

Getting Hitched

... Calico Style



A Guide to Weddings

at

Calico Ghost Town Regional Park



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Having Your Wedding Ceremony at Calico

For More Information or to Make an Appointment, Please call (760) 254-3679

Facility Use fee: \$150.00—\$350.00

The minimum charge is for weddings that have about 20 people or less. This facility fee is for the use of the Park. We will provide folding metal chairs and take them down. The facility fee includes admission for the bride, groom, and guests (who must identify themselves as wedding guests at the Entrance Gate), for weddings up to about 100 people. The facility fee does not include marriage license fees or clergy fees.

Cancellation/Refund of Facility Fee: If you cancel more than 31 days before the scheduled wedding, you will receive a full refund of the Facility Fee, less a \$10.00 Cancellation Fee. If you cancel more than 10 days before but less than 31 days before, half of the Facility Fee will be refunded and a cancellation fee charged. If you cancel 10 days or less before the wedding, there is no refund.

Nonrefundable Insurance fee: \$ 84.32 (for up to 100 people)

This is required by the County of San Bernardino's Risk Management Dept. as the minimum charge for up to 100 people. You can submit your own proof of coverage in the amount of \$1 million, for releasing the County of San Bernardino from any liability for the day of the wedding, under your private insurance company's homeowner's policy.

Payment Procedure: Payment procedures are all handled through the Park Office. Credit cards, cash or money orders are accepted. The facility fee is submitted separately from the insurance fee. Both fees must be submitted no less than six weeks in advance of the wedding.

Times: Wedding ceremonies are expected to be conducted during normal daytime hours of Park operation, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. However we might be able to accommodate your request for a time slightly before or after regular hours.

Locations: Use of either the School House location, or the Silver Bowl location. See next page.

Weddings During Special Events: During Calico's Special Events, the wedding ceremony locations are usually used for entertainment functions, so we do NOT schedule weddings during those events. See the Special Events Schedule for the current year. Calico's website is: www.calicotown.com.

Your Set-up & Clean Up: Setting up of decorations & equipment should be planned to take place no more than 1 hour before your ceremony, and cleaning up last no longer than 1 hour afterwards.

Fire Danger: We do not want to lose Calico to a fire. Please consider using flowers instead of flames in your decorations, since no open flames (such as candles or lamps) are allowed.

The Fine Print: Calico Ghost Town Regional Park is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to your rental equipment and/or personal property. Be sure to gather all your things together after the ceremony.

Climate & Weather Conditions: All weddings are held outdoors, with the exception of the inside of the School House for a small ceremony. Months when there is most often a chance for rain are January-February and sometimes during the summer or early fall months from occasional thunderstorms. Here in the high desert region, the early spring and late fall months have the most pleasant temperatures for outdoor weddings. There is often a slight breeze here year-round.

Note: Fees are subject to change, without notice. All weddings are subject to approval by the Park Superintendent at Calico Ghost Town Regional Park.

Getting Married at the School House



This old-fashioned, elegant one-room school house was designed to look almost *exactly* like the one that was at Old Calico in the 1880s-1890s. In those days, the School House was also used for church services and evening meetings. It was the most distinguished building of the Town back then, and a source of pride for the townsfolk. Today it is one of the most photographed buildings here, and has been used as the setting for at least half of all Calico weddings. It is located at the extreme north end of the Town, and offers a natural backdrop of colorful mountains as well as a panoramic view of the valley below. The Old Miner's Café is nearby.

The wooden bridge that crosses the ravine provides for a dramatic and spectacular entrance for the members of the wedding party.

The Livery Stable Stage near the bridge has a dressing room in the rear that can be used for a School House wedding. The inside of the School can also be used for a dressing area.

The ceremony can be performed outside on the steps of the School, with the audience in chairs below in the school yard, or you can have it inside the School. Keep in mind the space *inside* the School would be more limited. There is seating for about 20 at the children's wood desks, and room for approximately 15-20 folding chairs.

Electricity is available inside the building for any music needs you might have. You might plan on bringing an extension cord though, just in case.

Getting Married at the Silver Bowl

A charming and theatrical grand entrance can be made at this location, by using steps that lead down into the Silver Bowl. The atmosphere here is informal & festive, with the stage providing the perfect backdrop for your "Old West" or country & western style wedding. The Silver Bowl is located in central Calico, away from the traffic of Main Street, yet close to the Calico House Restaurant and the Lil's Saloon & Beer Garden. Since the C & O Railroad train passes nearby, it can seem like you are on the set of a Western movie or T.V. series.

The stage area can be decorated, as well as the railings for the steps leading down into the Bowl. There is plenty of room behind the stage & false fronts for your "behind the scenes" setting up activities.

Electricity is available at the stage area for any music needs you might have. You might plan on bringing an extension cord though, just in case.



A Note on Accessibility:

No private vehicles are allowed in town between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and no parking is allowed near the Silver Bowl or the School House locations. Please coordinate with the Park Office first, for all access and delivery concerns.

If you have invited disabled people, you may want to consider wheelchair rental since it can be a long uphill walk to the School House for some people. There is an access road that can be used below the Silver Bowl if necessary, to drop off disabled individuals for weddings at that location.

Having Your Wedding Reception at Calico

Make your own arrangements by calling the Calico House Restaurant at (760) 254-1970, Old Miner's Café at (760) 254-3323, or Lil's Saloon at (760) 254-2610.

CALICO WEDDING RESERVATION FORM



Please mail or fax this completed form to reserve your wedding day:

FAX (760) 254-2047
Calico Ghost Town Regional Park
P.O. Box 638
Yermo, CA 92398
Attn: Weddings

Contact Name—Bride: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number (s): _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Name— Groom: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number (s): _____

Email address: _____



Date of Wedding: _____ **Time of Wedding :** _____

Number of Guests Expected: _____

Ceremony Location Choice (check one) : School House _____ Silver Bowl _____

Comments: _____

