

Receptions

Outdoor Occasions

*We also have facilities that are suitable for wedding receptions.
Call 250-756-5200 for availability & pricing*

Facility Locations:

- Beban Park Recreation Centre - 2300 Bowen Road
- Bowen Park Complex - 500 Bowen Road
- Kin Hut Activity Centre - 2730 Departure Bay Road
- Rotary Activity Centre - 850 Third Street

Facility	Theatre Seating (fire regulations)	Functions with Table Seating*	Approximately Floor Area
Bowen Clubhouse	80	50	50' x 24'
Kin Hut Activity Centre	85	50	35' x 29'
Bowen Activity Room #1	97	50	44' x 28'
Beban Triple Meeting Room	150	90	72' x 38'
Beban Lounge	200	125	63' x 46'
Bowen Auditorium	306	150	74' x 52'
Beban Half Auditorium	315	200	80' x 48'
Beban Auditorium A & Lounge	500	325	108' x 48'
Beban Full Auditorium	800	400	96' x 80'
Beban Full Auditorium & Lounge	1090	700	159' x 80'
Rotary Activity Centre	85	50	35' x 29'

*Number shown for functions with table seating is a guideline only. Capacity is dependent on the setup used.



*Hold your elegant, simple
outdoor wedding ceremony
at one of Nanaimo's
beautiful parks.*

Ceremonies

Getting married in one of Nanaimo's beautiful parks in a tranquil park setting is an ideal way to start a lifetime together.

City of Nanaimo parks are becoming increasingly sought after as a venue for wedding ceremonies. These celebrations may have impacts on the environment and other park visitor experience. In an effort to minimize these impacts, wedding parties must book any of the locations listed below by calling 250-755-7517. There is a charge for wedding rentals.

A few basic rules apply when using our public parks for wedding ceremonies.

Please read venue guidelines for details.

Venue Guidelines

1. Areas can be rented for a maximum of 2 hours. The rental starts at the beginning of set-up through clean up and removal of decorations. Please allow sufficient time to host your wedding.
2. Smoking and the consumption of alcohol is NOT permitted in City of Nanaimo parks.
3. Licensee will be present at all times during the event and will assume responsibility for participant and/or performer conduct. Excessive sound and inappropriate content causing a nuisance to surrounding pedestrians, residents and businesses are not permitted under any circumstances.
4. Area can be decorated with free standing or tied decorations only. Nails, tacks or tape are not permitted. The renter is responsible for the security of their decorations.
5. Foliage is not to be broken or moved.
6. Area is rented as is.
7. Licensee is responsible for the cleanup of the area rented. Clean up must be completed within the rental time frame.
8. Confetti or rice is not permitted, as it can be harmful to wildlife if ingested and is not biodegradable. We recommend the use of birdseed or bubbles.
9. Licensee is liable for any and all damages incurred during the use of the area rented, and agrees to pay all costs incurred by the City for cleanup, repairs and/or services resulting from the event.
10. All parks are public space. You do not have exclusive use of the park for your wedding ceremony. Please do not impede general public access to the site. Visitors may stop and watch your wedding.
11. Under NO circumstances should park property (benches, signage) be moved or relocated.
12. Parking is limited at all parks. Please plan accordingly. Large wedding groups may be requested to submit a parking plan.



Neck Point Park

Our most popular wedding ceremony location is in north Nanaimo. On-site parking is very limited. Accessible drop-off is available for the seawall location.

- The Seawall - max. group size 100
- Finn Beach* - max. group size 50
- No Name Beach - max. group size 40
- Last Beach - max. group size 40
- Sunset Beach - max. group size 40

**Most accessible location*

Bowen Park

This beautiful park located in central Nanaimo offers many locations for outdoor wedding ceremonies. Parking is available.

- Waterfalls - max. group size 50
- Amphitheater - max. group size 100
- Grassy area across from the Rhododendron Garden - max. group size 100

Picnic Shelters

Bowen Park has two picnic shelters. Additional fees apply.

- Riverside - max. group size 200
- Poolside - max. group size 75

Pipers Lagoon

A beautiful location for a ceremony, Pipers has a large grassy area that is within easy walking distance to the parking lot. Parking is available but limited.

- Grassy Area - max. group size 75