

# Outdoor Occasions

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



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# Ceremonies

*Getting married in one of Nanaimo's beautiful parks, on the beach or in a tranquil park setting is an ideal way to start a lifetime together. A few basic rules apply when using our public parks for wedding ceremonies. Please read venue guidelines for details.*

*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 parks visitors experience. In an effort to minimize these impacts, wedding parties should obtain a permit by calling 250-755-7517.*



## Neck Point Park

*Our most popular wedding ceremony location is in North Nanaimo. Drive in access to the park is not permitted in restricted areas and on site parking is very limited.*

- The Seawall - max. group size 100
- Finn Beach\* - max. group size 50
- Indian Beach - max. group size 40
- Last Beach - max. group size 40
- The Lookout - max. group size 25
- 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
- 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 in easy walking distance to the parking lot. Parking is available but limited.*

- Grassy Area - max. group size 75

*Larger parties are welcome to apply and be responsible for an alternative parking plan.*

# Venue Info

1. Areas are rented up to 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. Alcohol is not permitted in City of Nanaimo parks.
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.



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 situation 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. We do not rent or set-up any items.
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 as such 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. Full refunds will be made on ceremonies that are cancelled due to inclement weather, upon receipt of a written request.

# Receptions

*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
- Departure Bay Activity Centre - 1415 Wingrove Street
- Harewood Activity Centre - 195 Fourth Street
- Kin Hut Activity Centre - 2730 Departure Bay Road
- Rotary Activity Centre - 850 Third Street

Facility	Theatre Seating (fire regulations)	Functions With Table Seating*	Approximate Floor Area
Bowen Clubhouse	80	50	50' x 24'
Harewood Activity Centre	85	50	41' x 26'
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'
Departure Bay Activity Centre	276	180	65' x 54'
Bowen Auditorium	306	200	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'

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