



Weddings at the Gardens

Thank you for your interest in Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens for your upcoming wedding. July, August, September, and October are the Gardens busiest months due to our mild coastal weather and the gorgeous blooms in the Gardens. However, we can have beautiful weather year round and there is always something in bloom in our 47-acre garden by the sea.

Exchange your vows surrounded by dramatic dahlias; enjoy an elegant affair swaying under the stars on the Event Lawn, or say “I do” on a bluff overlooking the Pacific... Our Gardens can be where all your wedding day dreams come true! We encourage you to take a self-guided tour of the Gardens and discover each of the eight sites available for a wedding ceremony or reception.

All of our event sites are available seven days a week—the time of day that each site is available varies by location. While we do our best to accommodate all requests, please note that some dates, times and spaces may not be available due to numerous factors. All occasions at the Gardens include complimentary admission and parking (up to 100 cars) for all guests for the duration of your event. A mobility scooter can be made available to help your guests in need of walking assistance reach your celebration with ease. So that you can continue making memories at the Gardens... all of our couples receive a complimentary one-year Household Membership.

Please keep in mind that the Gardens is a venue only—we do not provide event coordination, catering, chairs, tents, linens, etc. (with the exception of our Winter Wonderland Package, see more information on page 7). To ensure that you and your guests have the best possible experience, we have found it useful to have you work with an event coordinator. This is a requirement for having a wedding ceremony or reception at the Gardens.

Please find the enclosed:

- Site Descriptions & Pricing
- Bloom Times
- Wedding Site Map
- Recommended Local Wedding Vendors

** Sample wedding contract available upon request
707-964-4352 x 19 / weddings@gardenbythesea.org*

Site Descriptions & Pricing

We love making memories! Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens is home to a stunning array of intimate and elegant settings, each with their own unique appeal. With 47-acres of natural beauty, the Gardens offers a perfect backdrop for your big day. The Gardens is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, 100% of wedding site fees support the growth and well being of this beautiful natural treasure.

Ceremony

The ceremony site fee includes access for you and your guests to the reserved site for up to 2 hours* including set-up, ceremony, photos, and clean up on the day of your wedding ceremony. In addition, you and your wedding party may use the site for a 1-hour rehearsal (available times vary based on site) the day prior to your wedding ceremony.

Reception

The reception site fee includes access for you and your guests to the reserved site for up to 6 hours* including set-up, reception, and clean-up on the day of your wedding reception.

**\$350 will be charged per additional hour if your event exceeds the allotted time. Vendors and event coordinators may arrange with the Gardens for additional set-up time at no additional cost.*

Courtyard

The possibilities are endless in our large outdoor Courtyard on the south side of the Gardens' entrance. The site overlooks our Perennial Garden and is just steps from the Heritage Rose Garden and Display House, home to our Fuchsia and Begonia Collections. This site is adjacent to the entry plaza, which serves as a perfect terrace for a greeting area or cocktail hour with a stunning view.

Courtyard Ceremony: \$1,200

Courtyard Reception: \$3,000

- 125 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to 10:00pm (including set up, ceremony, reception & clean up)
- Tents and canopies are allowed at this site
- This site has access to electrical outlets

Perennial Garden

Imagine the sun setting behind a silhouette of towering trees surrounding a picturesque formal garden. Exchange your vows amidst a stunning floral display with striking color combinations and variations in form and texture. The Perennial Garden is alive with bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds; bursting with blooms spring through autumn. This site is able to accommodate up to 125 people for an outdoor ceremony.

Perennial Garden Ceremony: \$1,800

- 125 guests at maximum
- Site available from 4:00pm to sundown
- Ceremony must begin after 5:00pm
- Site available for wedding ceremonies only
- Site includes a manicured lawn and access to electrical outlets
- No tents allowed in the Perennial Garden
- Free-standing canopy is allowed in the Perennial Garden

Meadow Lawn

The Meadow Lawn offers an intimate and picturesque setting encircled by rhododendrons that bloom from mid-April through May and other plantings in bloom through summer. The Meadow Lawn includes a manicured oval-shaped lawn, small stage, and seating wall sheltered by surrounding trees. A free-standing canopy (20' x 20' max) is allowed for your ceremony.

Meadow Lawn Ceremony: \$600

Meadow Lawn Reception: \$1,200

- 60 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to 10:00pm
- Site available for wedding ceremonies and receptions
- Site includes a small stage, stadium style benches on the east end of a manicured lawn, and access to electrical outlets
- No tents allowed on the Meadow Lawn
- Free-standing canopy (20' x 20' max) is allowed at this site

Dahlia Garden

Celebrate the most important day of your life in a spectacular garden surrounded by brilliant flashes of color. With hundreds of dahlias in bloom July through September, this is our most popular site for wedding ceremonies and photographs. Adjacent to rows of towering eucalyptus trees, the formal manicured lawn has a covered stage and offers glimpses of the ocean through the coastal pines.

