



## *10 Questions To Ask When Planning an Outdoor Wedding*

1. Will you need a tent, tables, chairs, linens, etc.? If so, who is responsible for renting these and setting these up? Who will oversee return of the rentals when the wedding is over? Will the tent need air-conditioning or heating? Does the reception site have a flat area where tents are usually put up? Will your tent need a floor?
2. What kind of food and beverages will be served at your wedding? Where will you be serving them? Are your food and beverage choices appropriate to serve outside if your reception site isn't air conditioned?
3. Will both children and adults be at your outdoor wedding? Is there an area where children can play? Is the area accessible for elderly guests and guests in wheelchairs or on walkers?
4. Will you have any music during the outdoor portion of the event? Think about music during the ceremony as well as the reception. What sound system will you use and will it be adequate for the music? Have the musicians played outdoors before? Who will do the set-up and tear-down for the music/musicians? Do you need to rent a dance floor or additional amps?
5. Does the facility have its own restrooms? Do you need to rent upscale restroom trailers? Do you want to spruce the facilities up for your guests by adding nicer hand towels and guest soaps? Are the restroom facilities handicapped accessible?
6. Is there a power supply at your outdoor location? If not, how will you provide power for necessary items such as fans or heaters, a sound system, or lights?
7. Will your wedding require valet parking or shuttle services to this outdoor location? Have you told your guests how to access these services?
8. Have you told your guests that the ceremony and/or reception will be outdoors so that they may dress accordingly and be prepared if they have allergies to pollen or insects? Will you provide small tubes of sunscreen and/or bug repellent for your guests?
9. Is your wedding in a public place where people other than your guests might be walking around? Do you need to provide a way to block off a section or put up signs so that others are not walking through your event?

### **10. What is your backup plan for bad weather?**