



# GUIDELINES FOR KING GILLETTE RANCH



Thank you for your interest in hosting an event at King Gillette Ranch. Nestled in the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains between Malibu and Calabasas, KGR sits on 588 acres of scenic parkland, frequented by native wildlife and visitors alike. At the center of this expansive property is the Mansion, an historic formal residence built for razor magnate King Gillette in 1928. A grand tree-lined driveway majestically welcomes all guests. Rolling lawns, distinguished courtyards, and a tranquil pond with bridges and swans, set the stage for an elegant occasion.

The [Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority](#) (MRCA) is happy to make this facility available for your function. However, the primary objective of the MRCA is to promote land conservation, ecological restoration and environmental interpretation, which may be incongruous with your special event. We must ensure the integrity of this valuable resource so that all who visit in years to come will be able to enjoy it.

The permit fees you pay for your booking goes directly into the funding of MRCA parks and program initiatives. We are entirely appreciative of your support of our conservation efforts and are excited to host you here in our beautiful surroundings.

Events are held only in certain areas of the grounds and interior facilities of King Gillette Ranch. A special use permit will indicate which areas are available and exclusive to you for your special event. Employees, tenants and other visitors of our park may sometimes concurrently use other areas of the property.

The following guidelines are an overview of our permit processes, allowed activities and standard event restrictions. For additional information or assistance, please email [kgrevents@mrca.ca.gov](mailto:kgrevents@mrca.ca.gov)

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# AVAILABILITY & BOOKINGS



## Application Process & Site Visits

- All bookings are permitted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- An MRCA [Wedding-specific Inquiry Form](#) should be completed if you are inquiring about a wedding venue.
- You may then schedule a phone call or guided site tour after you have completed and submitted your event enquiry form. The form provides us with all the necessary information regarding your event plans before we speak or meet.
- We welcome visitors to tour our properties prior to booking. The grounds of King Gillette Ranch are open to the public 7 days a week, from 7am to sunset, and you are free to tour the outside areas of the park that aren't being used for another event or filming.
- However an appointment is best to get the guided tour with a site rep, to get free parking for your tour and to get access inside the mansion and other buildings.
- Appointments are best scheduled Monday to Fridays, between 9am and 4pm. Weekend site visits can be requested but not necessarily guaranteed due to other events we may have booked, and general staff availability.
- Currently, payment is accepted only in the form of personal checks, or cashier's check if payment is made less than 30 days prior to the event. No credit card payments.
- Permits and invoices can only be issued in the name of the couple only. While we welcome wedding coordinators and planners to assist you in the booking of your event, permits must be in the name of at least one of the couple, and not through third-party wedding/event planners or coordinators.

## Venue Times & Availability

- Park open hours to the public is 7am to sunset, 7 days a week. Your Special Use Permit allows you to host events past closing time, giving you unique and privileged access to our parks and facilities not otherwise available to the public.
- While we honor the exclusivity of a facility for the purposes of your booking, sometimes employees, tenants and other visitors of our park may concurrently use other areas of the property.

## Fees & What's Included

- Refer to the current fee schedule to estimate your rental fees. Bookings are venue/location-only. We don't offer catering or rental services, but outside vendors are welcome. See the Vendor page for more info.
- Additional fees may also apply for the following variances: public holidays, overnight events or holds, prep days for early set-up; strike days for late breakdown; hold days for in-between days, additional tech scouts or excessive guided site visits
- MRCA staff is required to monitor all special events. The number of monitors is determined at the discretion of the MRCA Event Manager. An MRCA staff monitor is on site during the event to ensure the rules and regulations are followed and the facility is treated appropriately. Monitors do not provide security for your event, or assist your vendors. You may contract with outside security for this service. Do not leave your property unattended at any time. This includes gift tables.















