

Weddings in West Vancouver



A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT deserves a setting that is second-to-none.

Welcome to West Vancouver, where the majestic mountains, endless sky and blue waters of the Strait of Georgia unite to make the perfect backdrop for your special day.

Whether you are envisioning grand or intimate, waterside or park, West Vancouver has the ideal outdoor space for you to exchange your "I do's".

Wedding Permit Options

West Vancouver offers couples two wedding permit options; one perfect for small gatherings

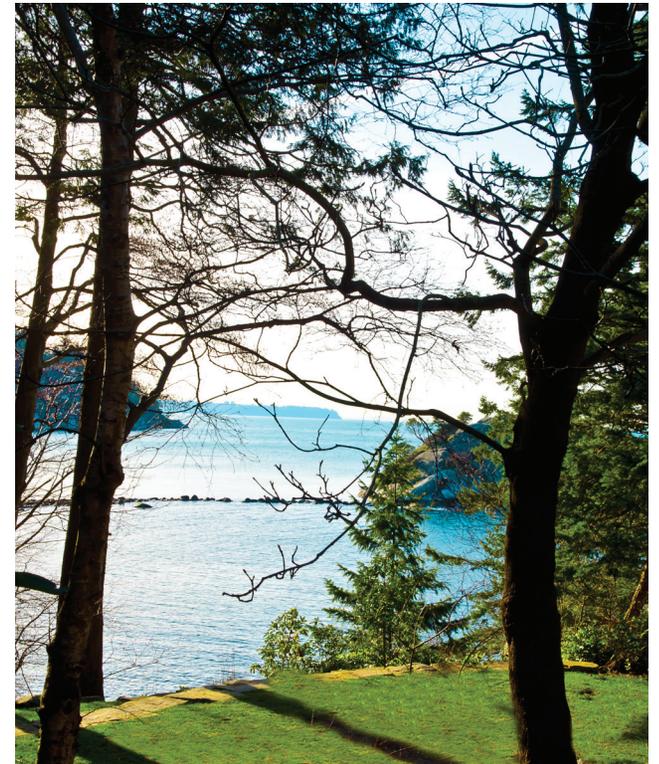
spanning one hour or less; and a second which affords for set-up and take down time as well as exclusive use of a designated park area. For a complete outline of what each permit includes, please see the chart on the following page.

Designated Area Ceremony Sites

Whytecliff Park: Known for its beauty and picturesque environment, Whytecliff Park and its Bassendale Terrace area create an ideal outdoor wedding location. The semi-secluded terrace offers views over the beach and Whyte Island, and is protected by native vegetation and natural rock.



Whytecliff Park



Whytecliff Park

West Vancouver Wedding Permit Options

To download the application form please visit westvancouver.ca/weddings

	Non-Exclusive Wedding Permit (or photo session) as non-exclusive use of a park	Wedding Permit for an Exclusive Designated Area (see photo for specific locations)
Permit Required	Yes	Yes
Permit Fee	\$135 + tax	\$400 + tax
Duration	One hour	Two hours plus 30 minutes each for set-up and clean-up
Booking Priority	First come, first served.	First come, first served. Has priority over non-exclusive permits, if received at the same time
Use Restrictions	Non-Exclusive	Exclusive use of the designated wedding area ¹
Set Up Restrictions	Not Permitted: Seating arrangements, tents, canopies, structures and decorations	Temporary structures (i.e. arches, colonnades) ² Tents/Canopies (10'x10', maximum of two) ³ Chairs/seating arrangements (maximum of 40) Small Table (max one) Not Permitted: Decoration on existing structures
Noise Restrictions	No acoustic amplified noise or drums.	No amplified noise or drums. Non-amplified acoustic music permitted.
Parking	All parking must be in accordance with District of West Vancouver Bylaws	
Capacity Restrictions	Maximum 40 people, including wedding party	Maximum 100 people, including wedding party
Washrooms	Public washrooms are available at some locations	
Locations	Ambleside Park, Dundarave Park, John Lawson Park, Memorial Park, Seawalk Garden, Whytecliff Park. Other locations may be available upon request with special permission. Not available: Lighthouse Park, Caulfeild Park	Whytecliff Park. Email: pjones@westvancouver.ca Exclusive weddings are limited to these two locations. Sorry—no exceptions.

