VANDUSEN
BOTANICAL
GARDEN

2021 Limited Capacity Outdoor Weddings
Thank you

Congratulations on your upcoming nuptials and thank you for considering VanDusen Botanical Garden for your wedding.

The garden itself is a 55-acre oasis in the heart of Vancouver with over 7,500 plant species and varieties from around the world; the perfect natural setting for a stunning event.

Limited capacity wedding requests are now being accepted for all 3 outdoor wedding locations between May 1, 2021 and October 10, 2021. The indoor halls at VanDusen Garden are not available for booking at this time. If tenting or rain coverage is required, this must be booked from an external vendor and coordinated through the VanDusen rental department.

Thank you for your understanding.
2021 BOOKING PROCEDURE

VanDusen Botanical Garden is now accepting event requests for up to 50 people for the upcoming wedding season. Permitted event capacity may be limited based on current COVID-19 Provincial Health Orders in place at the time of the event.

To secure a 2021 event date, a non-refundable reservation fee/deposit is due upon booking. Dates may be rescheduled up to 1 year from the original scheduled event date, with at least 2 months notice. The reservation fee/deposit will be applied towards the future event date.

All 2021 bookings are required to pay the remaining balance 2 months prior to the event date. Should the renter wish to cancel their event within 2 months of the booking, both the reservation fee/deposit and rental fees are non-refundable.

Should Provincial Health Orders persist; a safety and physical distancing plan must be provided for all events. We may also require a full list of event attendees and contact details for contact tracing purposes.
The Great Lawn can accommodate a variety of events from small intimate ceremonies to large tented receptions. It is a lush and magnificent area of the garden sure to delight any nature lover.

**CEREMONY ONLY**

**Limited capacity:** 50 people*  
(includes all vendors staying on site/guests/wedding party)

**Cost for ceremony:** $2,050.00+GST  
4 hour rental + liaison time included (additional hours may be added)

**Additional costs:**  
$37.00+GST/hour for Service Gate Security (Gate 3), minimum 4 hours  
$10.00 SOCAN fee if music is played (non-taxable)  
$45.00+GST/hour for Event Liaison if event is over 4 hours

**CEREMONY + RECEPTION**

**Limited capacity:** 50 people*  
(includes all vendors staying on site/guests/wedding party)

**Cost for ceremony + reception:** $3,995.00+GST  
8 hour rental + liaison time included (additional hours may be added)  
- earliest access 7am; event must finish by 10pm; full move out by 11pm  
- extra move in or move out day may be added based on availability

**Additional costs:**  
$1,997.50+GST + staffing fees - for extra set up or move out day  
$37.00+GST/hour - Service Gate Security (Gate 3), minimum 8 hours  
$45.00+GST/hour - Event Liaison if event is over 8 hours  
$625.00+GST - power, water access & garbage bins  
$10.00 SOCAN fee - required if music is played (non-taxable)

Event planner required for all reception events

* Capacity may be limited based on current COVID-19 Provincial Health Orders.

**GENERAL INFO**

- it is the responsibility of the renter to arrange catering, tenting & décor  
- all tenting must be weighted (staking is not permitted)  
- multiple power outlets and water connections available at this site  
- no food or beverages allowed unless booked as a reception  
- portable washroom trailers must be rented for receptions

**Virtual Tour**  
Please visit our Google Photo Album for more images and videos of the Great Lawn area (best viewed in Chrome or Safari)
Heron Lake offers a lovely mix of garden and lake views. Our large willow tree overlooking the Lake makes this the perfect backdrop for a stunning wedding ceremony.