# PARK & VENUE REQUIREMENTS



## Facilities & Use of the Property

- You are responsible to maintain the permitted areas during your event and must leave the areas used in the condition in which they were found. Any and all MRCA equipment or other property used in conjunction with your event is also your responsibility.
- The replacement cost of any lost, damaged, or stolen property will be deducted from your refund. This includes any and all damages and repairs that may be necessary to our grounds, facilities, and other resources incidental to the special event, including damage caused by your vendors. MRCA will be the sole judge of the extent of damage and replacement cost.
- All other trash generated by your event must be cleaned off the premises before the end of your allotted time. A cleanup crew is required for all special events no matter the guest count size. If trash is not removed from designated trash bins and thrown into the dumpster a penalty charge will be deducted from your security deposit. The penalty charge will be assessed based on required staff time.
- The MRCA goes to great lengths to clean the facilities before an event. However, there are some things which cannot be controlled for special events that take place outdoors. If leaves and spider webs are something that will cause you to feel that your dream event has been tarnished, we would encourage you to consider one of our indoor locations. We take a great deal of pride and joy in preparing our grounds, but we are unable to control wind, falling leaves, spiders, etc. which may occur during or just prior to your event. The staff will make every attempt to have the grounds ready and cleaned for your event, but the grounds must be accepted in the condition provided.
- Electrical power outlets are limited due to the outdoor nature and mountain setting of both venues. You may only use the outlets as indicated by MRCA staff. Upper Las Virgenes Ranch requires you to bring your own power source, such as a small generator for lights and entertainment in the gardens. Please confirm your amperage requirements and set-up plans with the Event Manager, as a generator may be required.
- Use of generators over 7,500 watts requires a Fire Marshal and a 2,000-4,000 gallon water truck on site. Use of putt-putt generators under 7,500 watts requires three (3) fire extinguishers per putt-putt, and must be monitored at all times by your vendor operator. Location of generators must be approved by the MRCA Monitor.
- Driveways and corridors shall remain clear for emergency access at all times. You, or your guests as applicable, will be held responsible for all tickets and fines incurred during events.
- All children must be supervised during your event. For their own safety and to protect our property, children should not be climbing on the fence surrounding the King Gillette pond, or in the fountains.

## Park & Venue Regulations

- Our mountain locations and park environs with sensitive wildlife habitats dictate common sense rules. As a public park, we must also abide by federal, state, county and local laws and ordinances.
- Fires are strictly prohibited for events at KGR and ULV. Fireworks, sparklers, candles and any other open flames are not permitted. Battery-operated LED candles are ok. Tealights are not ok.
- We do however permit smoking in one (1) designated area at both venues. The rest of the property is a non-smoking venue. If smoking occurs anywhere else on the grounds, and/or butts are found anywhere on the grounds, a \$1,000 fine will be assessed. This includes electronic or vapor devices. You are responsible for providing their own butt-cans, and disposing of waste. Smoking may be entirely prohibited during Red Flag conditions.
- Both venues have residential neighbors and we would ask you to exercise good neighbor practices for amplified entertainment and noise levels that exceed standard private event levels. Wedding bands, performers and DJs are ok and typically do not pose noise issues. All music and sound however must stop by 11pm. Acceptable music levels will be at the discretion of the MRCA monitor.
- We permit alcohol for events – see caterer/food section on next page for additional guidelines. Illegal drug use is not permitted, including cannabis/marijuana in any form, including edibles.
- While we welcome your decorations for a personal touch, and to direct your guests, you cannot affix any decoration into, nor onto, the buildings, the structures, trees or other vegetation without prior approval of the event manager or staff monitor on the day. This includes the use of double-sided tape, staples, nails or tacks. Free-standing or self-supporting signs and décor is best.
- For weddings and other ceremonies, real flower petals, dried leaves, birdseed or bubbles are the preferred alternatives to rice for throwing. Additionally, fake flower petals, fake leaves, anything with feathers, confetti, silly string, glitter or paper streamers may not be released into the air or on the grounds. Bubbles should be avoided at King Gillette Ranch near the fountain, pool and pond.
- Planted areas, lawns, landscape drains on the grounds, and floor drains in buildings must NOT be used to dump any liquids or solids, e.g. beverages, dirty water from dishes, scraps from food preparation, set-up or clean-up. These items must be put in the trash or removed from the premises. Food and/or dirty dishes must not be left outside overnight on tables, counters, or inside. Counters and sink must be wiped clean. Floors must be swept of major debris. All trash must be taken to the dumpster.
- Failure to comply with any of these provisions may result in the termination of your permit during your event. Please inform your guests and vendors of the rules, regulations and sensitivities of our properties

