



# Saratoga Vista

## Cama Beach State Park

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*Helpful information about renting, decorating, catering, parking, lodging, shuttle service, and more . . .*

The Saratoga Vista at Cama Beach State Park can be rented for picnics, family reunions, weddings, and other special events. It is a grassy, shaded area on the beach with sweeping views of the Olympic Mountains, Saratoga Passage, and Whidbey Island.

**The reservable area accommodates groups of up to 100 people.** It contains several picnic tables, two charcoal braziers, and two firepits. Complimentary firewood is provided but you will

need to bring your own kindling, matches, and charcoal. Please make sure that all fires are out before leaving for the day.

**Rental of the Saratoga Vista is for the entire day** starting at 9 a.m. and ending at sunset. When you arrive, please check in at the Welcome Center (the first building you see on your left as you enter the park gates).

**Because the Saratoga Vista is in a state park**, some events require a **Special Activities Permit** to help manage celebrations outside normal day-to-day park activities. Costs and types of permits will depend on whether park staffing needs will be impacted by the event. Please contact us at (360)387-1550 to discuss which permits might be needed and how to obtain them.

**Catering for your event at the Saratoga Vista is allowed.** If you are interested in catering through **Cama Beach Café and Catering**, please contact Donna King at (360) 387-3326 or [camabeachcafe@gmail.com](mailto:camabeachcafe@gmail.com). Contracting with another caterer? If they are self-contained, you only need to contact the Program Specialist for a catering permit.

**When decorating for your event**, surface-weighted event tents, ceremonial arches, and dance floors are allowed with advance notice. **Stakes, spikes, posts, and any other items that pierce the ground are prohibited at Cama Beach State Park.** We also ask that nothing be attached to any structures, trees, plants, rocks, etc. You are welcome to set out an A-frame sign at the entrance of the park to direct your guests to the site.

**After your event, leave the area the way you found it.** Put all trash, recycling, and composting in designated receptacles located in the Saratoga Vista. Please remove all personal equipment, decorations, food, and lighting when you leave for the day.



**Need a fun place to stay for a couple of nights?** Reservations for the **Saratoga Vista** can be made 18 months in advance when renting seven or more Cama Beach cabins, or nine months in advance when renting between zero and six cabins. Cabin rates change seasonally. Visit <https://washington.goingtocamp.com> or call (360) 387-1550 if you are interested in renting cabins. Our staff will be happy to assist you!

**Celebrating your wedding at Cama Beach State Park?** A park shuttle service will be provided to transport you and your guests to and from several additional upland parking lots as needed until dusk. The shuttle phone hotline is (360) 913-0250. **Several other facilities are also available** to rent along with the Saratoga Vista as either ceremony or reception locations. These include the Cama Center Great Hall, the Cama Center Forest Room, and the Center for Wooden Boats Boathouse on the beach. Please call (360) 387-1550 if you are interested in renting the Cama Center or (360) 387-9361 to request more information about the boathouse.

### **Here's some additional helpful information:**

- **Serving alcohol requires a special activity permit**, approved by a Park Ranger. Event organizers are responsible for ensuring no minors have access to alcohol and that no one is intoxicated. State law prohibits intoxication in State Parks.
- **State law allows consumption of alcohol in cabins, campsites, picnic areas, and buildings** but not on park roads or the beach.
- **Kegs and casks of alcoholic beverages, egg tosses, straw bales, and water balloons are not allowed** at Cama Beach State Park.
- **Amplified music is allowed at a reasonable decibel level.**
- **Stakes, spikes, posts, and any other items that pierce the ground are prohibited at Cama Beach State Park.** All structures including event tents, ceremonial arches, and dance floors must be surface weighted only.
- **A park shuttle is provided** to bring event guests to and from weddings at the Saratoga Vista. Normal operational hours for the Cama Shuttle are from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily and on Fridays until ~8 p.m. During weddings and certain other special events, the shuttle runs as needed until dusk and will transport guests from the parking lots to the Saratoga Vista.
- **Guests attending an event at the Saratoga Vista need a Discover Pass**, available at the Cama Beach Welcome Center. However, registered guests staying in a cabin or campsite do not need one since they receive an overnight pass as part of their rental. Certain exemptions apply: (1) HDCP placard, DP plates, or WA State Disability card, (2) WA State Disabled Veteran card or DV plates, (3) WA State Senior Citizen Limited Income Pass, (4) WA State Foster Family Pass.
- **All fireworks are prohibited in Washington State Parks.**