Dahlia Garden Ceremony: \$2,000

- 125 guests at maximum
- Site available from 3:00pm to sundown
- Ceremony must begin after 4:30pm
- Site available for wedding ceremonies only
- Site includes manicured lawn, large rustic gazebo, and access to electrical outlets
- No tents or canopies allowed in the Dahlia Garden

Event Lawn

Our large, manicured lawn surrounded by native coastal trees is perfect for large celebrations and is ideal for receptions. A short walk from the Dahlia Garden, this site has a small view of the ocean and is steps away from the ocean bluffs. The Event Lawn is suitable for large events up to 125 people.

Event Lawn Ceremony: \$1,200

Event Lawn Reception: \$3,000

- 125 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to 10:00pm including set-up, ceremony, reception and clean up
- Site available for wedding ceremonies and receptions
- Tents and canopies are allowed at this site
- This site has access to electrical outlets

Cliff House

This unique viewing cottage is perched on a bluff overlooking the ocean and coastline. It provides a cozy place to view the bluffs and ocean through large picture windows. This site is perfect for small, intimate weddings.

Cliff House Ceremony: \$400

- 25 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to sundown
- Site available for wedding ceremonies
- Enclosed historic building with white water ocean views
- No tents or canopies allowed
- No electricity or electrical outlets available at this site
- For safety reasons, Cliff House events must conclude before sundown

Ocean Bluff

The crashing surf and misty sea air provide a dramatic backdrop for an intimate wedding ceremony. This ocean side bluff setting boasts unobstructed views of the Pacific, dappled with native coastal wildflowers in the spring, and whale hugging the coastline December through April.

Ocean Bluff Ceremony: \$1,500

- 60 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to sundown
- Site available for wedding ceremonies only
- This site is available in its natural state, no mowing or major disruption in the Coastal Bluff and Marine Zone
- No tents or canopies allowed on the Ocean Bluff area, we appreciate your mindful wandering through our native coastal grasslands
- No electricity or electrical outlets available at this site
- For safety reasons, Ocean Bluff events must conclude before sundown

Vegetable Garden

This delightfully rustic site abounds with decorative fencing and arbors, lush lawns, herb and vegetable garden where flowers bloom year round. The apple orchard, small greenhouse and drying shed complete this country setting. This area is suited for events with up to 100 guests.

Vegetable Garden Ceremony: \$1,000

Vegetable Garden Reception: \$2,000

- 100 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to 10:00pm
- Site available for wedding ceremonies and receptions
- Site includes a manicured lawn
- One electrical outlet available at this site
- Free-standing canopy is allowed at this site
- No tents allowed in the Vegetable Garden



Winter Wonderland Wedding Package

Our spectacular Winter Wonderland Wedding Package is a one-of-a-kind holiday wedding experience unique to the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. You and your guests will have exclusive use of our spectacularly lit Perennial Garden, Plaza, Mediterranean Garden, Display House, and tented Courtyard for your wedding day. This package also includes use of the heated tent on the evening prior to your wedding for an elegant rehearsal dinner. If you have dreamed of a cozy yet unforgettable winter wedding this package is for you!

Winter Wonderland Wedding Package: \$10,000

- 75 guests at maximum
- Special event package offered during our annual Festival of Lights; Monday—Thursday between Thanksgiving and Christmas with the exception of our Gala benefit night (this year's event date: TBD)
- Site and tent available from 9:00am to 10:00pm

Package includes:

- Private access to view the entire Festival of Lights display garden
- Beautifully decorated heated tent for a wedding rehearsal, ceremony, and reception (some décor can be adjusted to suit wedding needs, but most will be required to stay for Festival of Lights)
- Plenty of lighting inside of the tent
- Stage with sound system
- Bar area
- Tables and chairs for guests
- Access to electrical outlets

Bloom Seasons at the Gardens

February, March, April

Rhododendrons, camellias, daffodils, magnolias, flowering cherry, and Pacific Coast Iris

May, June, July

Rhododendrons, heritage roses, perennials, succulents and cacti, lilies, heaths, summer heathers, coastal and forest wildflowers

August, September, October

Dahlias, heritage roses, heathers, begonias, fuchsias, hydrangeas, perennials at their peak bloom

November, December, January

Late perennials, winter heaths and heathers, camellias, magnolias, azaleas, early rhododendrons, grevilleas, and wild mushrooms

All year long

Organic vegetables, quiet forests, fern canyons, rare conifers, stunning ocean views from the Cliff House, spring and fall bird migrations, whale watching with peak migration in the winter and spring.