¹ This ensures that a designated area is set aside, with signage, for use of the wedding. Public will still be able to use the park, but not in the designated wedding area.

² Absolutely no ground penetration. Any structures must be weighted down.



Designated Area



Whytecliff Park

Frequently asked questions

PERMITTING AND RESERVATIONS

Q: What does a wedding permit entail?

A: All wedding parties must have a valid permit, obtained through the District of West Vancouver. Permits cover the wedding ceremony and photographs only; they do not cover receptions, picnics or other activities.

Q: What is the difference between the two permits?

A: Please see the comparison chart for an in-depth comparison of the two permits. A basic breakdown:

- **\$400 + tax:** Wedding Permit for a Designated Area (limited to 100 people, including the wedding party)
- **\$135 + tax:** Non-Exclusive Wedding Permit or Photography Session (limited to 40 people, including the wedding party)

Q: How and when do I pay for my wedding permit?

A: Permit fees are required before the permit is issued. The permit will be provided to the booking party, prior to the event date. Fees are payable to the District of West Vancouver. Pay in person, by phone, or by mail to:

Parks and Community Services Management Offices
West Vancouver Community Centre
2121 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC V7V 4Y2
604-925-7204

Q: Will someone be at the wedding, checking for a permit?

A: A copy of the permit must be available for presentation, upon request, at the ceremony.

Q: If we change our minds and end up switching our wedding location, can we refund our permit purchase?

A: Sorry, permit fees are non-refundable.

Q: Do we need insurance in addition to the permit, or does the permit cover everything?

A: Permit holders are required to have \$2 million in Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, in addition to their permit. Insurance can be purchased through the District for a cost of \$25 (non-exclusive), and \$50 (exclusive).

Q: We just got engaged and would like to book a wedding for this summer. Is that possible?

A: Weddings may be booked up to one year in advance. Priority will be given to Wedding Permits for a Designated Area. Weddings may be reserved between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP:

Q: Does the Parks Department look after prepping the site, as well as cleaning it up?

A: Wedding ceremony locations are permitted "as is" and must be returned in their original state. Recycling and garbage must be collected and removed at the conclusion of the event. This includes pageantry, celebration material, and/or signage. Additional charges may accrue for damages or incomplete clean-up of the area.

Q: We are considering a Non-Exclusive permit for photos following our wedding; are we allowed to bring installations to help complement some of the photos?

A: Sorry, temporary installations are not permitted for Non-Exclusive Wedding Permits.

Wedding Permits for a Designated Area may allow temporary installations (equipment is to be provided by the client/permit holder). Installations may include:

- 10' x 10' tents (maximum two)
- Chairs (maximum 40)
- Small table for signing of marriage certificate (maximum one)
- Portable arches or other decorative features

MUSIC, CATERING, AND OTHER PAGEANTRY:

Q: Are we able to bring in a band?

A: Neither the Non-Exclusive or the Designated Area permit sanctions the use of amplified sound (i.e. amplifiers, microphones, portable sound systems, etc.) or drums. However, a Designated Area permit does allow for live, non-amplified acoustic music (i.e. guitar, accordion, fiddle, etc). All noise, music included, must abide by the District of West Vancouver's Noise Control Bylaw.

PARKING

Q: Will there be parking available at all park sites?

A: Yes, however, exclusive reservation of parking spots is not permitted. All vehicles must be parked in accordance with the District's bylaws.

GENERAL RULES

Q: What are the basic rules all wedding parties must follow when getting married in a District park?

A: The following are **not permitted**:

- Percussion instruments and/or bagpipes
- Additional lighting features
- Group food and/or alcoholic beverages are not permitted to be sold, dispensed or consumed
- Smoking is strictly prohibited
- Signage, banners or advertisements
- Confetti of any type (including rice, flower petals, paper products)
- The use of fire or fireworks, the installation of electricity, and the installation of stages or portable toilets

For more information:

604-925-7204