclement weather on the day of your event.

OPTION 3: The Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation (Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park only)

What you need to consider:

- Before applying for a Special Events Permit, you will need to book the date(s) that you need for your ceremony to take place at the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation (BCBC) by calling 780-849-8240. You may be charged a Facility Rental fee if you wish to use parts of the BCBC building.
- This Special Events Permit will allow you to hold your wedding at the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation.
- If your wedding is held outside the BCBC building, this Special Events Permit does not give your group exclusive use of any area or facility. Public access must be maintained at all times.
- You will have exclusive use for sections of the BCBC building for which you have paid a Facility Rental fee.
- Parking at the BCBC is limited to 15 cars. If you expect that more than 15 cars will be required for your guests to travel to the BCBC, you are required to arrange a shuttle service for your guests to and from the BCBC.
- Alcohol is prohibited in publically accessible areas of our provincial parks, including outside of the BCBC.
- If you have booked a Facility Rental inside the BCBC and if you have a valid [special event liquor licence](#) from the Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission, alcohol may be served inside the building.

If you have your ceremony outside on the lawn at the BCBC, the cost to have your wedding ceremony is based on a number of factors, with the total number of people in attendance being a key component. This Special Events Permit fee is non-refundable.

If you have your ceremony inside the BCBC, the Special Events Permit fee of \$100.00 plus GST **will be waived** because you will already be paying Facility Rental Fees.

If you wish to have part of your ceremony outside and part of it inside the BCBC, **you may be charged for both a Special Events Permit fee and a Facility Rental Fee.**