

el Capitan Canyon

Nature Lodging on the California Coast

Weddings at El Capitan Canyon: Fact Sheet

When the summer crowds have gone and the kids are back in school, [El Capitan Canyon](#) becomes a destination for weddings. With the Santa Ynez Mountains to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west, El Capitan Canyon is a stunning backdrop for fall or winter weddings on the Central California Coast.



[El Capitan Canyon](#), just north of Santa Barbara along an unspoiled stretch of the California coast, is renowned as an all-season comfort camping destination. Originally a traditional campground, El Capitan Canyon reopened in 2002 as an upscale, outdoor destination and quickly became known for its picturesque canvas safari tents and contemporary rustic cedar cabins. It was one of the first to be coined “luxury camping.”

The Canyon hosts weddings from the last weekend in October to March. A wedding coordinator is available to coordinate the celebration and activities. Custom catered

receptions and events are held in romantic yurts or tent lodges.

El Capitan Canyon can accommodate small, intimate weddings to larger groups of 300 guests. Cabins and tents are organized into small villages throughout the Canyon offering natural gathering spots.

Yurts and Lodges

The Canyon’s event spaces are casual, low-impact gathering spots offering plenty of flexibility.

Yurts: El Capitan’s four yurts, 30' X 30' and 16' X 16', are structures of white canvas stretched over circular wooden frames with lots of windows and wooden flooring. The unique acoustical architecture has a natural sound amplification, ideal for musicians and wedding speeches.

Tented Lodges: These large, airy tented lodges can be utilized as one large reception spot or can be configured into any desired combination of smaller areas.

Outdoor Sites: The canyon features several areas to enjoy the outdoors. There is the Paradise Point Site, the Canyon Market and the Village Center Lawn, Pool-side Amphitheater and two Creek-side Picnic Areas. Banquet-sized picnic tables are conducive for informal or catered events.

Safari Cabin Suite: Added last year is the Safari Cabin Suite, located on a private hilltop with a sweeping ocean and hillside view. This two-bedroom cabin suite includes a full bathroom, living room, fully equipped kitchen and wrap-around deck. Perfect for small gatherings.



Food and Beverage

The Canyon can arrange catered events in any of its yurts or tent lodges. An evening in one of the yurts or tents can be a casual affair or more elaborate with white linens and fine china.

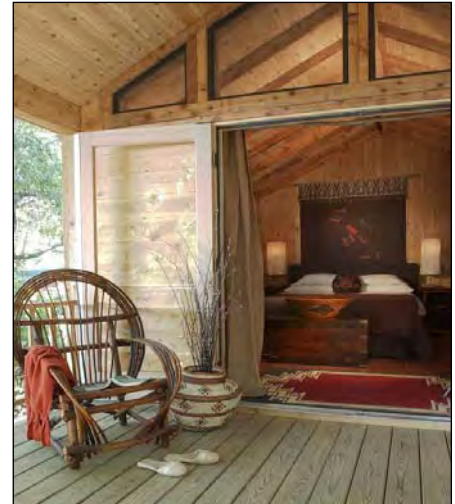
Menus are created around the bounty produced by the Canyon's own organic garden and Santa Barbara County growers, many of whom practice sustainable farming. Themed catered events are available, such as a fish fry, wine country feasts and more. Menu samples are available upon request.

In the Canyon Market and Café, an unassuming country store, is a vast wine collection featuring bottles from undiscovered local to well-known vintners, making wine-tasting gatherings a natural. The Market also has a nutritious menu of gourmet breakfast and lunch items. Popular among guests are the Canyon s'mores kits for relaxed evenings around the fire.

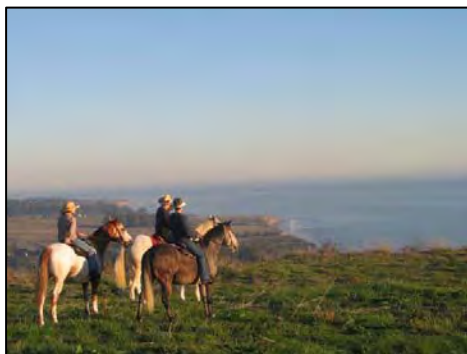
Accommodations

Set amidst a grove of California oaks and sycamore trees are 109 individual cedar cabins and 26 canvas safari tents. These comfortable cabins and tents are situated throughout the property in various villages and receive daily housekeeping services.

[Cedar Cabins](#): The cabins are decorated in earth tones with spacious decks, full bathrooms and kitchenettes. Many have fireplaces. Guests can choose from a Creekside King with soaking tub, Canyon Suite, Canyon Loft, Creekside and Canyon Queens—which include a sleeping loft, Creekside Double with soaking tub, and Canyon Bunk cabins. All cabins are equipped with full bathrooms, linens, duvets, towels, picnic tables, grills and fire pits. Rates range \$185 – \$350.



