

Wedding Event Permit Guide



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<http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/reservations>
Please visit our website to secure a reservation

BAYFRONT FESTIVAL PARK BAYFRONT PARK PLAZA BAYFRONT FAMILY CENTER

700 Railroad Street (S 5th Av W & Railroad St)

PERMITS OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM THE DECC

The Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC) is the current manager of this park. Call 218.722.5573 or email bayfront@decc.org for more information.

BRIGHTON BEACH

63rd Av E & Congdon Blvd

Pavilion, gazebo, grills, tables, fire shelter, rocky beach, portable restrooms only, no water or electricity....good for groups up to 100; parking for 50 cars.

CHAMBERS GROVE

137th Av W & Hwy 23

Pavilion with fireplace, grills, tables, playground, boardwalk, restrooms, electricity, large open space, good for picnics; parking for 25 cars, up to 100 people allowed.

CHESTER BOWL PARK

1800 E Skyline Pkwy

Stage, tables, playground, ballfield, soccer field, trails, restrooms, water, electricity. Parking for 80 cars. Please call 218.724.9832 or email info@chesterbowl.org first to check park availability before reserving.

ROSE GARDEN

11th Av E & London Rd

(separate from Leif Erikson Park)

Gazebo, restrooms, electricity. Up to 150 people are allowed with chairs only for disabled and elderly; parking for 50 cars in the Rose Garden lot, off-street parking.

SISTER CITIES PARK

Above Lakewalk around 1st Avenue East

Overlooks Lake Superior and features a Japanese-style arch, small grassy spaces, park benches, electricity, nearby bathroom building, and metered parking. Good only for very small ceremonies up to 50 people.

GICHI-ODE' AKIING (LAKE PLACE PARK)

N. 2nd Ave E. & Michigan Street

Located right along the Duluth Lakewalk, this park provides panoramic views of Lake Superior and the stunning Duluth hillside. Wedding ceremonies only; picnic receptions are not allowed at this location. Up to 200 guests. Bathrooms, water, street and ramp parking available.

LESTER PARK

61st Av E & Superior St (near Lester Golf Course)

Pavilion, grills, tables, electricity, playground, trails, soccer field, portable restrooms only....good for large public special events or private picnics and weddings; parking for 50 cars.

LINCOLN PARK

25th Av W & 3rd St

This park is closed for the entire 2019 park season

Pavilion, portable restrooms, grills, picnic tables, electricity, playground, trails, stone stage....good for both public and private events; parking for 10 cars.

PARK POINT BEACH HOUSE

45th St & Minnesota Av

PERMITS OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM THE YMCA

Available for wedding receptions, small wedding ceremonies currently allowed on a segment of the beach. The Duluth YMCA currently manages the entire Park Point recreation area. Call Cheryl at 218.722.4745 Ext. 164 or email cpodt-burg@duluthymca.org for park availability, rates, and the permit process. Recreational space good for large public special events or private picnics and weddings. Parking for 385 cars.

ENGER PARK

16th Av W & Skyline Pkwy (near Enger Golf Course)

Enger Tower, gazebo overlooking City, grills, tables, gardens, trails, restrooms, water, electricity....for groups up to 100 max; parking for 60 cars.

LEIF ERIKSON PARK

11th Av E & London Rd

(separate from the Rose Garden)

Stage, portable restrooms only (restroom building available in nearby Rose Garden), electricity....good for both outdoor special events and private events, for groups up to 1,500; parking for 50 cars in the Rose Garden lot. Advised to bring in a portable restroom.

ENDION STATION PLAZA

Lakewalk, Canal Park

Located right along the Duluth Lakewalk, this park provides panoramic views of Lake Superior and the stunning Duluth hillside. Wedding ceremonies only; picnic receptions are not allowed at this location. Up to 100 guests. Bathrooms, water, 60 parking spots, off-street parking.

Wedding Permit Checklist

_____ Visit our website at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/reservations> to check park availability and to secure your wedding permit.

_____ Payment is due in full upon reserving a park. We accept credit and debit cards.

_____ A permit will be emailed to you at the email address provided when securing your reservation online. Please contact Parks & Recreation with any questions or concerns.

_____ ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION PERMITS: If serving alcohol, including a champagne toast, you will receive additional instructions.

Additional Resources

Contact VISIT DULUTH for more information on additional sites for weddings, receptions, lodging, or things to do while in Duluth.

