



WEDDINGS & SPECIAL CEREMONIES IN THE PARK Information @ February 2017

Te Mata Park has long been a 'romantic hub' in Hawke's Bay, with many proposals being made and wedding ceremonies held in the Park. The most popular spots for weddings are at the summit and in the Giant Redwoods – more than 20 couples have tied the knot among the towering trees over the past year alone.

For those interested in getting married within the Park, the following requirements apply:

- The Park is a public open space, so please be aware that there may well be friendly onlookers from time to time and no 'exclusive' access can be granted.
- Confetti is completely banned, and there are limited garbage bins (these are located at the Main Car Park on Te Mata Peak Road, at the summit, and at the Tauroa Road gates). Please leave the Park as you find it.
- The Trust does not encourage or approve of any significant equipment being brought into the Park and set up for events. For weddings, we do understand some chairs may be needed for guests unable to stand for long periods.

WEDDINGS AT THE SUMMIT

There is a tar sealed road right to the top of the Peak and a parking area. Please bear in mind that it is an exposed area and often very windy. No special permission or arrangements need to be made if you want to hold your ceremony or photographs up at the summit, subject to the above requirements.

WEDDINGS IN THE GIANT REDWOODS

This is a popular place to get married and there are some specific arrangements that need to be made. Please familiarise yourself with these before you make an enquiry.

- Permission must be granted by the Trust. Please complete the [Te Mata Park Event Booking Form HDC 2017](#) and email it to Lydia Mueller at Hastings District Council (lydiam@hdc.govt.nz).
- When you have received confirmation, this also includes approval of the land owner.
- Vehicular access to the Redwoods is via a farm track over private property at the end of Tauroa Road. It is approximately 700m to the boundary of Te Mata Park and the lower end of the Redwoods. Please be aware that the track is not suited to vehicles with low suspension and can be a bit treacherous for road vehicles after long periods of wet weather. Please take care on the track and limit the number of vehicles.
- The gate at Tauroa Road and the one at the end of the farm track at the boundary of the Park are both locked with combination locks. You will be advised of the number closer to the date of your event. The gate at Tauroa Road must be left closed at all times, so please consider having someone 'on duty' at that location to oversee vehicles entering and then exiting.
- There are no rubbish bins in the Redwoods so please take everything with you (remembering, no confetti!).
- Please send your donation to the Te Mata Park Trust Board, PO Box 105, Hastings.

We are delighted that the Park is a special place for many people, and particularly special to those who get married there. We hope you are blessed with beautiful weather and a long and happy life together.