[Classic Canvas Safari Tents](#): Spacious 12' x 14' safari tents built on raised wooden decks have screened windows and doors with zip-down flaps. All feature a queen-size or two double beds, electric lamps, heaters, bed linens and towels. Bathroom facilities with showers are conveniently located nearby. Rates range \$135 – \$155.



Activities

The Canyon's [activities](#) are focused on the great outdoors and highlight education and preservation.

Throughout the year, guests explore the nearby beach, hiking trails and bike paths or take advantage of the heated swimming pool. Bikes are available on a complimentary basis, first come first serve. There are also scheduled activities including yoga, story-telling, botanical hikes, a ropes course and stargazing.

Day Tours: The Canyon can arrange tours to local wineries, whale watching (seasonal), golf at neighboring oceanfront courses, trips to the Monarch Butterfly Park, and guided hikes through the state park trails that encircle the Canyon. Staff can also arrange kayaking, sunset cruises, horse riding, mountain biking, rock climbing and day sailing, among other local activities.

Entertainment: On-site activities at the Canyon include a popular Saturday night outdoor Summer Concert Series and barbecue buffet dinner under the stars; Thursday night outdoor movies; and feeding the Canyon's llamas and goats with Larry, the resident farm historian.

Spa Camping

In 2008, El Capitan Canyon opened its first Spa Cabin and tent. The [spa program](#) has since expanded to include two spa tents, outdoor treatment areas and showers. True to the outdoor experience the Canyon is known for, the spa area is inviting, restful and set beside a stream under a leafy canopy. The surrounding gardens are planted with herbs and native flowering scrubs.

Treatments are offered in the cedar Spa Cabin, or for an alfresco experience, a tent, or in the privacy of guest's accommodations for a minimal added fee.



The spa menu features a range of options from couple's treatments to specialized hot stone massage and trigger point therapy. Treatments range \$105 – \$155.

On Green

With such a setting, environmental stewardship is inherent at the Canyon. Over the years El Capitan Canyon continues to expand its efforts to restore, preserve and protect its lands and waterways. Current initiatives include the Native Vegetation Enhancement Project, Urban Timber Salvage and Recycling Program, Collective Cooperation Water Conservation, Renewable Energy Project and the Steelhead Habitat Restoration Program. Additional efforts include the Canyon's Car-Free Policy, where a shuttle service using electric and gas vehicles, as well as complimentary bicycles, keep car traffic to a minimum.

Getting There

Take Ventura Freeway (Highway 101) exit at El Capitan Beach. El Capitan Canyon is 10 minutes from [Santa Barbara Airport](#), serviced by Alaska Air, American Airlines, Delta, Horizon Air, United Express and US Airways. Also nearby is the Amtrak station. Shuttle service from the airport or train station to the Canyon can easily be arranged.

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Wedding Information

El Capitan Canyon
will customize any
menu to fit your

Special day!

Please take a look at the El Capitan Canyon Catering Menus for full menu options.

The two most popular menus for Weddings held at El Capitan Canyon are our El Cap BBQ and the Santa Barbara Beach Buffet!

Wedding Rentals

Ceremony

Ceremony Site

- (1) Arch
 - (2) 6' Tables with Linen of choice
 - (150) Folding Wooden Chairs with padding
(White, Natural or Fruitwood)
- \$1,500.00

Individual Rentals

Basic White China & Glassware Set

\$16.95 per person

Includes:

- (2) Dinner Plates
- (1) Each: Fork, Knife and Spoon
- (1) Dessert Fork, Dessert Spoon
- (1) B&B Plate, Dessert Plate
- (1) Water Glass
- (1) Wine Glass
- (1) Beer Glass
- (1) Coffee Mug

Wooden Folding Chairs with padding

White \$3.50 each

Natural \$ 4.95 each

Fruitwood (Dark) \$5.25 each

Beer & Wine Bar

Bartender fee \$300.00 for the first 4 hours and \$35.00 per hour after the 4 hours

Includes:

- Supervising and Storing of Beer & Wine
- Tubs/Icing Beer & Wine
- Bar Set-up: Table & Linen
- (1) Staff member to Supervise Bar

Price per person does not include a 20% service charge or current sales tax.
Labor and Equipment is service charged 21.75%. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Wedding Fact Sheet