1.800.438.5884 or 1.218.722.4011

www.VisitDuluth.com

Email: cvb@visitduluth.com

Park Rules

- ◇ A permit does not provide “exclusive” use of the park; only the picnic shelter or specific area you have requested. The park will still be open to the public. Permit must be in permittee’s possession at event to enforce its privileges, including asking individuals to move from the designated reserved space.
- ◇ The permit includes use of the shelter or reserved space (i.e. ballfield), and amenities (picnic tables, water, electricity, and grills, where available).
- ◇ Reservations are made for specific time periods - the space is not yours until the reservation time begins, so please plan accordingly. Most parks close at 10 PM, unless posted to close at 12 AM. Everyone must be out of the park by closing time.
- ◇ The area must be left in an orderly condition when you leave at end of time period; all trash and decorating items must be disposed of properly in existing containers and left clean for the next group using the park. Plants and trees must not be used as supports for games or decorations. To avoid turf damage, chairs must not push into the ground.
- ◇ A key is available to allow vehicle entry for unloading of supplies into Lester Park. A \$20 key deposit is required. Vehicles cannot remain in the park and the post or gate must remain locked during your event.
- ◇ The group or person reserving the shelter is held responsible for the safe conduct of all participants attending event.
- ◇ All motorized vehicles must remain in the parking lot and are not allowed on any off-road areas such as park pathways, grass, fields, etc.
- ◇ ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: The consumption of alcohol is prohibited by City of Duluth ordinance unless an alcohol consumption permit is included with your reservation. (See page 4 for information on alcoholic beverages.)
- ◇ FOOD: You may use existing grills or bring additional grills. Coals, hot water, or cooking oil/grease cannot be dumped on lawns, turf, landscaped areas, catch basins or sewers, and must be disposed of properly. Grease and food waste should be composted or thrown in the garbage. For safety reasons, glass containers are prohibited. (For additional information, contact Todd Carlson at tcarlson@duluthmn.gov, 218.591.2343 or 218.730.4051.)
- ◇ ELECTRICITY/WATER: Most parks are equipped with 110 volt electrical outlets - 220 is not available. Multiple items may cause an overload; please be careful. Water is only available in parks with permanent restrooms.
- ◇ RECYCLING: A WLSSD ordinance is in effect, requiring recycling in the parks. Use existing receptacles for all recyclables.
- ◇ CAMPFIRES: Campfires are allowed only in existing fire pits or fireplaces in the parks. Bringing in your own fire ring is not allowed. Fire must not extend outside of the fire pit and permittee shall burn only wood that is brought into the park for the purpose of a recreational fire - no burning of materials from the park. Fire must be attended to at all times and shall be completely extinguished before leaving, removing all burned and unburned material.
- ◇ RESTROOMS & PORTABLE TOILETS: When additional toilet facilities are needed, they will be arranged and paid for by the wedding event permittee. All permanent restrooms begin opening in May and will be closed after September 30.
- ◇ TENTS & CANOPIES: Staked tents are not allowed; only stand-alone 10’ x 20’ canopies (except Rose Garden). A \$100 deposit is required. If any of the tents are over 400 square feet, it will require a secondary permit through the Life Safety Division of the Duluth Fire Department. This can be obtained by contacting Life Safety directly at 218.730.4380 or lifesafety@duluthmn.gov
- ◇ DOGS: Dogs must be leashed at all times and are not allowed on playground areas.
- ◇ “OFF SEASON” WEDDING PERMIT REQUESTS: Your request for use of a park before Memorial Day or after October 31st will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Water and bathrooms are not available at these times of

Alcohol Consumption Policies
For
Special Event Permits
Private Event Permits
Wedding Event Permits

All events with alcohol consumption of any sort must have an Alcohol Consumption Permit in addition to the event permit. Applications must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of event.

Alcohol Consumption Permit Fee \$135

To apply for an Alcohol Consumption Permit, visit our website or follow the link below:

http://cityofduluth.formstack.com/forms/alcohol_consumption_permit_application

**"OPEN TO THE PUBLIC" EVENTS
(Special Event Permits)**

Sale of Alcohol—A restaurant with a caterer's permit that provides both food and alcohol is required. A copy of the contract must be submitted.

Some clubs, charitable organizations, religious organizations and other non-profit organizations in existence for at least three years may receive a temporary on-sale liquor license. Contact the City Clerk's office at 218.730.5500. Start this process at least 30-45 days in advance of your event. A copy of the license from the City Clerk must be submitted to Parks and Recreation before the final Special Event and Alcohol Consumption permits will be issued. More information is available at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/licenses-permits>.

**"PRIVATE EVENTS"-NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(Wedding and Private Event Permits)**

Alcohol at No Charge—Alcohol has to be obtained by the private party and brought in, or alternately provided by a restaurant with a caterer's permit that provides both food and alcohol. A copy of the contract must be submitted.

Security Requirements for Alcohol Consumption

Pending review of your application by the Duluth Police Department Licensing Agent, a licensed peace officer(s) employed by the City of Duluth, or a private security firm, may be required to be present at all times alcohol is consumed. You will be instructed by the Police Department directly.

Security Requirements are determined by Officer Cha Vang. Direct questions, after you've submitted your online application to either 218.730.5687 or cvang@duluthmn.gov.

- Alcohol Consumption in a Park Building is restricted to indoors only. Alcohol consumption outdoors in a park is restricted to within 50 feet of the existing shelter (pavilion or gazebo) or designated area, if a shelter does not exist in the park of your choice.

No alcohol consumption permit will be issued without security requirements first approved by the Duluth Police Department.

Sections of these policies are enforceable by City Ordinances and State Statues: Duluth City Code: Chapter 8 Article I Sec. 35-8, 9 & MN State Statue: 340A101, 340A.414