# VENDORS



## Outside Vendors

- We absolutely welcome outside vendors for your event. One of the drawcards of hosting events at KGR and ULV is the flexibility in using vendors that are just right for your needs, aesthetic and budget. You can get creative in designing the most personalized event for yourself.
- MRCA is happy to assist you in your planning, and can provide on request [a list of vendors](#) who have worked here previously and are familiar with our venues' unique characteristics and restrictions. It is not required that you use any of them but a good place to start if you're new to the event planning process.
- A walkthrough of the grounds is required with all first-time vendors to our venue to review all rules and regulations concerning your event. Once your reservation is confirmed, vendors are allowed one (1) free site visit or tech scout. Additional 1-hr visits or tech scouts that require a staff member to be present is billed at \$150 per hour per visit.
- We do not offer packages for weddings or parties. You are responsible for providing tables, chairs, food, drinks, tables, linen, silverware, napkins, trash liners, and anything else that is not listed under fees.

## Party Rentals & Lighting

- Any party rental equipment must be delivered on the day of the event, within the allocated time on your permit. Rentals may not be brought in and set-up until the start time indicated on your Special Use Permit. Rentals must be picked up the same night within the same permitted time.
- Additional fees apply for extra time for early delivery/set-up or late breakdown or pick-up. Refer to the fees on the next page. It is better and more affordable to advise us of extra time needed prior to your event, rather than incur overage charges, so that we may schedule staff and resources accordingly.
- For one-day events and bookings, we do not allow set up of tables, chairs, other furniture or structures on the lawns at either venue prior to the day of the event. The same applies to KGR mansion courtyard.
- MRCA assumes no liability or responsibility for any rental equipment, supplies, or personal property stored or left behind at the facility.

## Catering & Alcohol

- Catered events must check food service locations with MRCA staff. We have convenient locations close to the residential kitchens in both the KGR mansion and ULV ranch house, where caterers can set up their own cooking equipment.
- The residential kitchens are only available for food preparation, plating and service. Use of the stove, oven, microwave, grill and any other indoor cooking is not allowed. Both have fridges you can use.
- You are responsible for removing all trash related to the event. Permittee may rent a lockable dumpster for this purpose to be located at the discretion of park staff. Any trash found on the grounds is cause for not refunding the security deposit.
- Planted areas, lawns, and drains on the grounds and in buildings must NOT be used to dump any liquids or solids, i.e. beverages, dirty water from dishes, scraps from food preparation, set-up or clean-up.
- Caterers may need additional lighting for their workstation after dark. Caterers are responsible for protective ground cover under cooking stations.
- Food and/or dirty dishes shall not be left outside overnight on tables, counters, or in the kitchen.
- Alcohol is permitted with the following provisions:
  - For private events such as weddings, parties and company picnics: no beverages, including alcohol, may be sold; a host bar is required. You and your vendors are responsible in ensuring that no alcohol is served to anyone under the age of 21.
  - Events that are open to the public may sell beverages only if the event host has been granted an Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) permit and has paid the additional MRCA insurance fees, or adds MRCA to their insurance. A copy of the ABC permit must be submitted no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the event, and at that time the MRCA Event Manager will provide a letter of permission for your submittal to the ABC office. All restrictions imposed by the insurance company, such as a ticketing process, must be followed. Without a permit and insurance, only a hosted bar is allowed.
  - If you are hosting a public event without the sale or provision of alcohol, you are required to notify your attendees that they are not permitted to bring their own alcohol to the park.
  - All alcohol service, hosted or sold, must stop by 10.30pm.



