

A place for you and your wedding



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Come, Celebrate Your Wedding in the Majestic Canadian Rocky Mountains.

If your dream wedding involves a backdrop of majestic peaks, pristine rivers, alpine meadows filled with wildflowers and fairy tale castles, you must be dreaming of a wedding in Banff, Canada.

And we can help. The Town of Banff, located in Banff National Park, offers a selection of indoor and outdoor venues perfect for your day, be it a picturesque gazebo, a secluded meadow or an airy, spacious concourse. Take a moment to peruse our offerings over the next few pages, then simply contact us for availability and pricing.

It is our pleasure to assist you with your special day.

Please contact our Facility Booking Office by calling 403.762.1235 or email rentals@banff.ca.



Venues Outdoor Locations



If you're looking for the perfect outdoor location to host your ceremony, look no further. Choose between three outdoor locations to host a romantic ceremony within Banff's beautiful townsite.



The Fenlands Meadow ¹

Surrounded by forest and fenland, The Fenlands Meadow offers a secluded nook, with ample parking for guests. Perfect for an intimate outdoor ceremony—just a few steps to The Fenlands facility. An indoor weather alternative can be provided to you at extra cost. Capacity 300

Tunnel Mountain Reservoir ²

A stunning view of Mount Rundle is the backdrop to this popular wedding ceremony location. Bordering on the national park, this unserviced area offers more of a wilderness experience and is suitable for smaller ceremonies. The stupendous views make up for no power, shelter and limited parking. Capacity 150

Central Park Gazebo ³

Located alongside the Bow River, Central Park Gazebo is situated centrally in downtown Banff and is a picturesque venue for outdoor ceremonies. Capacity 200



Venues Indoor Location



Welcome to Banff's gathering place, The Fenlands, a celebration of forest and mountain in a spectacular glass and wood centre. Framed by the magnificent views of Mount Rundle and Cascade Mountain from walls of window, and illuminated with plenty of natural Rocky Mountain daylight, you'll find our spacious concourse and well-appointed meeting rooms ideal for weddings and milestone celebrations. In summer, The Fenlands offers Banff's largest floor space. From mid-May to September, the Fenlands operates as a wedding venue.



Whatever your requirements, you'll find yourself inspired equally by the unparalleled grandeur of the Canadian Rockies and Banff's own home-town hospitality.



The Fenlands 100 Norquay Road

Concourse ❶

Overlooking the forest and fenland, with iconic Cascade Mountain as a backdrop, the Concourse is the signature venue in the centre. The spacious, airy hall offers an option to access outdoor green-space, making it a perfect locale for weddings and other milestone social events.

Capacity 200



Lounge ❷

Comfortable and well-appointed, the lounge offers an ambiance ideal for gatherings and mingling during your cocktail hour function, social gathering, and celebrations of all nature.

Capacity 80



Meeting Room 1 & Meeting Room 2 ❸

Inspired by the magnificent view of Mount Rundle from the window wall, and illuminated with plenty of natural Rocky Mountain daylight, our meeting rooms are ideal for smaller celebrations. A mezzanine and a separate corridor overlooking Arena One ensures privacy and quiet.

Capacities 40 – 50



Dry Floors

When the ice is out, the rinks become a unique and flexible venue for your celebration. Only available in summer.

Capacities 500 – 700

Helpful hints to make your wedding a success in Banff National Park

You are planning your special day in one very special place. Banff National Park is Canada's first national park, (and only the third in all the world), created in 1885. The park is 6,641 square kilometres, (2,564 square miles) of pristine wilderness—the developed areas of the Town of Banff, Lake Louise, Castle Mountain and Johnston Canyon comprise just one per cent of the total park area. Banff National Park is part of the Rocky Mountain National Park system, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Wilderness means wild things and it's not unusual to see deer, elk, big horn sheep, bear and moose in the valley, particular in the more remote venues. Be wild smart at all times—and give these majestic animals room to roam. For more information, visit wildsmart.ca.

Environment is everything. The Town of Banff takes pride in its stewardship role of Canada's first national park. To reduce the use of plastics, we don't permit bottled water in our facilities—our tap water is the finest you'll drink. To reduce waste, you can recycle most product, including food waste, using convenient bins located through the town, including at The Fenlands. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we encourage alternative transportation options, including walking. Our townsite is 3.94 square kilometres, and most destinations are within walking distance. For more information, visit, banff.ca/livegreen.

The weather here is known for unpredictable changes in temperature and precipitation. It can be warm and dry one day, and snowing the next. We recommend you create a back-up plan in the event of snow or thundershowers if you are planning on holding your ceremony at an outdoor location.