- ❖ El Capitan Canyon requires that all weddings have a wedding planner the day of to assist.
- ❖ All guests must stay on the property. No day-use guests are allowed except for approved outside vendors such as Photographers, Hair Dressers, etc.
- ❖ No amplified music of any kind is allowed. Weddings that would like amplified sound need to hold their reception at the Canyon Market. Please refer to El Capitan Canyon Preferred Wedding Vendor List for preferred DJs and music.
- ❖ No outside catering companies are allowed on property unless you buy-out the entire Canyon. A \$20.00 per person fee will apply. This is not a labor fee. Additional labor fees will apply if you request an El Capitan Canyon staff member to assist in the set-up of your event or in staffing the event. El Capitan Canyon Management will be on hand to assist in directing outside vendors at no additional charge.
- ❖ All outside vendors need to be provided by ECC management, please refer to the El Capitan Canyon Preferred Wedding Vendor List.
- ❖ Alcohol is limited to Beer and Wine only. You may bring in your own beer and wine. Bartender fee \$300.00 for the first 4 hours and \$35.00 per hour after that. Hard alcohol is permitted only with a buy-out of the entire canyon.
- ❖ El Capitan Canyon only supplies paper products. If you wish to have china and glassware all rentals of these items need to be ordered through El Capitan Canyon.
- ❖ Canyon buy-out rates are TBD depending on the time of year.

Preferred Wedding Vendors

Photographers

Janelle Stephanie Photography
805.551.4556
jbo@janellestephanie.com
www.janellestephanie.com

Florist

The Exotic Green Garden
805.494.5300
www.exoticgreengarden.com

Bakery

Henning's Cake Boutique
805.965.6107
greatcake@henningscake.com
www.henningscake.com

DJ/Music

Elite Disc Jockeys

805.331.4416
danny@elitediscjockeys.com
www.elitediscjockeys.com

Adam Rasmussen (Wedding Pianist)
805.450.1920
adam@gardensandvilla.com

Wedding Planner

Kelly Clark Leonard

805-705-9727

Lighting

Bella Vista Design
805.966.9616
mail@bellavistadesigns.com
www.bellavistadesigns.com

Santa Barbara Wines

Aincent Peaks Zinfindel/ Syrah	\$22.00
Ancient Peaks Merlot/Cab.	\$19.00
Ancient Peaks Sauvignon Blanc 07	\$19.00
Buttonwood Cabernet Franc 05	\$24.00
Cold Heaven 07	\$30.00
Lafond Chardonnay 07	\$28.00
Lafond Pinot Noir 07	\$31.50
Lafond Syrah 07	\$27.00
Lane Tanner Santa Maria 07	\$40.00
Margerum Viognier 06	\$24.00
Melville Chardonnay 07	\$32.00
Melville Pinot Noir	\$32.00
Melville Syrah	\$28.00
Melville Viognier 06	\$29.00
Niner Sangiovese 06	\$28.00
Niner Sauvignon Blanc 07	\$20.00
Rutherford Ranch Chardonnay	\$20.00
Rutherford Ranch Cabemet	\$22.00
Santa Barbara Chardonnay 07	\$16.00
Santa Barbara Grenache 06	\$26.99
Santa Barbara Petite Syrah 06	\$32.00
Santa Barbara Pinot Gris 07	\$19.00
Santa Barbara Pinot Noir 07 SRH	\$27.50
Santa Barbara Pinot Noir 08	\$19.00
Santa Barbara Riesling 07	\$22.00
Santa Barbara Sauvignon Blanc 07	\$19.00
Santa Barbara Syrah 07 SRH	\$21.50
Santa Barbara Syrah 08	\$18.00
Santa Barbara ZCS 07	\$16.00

Central Coast

Cabana White and Red	\$15.00
Garnet Pinot Noir 08	\$26.00
Happy Camper Cabernet/Chard./Merlot	\$14.00
Hey Mambo Red/White 07	\$13.00
Plungerhead Lodi Zinfindel 07	\$18.00
Tortoise Creek Cab./Chard./Syrah/Viog.	\$14.00

Organic/Sustainable

Santa Julia Torrontes/Cab/Merlot/Chard	\$13.50
Tiamo Pinot Grigio Italy 08	\$14.75

Sparkling/Imports

Tiamo Prosecco Italy Organic	\$18.75
Tortoise Creek Pinot Noir French	\$14.00
Kila Spparkling	\$18.75

Beer List

Domestic

\$4.50 per Bottle

Coors Light
Budweiser
Budweiser American Ale

Import

\$5.50 per Bottle

Warsteiner
Corona
Pacifico
Tecate
Anchor Steam
Heineken
Heineken Light
Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale
Sierra Nevada Pale Ale
Stella Artois
Wyder Pear Cider
Stargazer India Pale Ale
Endless Summer Light
Firestone India Pale Ale
Firestone California Pale Ale
Firestone Double Barrel Ale
Redbridge Ale (no wheat/barley)

*Billed on consumption, per person & does not include 20% service charge or current tax.
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