



Weddings In The City Of The Blue Mountains

Introduction



Historically the Blue Mountains has always been a natural paradise with its unique and picturesque environment ideal for a variety of outdoor activities.

As the beauty of this area has become more and more recognised and visited, it has now become a popular choice for couples embarking on that most precious of life's journeys - their marriage.

The Blue Mountains City Council is pleased to allow Wedding Ceremonies and photographic sessions to be conducted in reserves and open spaces within the City limits.

There are many sites that are popular with residents and visitors alike for such an event, whether they be a secluded picturesque waterfall deep within a mountain valley, or an established park surrounded by cascading Rhododendron branches.

The Blue Mountains City Council has put this small booklet together to provide general information to prospective users.

All requests for approval should be in writing to the General Manager: Blue Mountains City Council, Locked Bag 1005, Katoomba, NSW 2780, or on the Application Form attached to the back of this booklet.

World Heritage Listing

In December 2000 the Greater Blue Mountains Area was listed for World Heritage.

The Blue Mountains is a dissected sandstone tableland that cradled the birth of new continental flora, while at the same time sheltering in its deepest recesses the floristic remnants of Gondwana. This vast and beautiful area of upland reserves, inhabited by indigenous people over millennia, stands adjacent to the largest metropolis in Australia.

Through their scale and symbiosis with the City of Sydney, the Greater Blue Mountains exemplify the links between wild places and human aspirations.





Considerations

When deciding on the venue that best suits you, there are many factors that may need to be taken into consideration.

Some considerations when making your venue choice are:

- ❖ Please consider the climatic information provided for you.
- ❖ If having a large party you may need to consider whether your site has enough parking facilities
- ❖ Amenities - if your service will be of some duration you may need to have toilet facilities close at hand
- ❖ The make up of the wedding guests - if you have elderly, visually or mobility impaired guest, locations such as isolated walking tracks or lookouts may prove difficult for them to navigate.
- ❖ Safety issues - some lookouts are only fenced in small sections which may be hazardous for young children to attend.

It is recommended that before committing to a location you visit the site preferably around the same time of year as your service will be held, this way you will get an idea of what vegetation will be flowering at that time, and also give you an indication of the amount of public traffic to the area, and the climate conditions.

Council is always interested in community feedback, and should you have any suggestions or comments after your event please forward them onto us.





Common Questions

Can I have a portable Gazebo or shade structure at the site?

Only free-standing structures would be permissible, no structures with stakes or tent pegs will be allowed.

Can I have tables and chairs?

You may certainly have a table and a few chairs for any official documentation to be signed.

Can I have wedding photos taken at a lookout?

You may certainly have a photo session at any Council controlled area, even if you are having the wedding service elsewhere.

Can I have alcohol?

No alcohol is permitted in Council controlled parks and open spaces. However, Council has no objection for a minimal amount of alcohol to be used purely for the purpose of ceremonial toasts.

Can I have a reception in a Council Park?

No, the approval given for this application is for the ceremony only

Can I have a naming Ceremony or Christening in a Park?

Yes

Can I rope off an area we wish to reserve?

No, as these are public areas, public access is to be maintained

Does your approval let me use areas in the Blue Mountains National Park?

No, the approval given by Council is for Council controlled areas only, all requests to use areas maintained by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (4787 8877) should be directed to them.



Climatic Features of the Blue Mountains

Average Temperatures in the Blue Mountains

These averages are based on Katoomba Figures (Degrees Celsius)

	Min	Max		Min	Max
January	12.9	23.4	July	2.7	9.3
February	12.8	22.9	August	3.5	10.9
March	11.6	21	September	5.4	14.1
April	9.1	17.3	October	7.9	17.3
May	5.9	13.3	November	10.5	21.2
June	4.3	10.7	December	11.8	22.2

Average Rainfall in the Blue Mountains

	Katoomba	Springwood		Katoomba	Springwood
January	200mm	154mm	July	79mm	50mm
February	220mm	170mm	August	110mm	60mm
March	195mm	130mm	September	75mm	52mm
April	130mm	85mm	October	120mm	89mm
May	125mm	80mm	November	125mm	110mm
June	150mm	95mm	December	130mm	100mm

Popular Locations

The following are some of the more popular venues used for Wedding Ceremonies:

Blue Mountains UBD Reference

Glenbrook Park, Glenbrook	Map 37	M16
Buttenshaw Park, Springwood	Map 25	P2
Corridor of Oaks, Faulconbridge	Map 25	J2
Wentworth Falls Lake, Wentworth Falls	Map 21	G7
Leura Cascades, Leura	Map AP10	
Bridal Veil Lookout, Leura	Map A	P11
Gordon Falls Lookout, Leura	Map 30	H2
Honeymoon Lookout, Katoomba	Map AM16	
Kingsford Smith Park, Katoomba	Map A	H4
Civic Place Park, Katoomba	Map A	G2
Blackheath Memorial Gardens, Blackheath	Map 7	E8
Blackheath Park and Pool, Blackheath	Map 7	G9
Neat Park, Blackheath	Map 7	E11
Mt Victoria Park, Mt Victoria	Map 2	H5
Cathedral of Ferns, Mt Wilson, Mt Irvine Rd		



Conditions of Use

1. No area is roped off as this is a public reserve and public access is to be maintained at all times.
2. The use of confetti, rice, flower petals or the like is not permitted.
3. The area is to be left in a clean and tidy state.
4. The erection of tents, marquees or the like is not permitted.
5. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted in public areas without the appropriate licences.
6. This permission is only extended for a wedding service and photographs, no reception or function will be permitted.
7. The driving and parking of vehicles in parks/reserves is not allowed unless prior arrangements have been made with Council.
8. No amplification of any kind is to be used - including loud hailers and/or megaphones.

These conditions only apply to Council owned lands and that any intention to use property controlled by the National Parks and Wildlife Services should be referred to them for similar approval.



APPLICATION FOR WEDDING CEREMONY AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHS

Applicant's name:

Address:

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Phone Number: (W)(H)(M)

Email:

Venue:

Date requested:.....Time:.....

Purpose:.....

I have read the Conditions of Use and agree to abide by them

Signature of Applicant:Date:

Please return form to: Booking Officer
Development & Customer Services
Blue Mountains City Council
Locked Bag 1005
KATOOMBA NSW 2780
council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au

Tel: (02) 4780 5613
Fax: (02) 4780 5555

NOTES: **Fee to lodge Application for Wedding Ceremony and/or Photography for the financial year 2016/2017 is \$150.00. This fee will be invoiced upon receipt of the application and must be paid in full prior to the release of the approval. Fees are not refundable.**

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FORM



BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL

Hold Harmless for Festivals and Special Events

Council facility/s to be used:

Name of Event Manager:

Description of event to be held:

Date/s of the event:

Time:

From

To

Agreement:

In consideration for the use of the facility/s shown above, which are owned/controlled by Blue Mountains City Council, I/we agree to hold Blue Mountains City Council harmless for any damages, acts or incidents that occur as a result of the above event held by me/us. Further, I/we assume all liability for specific losses arising from the event listed above and release Blue Mountains City Council from all liability and costs incurred arising from or incident to the event.

Signature:

Phone No:

Name of Responsible Party:

Address of Responsible Party:

Date: __ / __ / 20__ .