Weddings in Banff National Park on lands outside town boundaries are subject to regulations established by Parks Canada to minimize the impact on the national park and on other visitors' enjoyment. Please contact Parks Canada at 403.762.1500 or pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/ab/banff/activ/mariage-wedding.aspx.

For information about marriage licenses and wedding services, contact Banff's provincial registries agent at 403.762.2177 or banffbureau.com.



The fine print

1. Bookings

To get started, please complete the facility booking form and submit it to rentals@banff.ca. Visit banff.ca/weddings to download the form.

We do require confirmation of final numbers and any other pertinent information 30 days before the big day.

2. Pricing

It varies depending on your arrangements selected. All bookings are subject to a minimum two-hour rental fee. We also need a refundable damage deposit.

Unfortunately, we have to charge a cancellation fee of 25% of your payment, if you cancel more than 30 days before your event. If you cancel less than 30 days before your event, you will forfeit your full payment. The booking contract outlines all the terms and conditions for payment and responsibilities.

3. Food and Beverage

For rentals at The Fenlands, you must book your food and beverage from our on-site caterer, Oh Bento. Please contact them directly to discuss menus and prices at 403.431.8811 or check out their website at ohbentobanff.com. No outside or donated food or beverages are allowed in The Fenlands without the approval of management or the caterer.

7. The Bubbly

Most of the indoor facilities at The Fenlands are licensed. No outside alcohol is permitted. Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission regulations will apply. You will be responsible for your guests' behaviour.

8. Decorating

As with most venues, you will be responsible for set up and tear down, unless other arrangements have been made on the contract. Please feel free to decorate your chosen venue on the event day, at the time noted in your contract. We don't allow confetti, rice, glitter, tacks, pins, nails, tapes or any permanent markers. Candles with an open flame are only allowed in hurricane type holders. Plan to obtain your own linen, centerpieces and any specialty items. Please make sure you've removed all decorations after your event within the time contracted.

9. Town of Banff Business License requirements

All contractors doing business in Banff must have a valid Town of Banff business license. This includes out-of-town photographers, wedding planners, caterers, etc. Someone simply making a delivery does not need a license. One-day licenses are available. We can provide full details or call our business licensing office at 403.762.1215.

10. One Last Thing

Absolutely no vehicles are permitted to drive on the turf at Tunnel Mountain Reservoir, Central Park, the Fenlands Meadow or Banff Recreation Grounds.

FAQ

Is there a dedicated wedding planner on site? Can they be reached by email?

The facility booking staff are happy to confirm a location for you and answer any questions you may have regarding your event, but we do not offer wedding planning services. We can provide you with a list of local businesses, however. Contact us at rentals@banff.ca.

What services does your facility provide? Is there a fee?

Services vary in each venue. Basic set-up of indoor tables and chairs can be arranged at The Fenlands; however, set ups and clean ups at other facilities must be undertaken by the renter.

Where can I find prices?

You can find pricing for all our facilities on the Rental Application Form at banff.ca/rentals.

Catering prices and information can be found at ohbentobanff.com.

How much time would we need to reserve our wedding in advance?

You'll want to plan ahead as much as you can, Town of Banff facilities may be booked no earlier than 18 months in advance. Availability for each venue can be verified online at banff.ca/register.

What if we want to reserve on short notice?

You should contact the facility booking staff directly at 403.762.1235.

How do we confirm our dates?

Please fill out the Rental Application Form on banff.ca/rentals. Once your payment has been received, you will receive a booking contract outlining your details. Once this is received we will issue you an invoice, and your booking will be confirmed after the deposit has been paid.

Where do I get a marriage commissioner or license to get married in Banff?

For information about marriage licenses and wedding services, please contact Banff's provincial registries agent at 403.762.2177 or thebanffregistry.com.

What other outdoor ceremony venues are there?

The Town of Banff has three outdoor venues within the town boundaries. Locations outside town boundaries are subject to rules established by Parks Canada. Please refer to Parks Canada at 403.762.1500 or pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/ab/banff/activ/mariage-wedding.aspx.

What documentation do we bring to our event?

Bring your booking contract with you to your event.

Can we hire a caterer of our choice?

For weddings held at The Fenlands, all food and beverage must be booked through our on-site caterer, Oh Bento. Contact Asuka Usui at 403.431.8811 or asuka@ohbento.com. Outside catering and food and beverage can be brought into all other Town of Banff facilities.

What will the weather be like on our wedding day?

While we hope that you have sunny, blue skies, the weather here is known for its unpredictable changes. If you planned an outdoor ceremony, we recommend you have a back-up plan.

What is a fenland?

A low-lying wet land with grassy vegetation. It is usually a transition zone between land and water.

To book today, please contact:
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