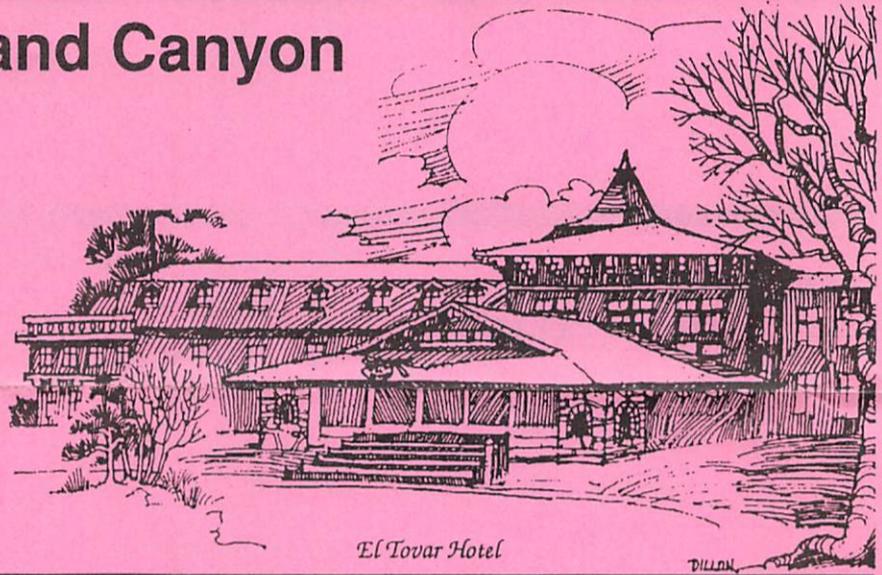


Grand Canyon

National Park
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U.S. Department of the Interior

Getting Married at Grand Canyon



El Tovar Hotel

RIM WEDDINGS

Outdoor weddings along the canyon rim require a free park permit. The park will issue a permit for many (but not all) viewpoints. Permits do not grant exclusive use of the viewpoint and permittees may not restrict access to the point in any way.

We recommend Yaki Point (on the East Rim Drive) for most outdoor weddings. Wedding parties may use the unpaved, unrailed open area just to the east of the main viewpoint.

The West Rim Worship Site is another option; permittees must park at the Bright Angel Lodge and walk west along the rim trail. Other West Rim viewpoints are off limits for weddings during summer months when the shuttle bus is operating (the West Rim drive is closed to private automobiles during those months).

Indoor weddings and/or receptions at park lodges do not require a permit; arrangements should be made directly with the concessioner **in advance** (602-638-2631).

Parking is limited at all viewpoints; wedding guests must obey all parking regulations. We strongly recommend that guests carpool. The park cannot waive entrance fees for guests unless those getting married are park residents.

Receptions are generally held indoors or at Shoshone Point, the only point available for outdoor receptions. It is available from May 15 through October 15 only. There is a charge for the use of Shoshone Point; see below for details.

Outdoor weddings with more than 50 persons in attendance must also be held at Shoshone Point. The park cannot issue a permit for outdoor weddings with more than 85 persons in attendance.

Persons wishing a permit to be married on the North Rim should address the North Rim District Ranger (c/o park address on reverse side). Due to the remoteness of the North Rim, logistics can be much more complex for North Rim weddings.

REQUIREMENTS

To be married in Grand Canyon National Park you must:

(1) obtain an Arizona state marriage license from any courthouse in Arizona. Most people do this in Flagstaff; call the Clerk of the Superior Court at 602-779-6535 for details.

(2) obtain a permit from Grand Canyon National Park. Requests should be made **in advance** by phone or in writing (see reverse side of this sheet).

(3) make arrangements for someone to perform the ceremony. This may be done by a Justice of the Peace or by a licensed minister (see reverse side).

There is no Justice of the Peace at Grand Canyon. The Justice of the Peace in Flagstaff and the Flagstaff City Magistrate will perform weddings at Grand Canyon for a charge and by prior arrangement; see addresses on reverse side of this sheet.

