

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the best time of year, weather-wise, to have a wedding on the Beaches and Parks of Monterey County?

A: As we all know, weather is not 100% predictable, so we wouldn't want to say for certain whether your particular day will be a "good" weather day, and it also depends on the location you chose for your ceremony. On the same day, the weather can be different from one side of the Peninsula to the other. But, having said that, historically, the sunniest times of the year in Monterey is June through October. On the average September is our warmest, December is our coolest, January is our wettest and July is our driest. A great source to get the average temperature, average rainy days, and average cloudy days is at <http://www.weather.com/outlook/travel/vacationplanner/destination/guide-monterey>.

Q: Does Monterey Beach Weddings have a map of the local beaches?

A: Yes, please go to our website www.beachweddingsinmonterey.com and click on the green tab on the left hand side of the screen titled "Beach & Park Locations". You will see a map of our favorite locations, and if you click on the "View Larger Map" you can actually print this out along with the legend.

Q: Will an employee of Monterey Beach Weddings accompany us to the locations?

A: Once you have selected the location for your Ceremony and contract with Monterey Beach Weddings, the package includes a one hour trip to the site to confirm where you want your chairs, arch, and any other equipment placed.

Q: Can Monterey Beach Weddings help me with accommodations

A: We recommend that you go to either any of the Chambers of Commerce for our area (Carmel, Monterey, or Pacific Grove) or another great resource is Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau at <http://www.montereyinfo.org>.

Q: Can I have petals at my ceremony like the set up pictured on your website?

A: It depends on the location you choose. Most of them do not have an ordinance against rose petals; however, in Pacific Grove (Lover's Point and Berwick Park) they do. This is because of the city's concern that the petals will not be one hundred percent removed and discarded prior to the next event. However, we have seen it done and it is beautiful, and as part of our service, we will "attempt" to make sure it is all removed, but if the city receives a complaint, you must be aware that they can keep your cleaning deposit and Monterey Beach Weddings will not accept any responsibility for this.

Q: Does Monterey Beach Weddings provide water for our guests?

A: Yes, we do.

Q: Does Monterey Beach Weddings provide lighting and/or candles for sunset ceremonies?

A: We do not supply lighting needs. However, should your ceremony be after dusk and require lighting, then we will be happy to put you in contact with a service that will work with you on a direct basis to supply you with your desired ambiance that will also keep your guests' safety in mind.

Q: Should I be worried about the tide level at the beach location I have chosen?

A: For most beaches this is not usually an issue, however, for Lover's Point Beach (not Lover's Point Park), the tide could be a factor and we suggest you contact West Marine in Monterey at 831-375-1870 to obtain the appropriate tide charts.

Q: Does Monterey Beach Weddings service Big Sur Beaches.

A: Not at this time.

Q: Can you help me find out what events and activities might be going on in the area around my wedding date?

A: Yes. Just go to our website at www.beachweddingsinmonterey.com and click on the green tab on the left hand side of the screen titled "Local Information". Go to the end of this page and you will see a link that says "click here" for information about what is going on in the month you are planning your wedding. This will open up a Calendar of Events for the entire year.

Q: Do we have to obtain our marriage license in Monterey County?

A: No, however, you do need to obtain it in the State of California. A California issued marriage license is effective immediately and valid for 90 days anywhere within the State of California. We suggest, for ease, if you are not local to Monterey County but live in California that you acquire your license from your local city government. If you are from out of state, please go to our website at www.beachweddingsinmonterey.com and click on the green tab on the left hand side of the screen titled "Tips & Information" to locate the Monterey County Court House address and phone number.

Q: What should I do first when planning a beach wedding?

A: If you are certain which park or beach location you want, first contact the appropriate agency (see our [Beach & Park Locations](#) on our website for their phone numbers) to confirm if your date is open and whether or not a permit is required. If a permit is required, you either need to obtain the permit yourself or you can have Monterey Beach Weddings handle this for you. This is the most important part of the process – the rest of it is the fun stuff. If you are not certain about your location, we recommend you take a road trip to check them all out.

Q: Does Monterey Beach Weddings require a deposit?

A: Yes. If you are contracting with us for your Ceremony only, the deposit is \$150 for us to reserve your date.