

Beaches, Port Hills & Banks Peninsula

Weddings and Picnics

Terms & Conditions

- The organisers shall absolve the Council from any liability whatsoever relating to the booking of the above area.
- CCC by-laws apply across beaches and parks under all conditions.
- Please carry your booking confirmation with you in case other visitors are using the space. If there is any confusion with other visitors please ring the 24 hour call centre to be directed towards the duty ranger.
- Rangers will be advised of your intended use however no formal bookings of beaches or parks on the Port Hills and Banks Peninsula can be made. Be aware that other non-related activities may be occurring in, or in close proximity to the booked area during your period of use.

For wedding ceremonies:

- A maximum of 12 chairs may be used for elderly or less mobile guests. Chairs with wide, flat bottomed tips only can be used.
- A small portable stereo may be used - no amplified sound or music is allowed.
- All people (includes photographers) must keep to the pathways and lawn areas and must not stand on or among any of the plant collections.

In keeping with the natural setting:

- Marquees and other structures (including free standing umbrellas) are not permitted.
- Items must not be attached to trees, buildings or other fixed structures and no decorations, balloons, rice, petals, birdseed or confetti are allowed.
- There are no rubbish bins in Port Hills Reserves so all groups will need to supply their own rubbish bags and take their rubbish away. If there are no bins or bins are full at your beach location or Banks Peninsula park please be responsible for your rubbish and take it home with you.

To ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment:

- As these parks are public spaces, no part may be booked exclusively and they must continue to be accessible to the public at all times.
- No vehicles are permitted and gates must be kept locked at all times.

Cancellations:

- The Christchurch City Council reserves the right to cancel any bookings due to circumstances beyond its control.

Important information

- We advise all wedding and civil union ceremony and photo session parties to book alternative back-up wet weather venues.
- Parks staff aim for a high standard within the grounds. However, sometimes there may be maintenance work within or close by the areas booked.

Further conditions and information specific to:

New Brighton Pier

- Gatherings are limited to no more than ten people so as not to interfere with other casual users of the Pier. For weddings this includes the celebrant, wedding couple and guests.
- Where possible events should not occur two hours either side of hightide time to prevent conflict with other users, e.g. fishermen.
- Be aware that construction works will be taking place on and below the pier (within 30m of the pier) until 15/04/2018. This may interfere with bookings due to workers movements and materials.

Port Hills

- The fireplace in the shelter at Sign of the Bellbird cannot be used under any circumstances. Generators and/or amplified music are not permitted.

All beaches

- Fires are strictly prohibited from all Christchurch beaches and coastlines due to danger to sand dune plantings of sparks blowing inland and causing a fire along the dunes. This applies all year round.