



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is there a cost to book a Wedding ceremony at Wilson Botanic Park Berwick?

A: Yes, a hire fee and security bond applies to ceremonies held at the Park and will need to be paid in full at the time of booking. Please contact the 9707 5818 for current prices.

Bookings made less than two weeks prior to the function date will incur a late fee.

Q: What does my booking include?

A: A Wedding ceremony includes:

- Choice of location
- Hire of selected area for a 1 hour period.
- A reservation sign
- A table & 2 chairs for signing the register (staff will set up and collect).
- One VIP bridal vehicle entry pass.
- A wedding photography permit

There are four (4) different locations to choose from for your ceremony. From there you can move to other locations for different scenery/photo opportunities.

Q: How long is the booking for a Wedding ceremony?

A: One hour is set aside for your ceremony. Wedding guests are expected to vacate the area once the booking has concluded as specified in your confirmation letter.

The bridal party are permitted to remain in the park for the purpose of Wedding photography provided they do not interfere with any other bookings in the Park.

Q: Do I get extra time to set-up and pack-up the chosen area for our Wedding ceremony?

A: Yes, you have a half hour prior to the ceremony time to allow for set up prior and a half hour for clean up from the conclusion time. For example if you are getting married at 2pm, set-up time will be available from 1.30pm, your Wedding ceremony is scheduled to conclude at 3pm therefore the site should be cleared/vacated (packed up) by 3.30pm.

Q: Can I have my Wedding ceremony outside of the Park's opening times?

A: The Park is unable to accommodate Wedding ceremonies and/or Wedding photography outside of the official opening hours.

Q: Can you guarantee the booked site will be exclusively ours?

A: Yes, while you have booked a site which has been reserved for you, the Park is open to the general public; therefore it is not possible to prevent bystanders from viewing your wedding.

Q: Will other people be in the Park during my wedding?

A: The Park is a public site and we cannot guarantee that there will be no members of the public in the area. However there will be a reservation sign notifying people that there will be a Wedding ceremony taking place.

In most cases, people respect that this is your special day.

Q: Is there disabled access?

A: All guests access the park via the main entrance. Please consider the walking distance for guests with disabilities when choosing the location of your Wedding ceremony.

A wheelchair is available for loan from the Park's Visitors Centre between the hours of 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Q: Can I drive into Wilson Botanic Park Berwick?

A: One VIP pass for the bridal vehicle will be issued for the purpose of driving the bride to the booked location in the event of a Wedding ceremony. Once the bride has been dropped off, the bridal vehicle must exit the Park immediately and move to the public car park.



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Wedding Ceremonies & Wedding Photography

Vehicles will not be permitted to remain in the Park for the duration of the function nor will any vehicle be permitted to re-enter the park.

All equipment must be walked into the Park through the front entrance. There are trolleys available for loan from the Park's Visitors Centre between the hours of 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Q: What if I have more than one bridal vehicle?

A: The maximum number of authorised vehicles for Wedding ceremonies is two.

A second vehicle permit maybe purchased at an additional cost and must be requested at the time of booking.

All vehicles will be escorted in and out of the Park by a member of staff.

Q: My bridal vehicle is a limousine and/or hummer; will it be able to drive into Wilson Botanic Park Berwick?

A: Stretch limousines and/or hummers over nine (9) metres will not be permitted into the Park.

Q: Can I hold my wedding reception at the Park?

A: For informal or small receptions, a picnic shelter can be hired for two hours at an additional cost.

Keep in mind all equipment and/or catering supplies will need to be 'carried' or 'trolleyed' into the Park.

Q: Can I set up a marquee / free standing umbrellas?

A: Unfortunately these structures are not permitted to be set up within the Park, although hand held umbrellas are accepted.

Q: Can my guests throw confetti?

A: Only rose petals or bubbles are permitted in the Park.

Q: Can I bring chairs to seat guests?

A: A number of chairs can be hired through the Park at an additional cost and may depend on availability.

These chairs will be set up onsite and removed following your ceremony by Park staff.

You may choose to utilise an external company to provide chairs for your guests, however keep in mind the chairs will have to be 'walked/trolleyed' into the Park.

Q: Can I decoration the area with items such as a red carpet, lanterns, an archway etc?

A: Yes, you may decorate the booked location provided you outline all items on your application form to ensure that these requirements can be accommodated at the site.

Red carpet are required to have a hessian backing (as rubber backing burns the grass).

Free standing archways are permitted but must be weighted down as they are not able to be pegged into the ground.

Decorations are not to be taped to any structures or tied to trees in the Park.

All decorations must be walked into the Park through the front entrance. There are trolleys available for loan from the Park's Visitors Centre between the hours of 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Q: Can I have music?

A: Acoustic instruments or CD players are permitted as background music however volume should be kept at a suitable level to minimise impact on other users/neighbours of the Park.

Q: Is there power?

A: Power is available at the Amphitheatre and the Rose Garden at an additional cost.

Q: Where do my guests park?

A: All guests can park in the public car park located onsite. Parking onsite is limited.

You may wish to consider hiring a shuttle service to transport your guests to the site and reduce the hassle of finding a car park.

Q: What happens if it rains?

A: You have the option to choose the 'Classic Wedding Package' if you are concerned about the weather. This package includes the use of The Chapel at the Old Cheese Factory (Homestead Rd, Berwick) or a building of your choice (depending on availability and guest numbers).

Signage will be placed within the Park to inform your guests of the change in venue and staff onsite will also redirect guests if required.



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Q: What happens if the bride arrives late?

A: It is important that you ensure your ceremony is conducted within the booked time as late arrivals affect your guests and may impact on other bookings.

Additional charges will apply for extra time.

Q: What happens if there are other events in Wilson Botanic Park Berwick?

A: Management reserve the right to hold other events and/or functions in the Park, which may coincide with your booked date.

Q: What happens if I want to cancel my booking?

A: Cancellations by the hirer must be submitted in writing to Park management and will be processed as soon as possible.

A cancellation fee applies.

Q: What happens if I need to change some of the details of my booking

A: Amendments to the original booking are required to be submitted in writing to Park management and will be processed as soon as possible.

Each alteration to the original booking will incur a fee.

Q: What are the Wilson Botanic Park Berwick's opening times?

A: The Park's opening hours are as follows;

7.00am – 5.00pm

7.00 – 8.00pm during daylight savings

Visitor Centre

10.00am – 4.00pm daily

The Park is closed on Good Friday & Christmas Day.

Gates are locked promptly so please be mindful of the time during your booking.

Wedding Photography only

Q: Is there a cost for Wedding photography at Wilson Botanic Park Berwick?

A: Yes, a hire fee and security bond will need to be paid in full at the time of booking. Please contact the Park for current prices.

Q: What does the booking for Wedding photography include?

A: A Wedding ceremony includes:

- Freedom to move around to various sites within the Park for photos.
- A photography permit.

Q: Where can we take Wedding photographs within the park?

A: There are many locations suitable for Wedding photographs throughout the Park, you can move around to various locations for different scenery/photo opportunities.

Q: Can I drive into the park for Wedding photography?

A: Vehicle access is not permitted within the grounds of Park for the purpose of Wedding photography.

Q: What happens if it rains?

A: Some bridal couples choose not to continue with their booking in the event of rain.

In this instance, it is deemed as a cancellation and a cancellation fee will apply.

Q: Can I have my Wedding photographs outside of the Park's opening times?

A: The Park is unable to accommodate Wedding ceremonies and/or Wedding photography outside of the official opening hours.

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