There are five organized churches in Grand Canyon village and ministers there will sometimes marry people. Some churches require counseling over a period of time and are therefore not an option for non-residents. Ministers should be contacted directly at the addresses on the reverse side of this sheet.

SHOSHONE POINT

Shoshone Point (on the East Rim Drive) is available by reservation only. It is available from May 15 through October 15 only and is subject to closure due to inclement weather. Access is by a 1-mile dirt road behind a locked gate; road is not negotiable by bus and can be impassable in wet weather. Reservations may be made no more than 3 calendar months in advance.

Use fees for Shoshone Point vary from \$25 to \$100. Persons interested in using Shoshone Point for a wedding and/or reception must contact the park in writing. Maximum number of persons allowed at Shoshone Point is 85. Picnic tables, grills, and chemical toilets are provided. Call (602) 638-7761 to check on availability.

A WORD ABOUT WEATHER

Weather at Grand Canyon is changeable throughout the year and is particularly unpredictable in the spring and fall. Remember that the South Rim lies at 7000 feet above sea level and receives snow generally from October through April. Winter weather is generally cold and snowy, but if you're being married indoors, it can be a lovely, uncrowded time to be in the park. The North Rim is closed from late October until mid-May.

Weather in summer can be ideal along the rim, but it is the most crowded time to visit the park. Reservations for lodging must be made many months in advance. Remember, too, that northern Arizona experiences a rainy season each year from late June into September. At this time of year it may rain every day in the late afternoon. Outdoor weddings should generally be planned early in the day, but rain is always a possibility.

CHURCHES IN GRAND CANYON VILLAGE

El Cristo Rey (Catholic Church)
P.O. Box 505
Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023
Father Bill O'Connor
(602) 638-2390

Assembly of God
P.O. Box 357
Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023
Pastor: David Haynes
(602) 638-9415

Grand Canyon Baptist Church
P.O. Box 429
Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023
Ron Nation
(602) 638-9421

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
P.O. Box 267
Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023
Branch President: Don Keil
(602) 638-2792 or
(602) 638-9426

Community Church of Grand Canyon (Protestant)
P.O. Box 433
Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023
Minister: John Dalen
(602) 638-2340

CIVIL CEREMONIES

There is no Justice of the Peace at Grand Canyon. The Justice of the Peace in Flagstaff and the Flagstaff City Magistrate will perform weddings at Grand Canyon. They should be contacted directly; fees must be paid in advance. Fees may vary but are in the neighborhood of \$200.

Flagstaff City Courthouse
San Francisco & Birch Streets
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

James J. Sedillo
Justice of the Peace
Flagstaff, Arizona
(602) 779-6806

Judge Ray Otero
Flagstaff, Arizona
(602) 774-1401

THE SHRINE OF THE AGES

Persons wishing to book an indoor facility for the ceremony may make arrangements for a number of facilities available at the various lodges on the South Rim or may arrange to use the auditorium or multipurpose room at the Shrine of the Ages (immediately west of the South Rim Visitor Center). There is a charge for the use of these facilities.

Reservations for the Shrine of the Ages may be made no more than 2 calendar months in advance and must be made in writing. You may call (602) 638-7761 to check on availability. Food is allowed only in the multipurpose room; alcohol is not permitted on the premises.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Persons wishing to obtain a permit to be married in Grand Canyon National Park should write:

WEDDING PERMIT INFORMATION
Grand Canyon National Park
P.O. Box 129
Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023
Attention: Nan Stricklin

We will need to know the exact date and time of the event, how many people will be present, location you are requesting, and who will be performing the ceremony. These arrangements must be made in advance and in writing.

For further information concerning wedding permits, call (602) 638-7761. For general park information call (602) 638-7888. To make reservations for lodging or catering, please write Grand Canyon National Park Lodges, P.O. Box 699, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023 or call (602) 638-2401.