Recommended Local Wedding Vendors

These fantastic wedding planners, catering services, musicians, and other service providers are available to help make your wedding at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens perfect.

Event Coordinators

Zoë Braga Events | Zoë Braga | 707.357.1015 | www.zoebraaevents.com

Fern Foot Events | Madeline Hurst | 831.419.9730 | www.fernfootevents.com

Mendocino Weddings & Events | Sonya Houston | 707.937.3109 | www.mendocinoweddings.com

Wedding License

Mendocino County Clerk's Office | 707-463-4370 | www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/MLicense.htm

Event Rentals

Matt Rowland Events | 707-937-2236 | www.mattrowlandevents.com

The Rental Place (Fort Bragg Rent-All and Party Works) | 707-964-6661 | www.fortbraggrental.com

Bright Event Rentals | sales-sonoma@bright.com

Photographers

Tammie Gilchrist Photography | 707.813.8164 | www.tammiegilchrist.com

J. Perlman R. Lutge Photography | 707-937-0690 | jperlmanphotography.com

C Young Photography | 707-202-4622 | mendocinoweddingphotographer.com

Mariea Rummel Photography | 530-391-2266 | www.mariearummel.com

Victoria Noelle Photography | www.victorianoellephotography.com

Carrie Mayfield Photography | www.carriemayfield.com

Emily Semans | 707-535-9664 | www.esphotog.com

Mendocino Photo | 707-397-5557 | www.mendocinophoto.com

John Birchard Photography | 707-937-4809 | www.birchardweddingphotography.com

Denise DeLuise | www.denisedeluxe.com

Flowers

Kimberly La Mar-Damiani | www.lamartinefloral.com

Harvest Market | 707-964-7000

Mendocino Floral Design | 707-937-9990 | www.mendocinofloraldesign.com

LR Farm | Rosa Wyglendowski | 707-937-3322 | www.lrfarm.com

Nye Ranch | www.nyeranch.com

Wedding Officiants

Rick Childs | 707-964-1722 | rick@mcn.org | rickchildsweddings.com

Vanna Kay Freeburg | 707-925-9125 | ElopeMendocino.com

James Sibbet | 707-937-0760 | www.jamessibbet.com

Nansee New | 707-964-6841 | www.weddingsinmendocino.com

Rose Barboza | 707-548-2825 | weddingsbyrosebarboza.com

Rev. Richleigh Hale Powers | 707-785-1078 | www.revpowers.com

Candace | 707-972-0606 | www.shiningconnection.com

Melissa Greene | 213- 864-3337 | Sonomawinecountryweddings.com

Bakeries, Catering & Bar

Assaggiare Mendocino | 707-961-9687 | www.assaggiare.com

Karina's Catering | 707-962-0630 | www.karinascatering.com

Black Dog Farm | blackdogfarmandcatering@gmail.com | www.growitcookitcanit.com

Oui Cook | Amy & Rocco | 707-937-3945 | www.ouiCook.com

Black Oak Catering | 707-291-7320 | www.blackoakcatering.com

Harvest Market (cakes, catering, and more) | 707-964-7000 | www.harvestmarket.com

Pilon Kitchen | pilonkitchen@gmail.com

A Sweet Affair Patisserie | 707-813-7255 | www.asweetaffairpatisserie.com

Shani's Sweet Creations | 707-397-5552 | www.shanissweetcreations.com

Sugar Coated Catering | Kerryjane DeVito | 707-813-1737 | www.yelp.com/biz/sugar-coated-catering-fort-bragg

The Tow-ster | www.thetowster.com

Music & Entertainment

GroundLoop Events | www.groundloopevents.com

Mendocino String Quartet | 707-961-0230

Earl Oliver / The Groovinators | www.EarlOliver.com | earl@solie.org

Richard Cooper Trio | 707-964-6196

Flute | Mindi Rosenfeld | 707-937-1232

Guitar | Sergio Bassehes | 707-964-8427 | bassehes@earthlink.net

Golden Harp of Joel Andrews | 707-964-6740 | goldharp@jps.net

Harp | Roberta Belson | 707-937-3978

Harp | Jessica Schaeffer | 707-489-3006 | www.jessicaschaeffer.com

DJ Nutrishous | 707-813-7862

Sonatina Flute & Strings | Marcia Lotter | 707-884-4827

Celtic Wedding Music | Mickie & Elizabeth | 707-964-4826