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(includes all vendors staying on site/guests/wedding party)

**Cost for ceremony:** $2,050.00+GST

4 hour rental + liaison time included (additional hours may be added)

**Additional costs:**
$37.00+GST/hour for Service Gate Security (Gate 6), minimum 4 hours
$10.00 SOCAN fee if music is played (non-taxable)
$45.00+GST/hour for Event Liaison if event is over 4 hours

**GENERAL INFO**

- it is the responsibility of the renter to arrange chairs, tenting and décor within the rental time frame
- all tenting must be weighted (staking is not permitted)
- maximum tent size 20’ x 40’
- one power outlet available
- no food or beverages permitted at this location
- private gate entry for guests

**Virtual Tour**

Please visit our Google Photo Album for more images and videos of the Heron Lake area (best viewed in Chrome or Safari)

*Capacity may be limited based on current COVID-19 Provincial Health Orders.*
Meadow Pond is a beautiful stand up wedding ceremony location and is the perfect spot for small intimate wedding ceremonies or elopements

CEREMONY

**Standard capacity:** 15 people*

**Cost for ceremony:** $720.00+GST

- Booked in a 2 hour time period: 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm or 3pm-5pm
- Private gate entry for guests
- (Gate 4 located at 37th Avenue & Cartier Street)

GENERAL INFO

- booked in a 2 hour time period: 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm or 3pm-5pm
- this is a stand up ceremony area only; no tenting, chairs, or decor are permitted
- one small signing table and a few chairs for guests who require them are permitted
- no power outlets available
- no food or beverages permitted at this location

Virtual Tour | Please visit our Google Photo Album for more images and videos of the Meadow Pond area (best viewed in Chrome or Safari)

* Capacity may be limited based on current COVID-19 Provincial Health Orders.
**Booking Confirmation** - A $500 reservation fee for ceremonies or a $1,000 deposit is required for Great Lawn receptions to confirm the booking and a $10.00 SOCAN fee is charged if music is played.

**Set up + Take Down** - Renters are responsible for set up and take down within their booking time frame. All garbage must be placed into the provided receptacles on site or taken off site by the renter. No dumping of garbage waste or other materials in garden beds (additional charges will apply if any refuse is found in the beds).

**Timing** - All reception events must finish by 10pm, and everything must be cleaned up and out no later than 11pm. Earliest site access is at 7am for set up. Should a move in or move out day be required, additional rental and staffing fees will apply.

**Catering** - Renters that have booked the Great Lawn for a reception are welcome to use any caterer of their choice. There is power + water hook up available for caterers, but they must be prepared to create a portable kitchen area as there are no kitchen facilities available at the Lawn. Please note that food sharing and other bar service limitations set forth by the current COVID-19 Provincial Health Orders will apply. Please discuss these guidelines with your caterer.

**Liquor Service** - A special occasion license is required for any reception event at the Great Lawn serving alcohol.

**Liability Insurance** - All events require liability insurance with the “City of Vancouver and its Board of Parks & Recreation” named as additional insured. If alcohol is being served, $5 million in liability coverage is required. If alcohol is not being served, $2 million in liability coverage is required.

**Staffing** - Liaison and security staff are required for the full duration of the event including set up, event, and take down. For all reception events, an event planner is required due to the complexities of outdoor receptions.

**Drone / Animal Policy** - Please note that drone photography/videography is not permitted on site. Please ensure that your photographer is aware prior to your event. Animals, other than BC certified guide and service dogs are not permitted on site.

**Wedding Rehearsals** - For booked events that would like to arrange a rehearsal, further discussion is required with the VanDusen rental department. A 45-minute rehearsal may be booked depending on availability. Rehearsal request outside of office hours (Mon-Fri, 9am-3:30pm) cannot be accommodated at this time.

**Site Amenities** - Our unique garden setting is wheelchair accessible and has ample free parking. We also have a lovely Garden Shop and Truffles Fine Foods café and catering located on site. Shaughnessy Restaurant is also a short walk away at the north west side of the parking lot.
LINKS + CONTACT INFO

Enjoy a virtual tour by clicking the buttons or visiting the websites below.

**Great Lawn Virtual Tour**
bit.ly/GreatLawnVD

**Heron Lake Virtual Tour**
bit.ly/HeronLakeVD

**Meadow Pond Virtual Tour**
bit.ly/MeadowPondVD

Should you have additional questions, wish to check availability, or like to confirm a date, please send us an email. We look forward to working with you!

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