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. However, we can have beautiful weather year-round, and there is always something in bloom in our 47-acre garden by the sea.

Exchange vows surrounded by dramatic dahlias; enjoy an afternoon of festivities on the Event Lawn, or say "I do" on a bluff overlooking the Pacific… Our Gardens can be where all your wedding daydreams come true! We encourage you to take a self-guided tour of the Gardens and discover each site available for your wedding ceremony.

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 be unavailable due to various factors. All occasions at the Gardens include complimentary admission for up to 100 guests for the duration of your event.

Please keep in mind that the Gardens is a venue only—we do not provide event coordination, catering, chairs, tents, linens, etc. The Gardens is available for wedding ceremonies and cocktail hours. We do not offer receptions. There are many wonderful locations for receptions on the Mendocino Coast, and we recommend working with a local wedding planner to find one that best suits your needs.

Please find the enclosed:

- Booking Information & Pricing
- Event Site Details
- Event Site Map
- Bloom Times
- Recommended Local Wedding Vendors

** Sample wedding contract available upon request*

Booking Information & Pricing

Ceremony

The ceremony site fee includes access for you and your guests to the reserved site for up to 3 hours for setup, the ceremony, photos, and cleanup on the day of your wedding ceremony. Vendors and event coordinators may arrange with the Gardens for an early arrival time to set up at no additional cost. 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.

Dahlia Garden	$3,000 Weekday | $4,000 Saturday or Sunday
Perennial Garden	$2,000 Weekday | $2,500 Saturday or Sunday
Vegetable Garden	$2,000 Weekday | $2,500 Saturday or Sunday
Ocean Bluffs	$2,000 Weekday | $2,500 Saturday or Sunday
Meadow Lawn	$1,000 Weekday | $1,500 Saturday or Sunday
Cliff House	$800 Weekday | $800 Saturday or Sunday

Cocktail Hour

Want a little more time to celebrate with your guests before heading to your reception? Add a 1.5-hour cocktail hour to your site reservation for extra time to mingle and enjoy drinks and light bites in a beautiful garden setting. You are welcome to arrange your own food and beverages, creating a relaxed gathering with the personal touches that make your garden wedding your own.

$350 – At ceremony site *$550 – At secondary location*

Local's Special

Planning a wedding close to home? Couples who both currently reside in Mendocino County are eligible for a special site rental rate of $1,000 for weddings at the following locations:

Meadow Lawn *Vegetable Garden* *Ocean Bluffs*

Available year-round, any day of the week. Both the bride and groom must be current Mendocino County residents to qualify. Proof of residency may be required.

Annual Blackout Dates

Dates may vary slightly from year to year based on the calendar and event scheduling. Wedding reservations are not available during the following dates due to major events, holiday weekends, and seasonal demands:

Memorial Day weekend *Last weekend of July* *Labor Day weekend*

4th of July weekend *First weekend of August* *First weekend after Labor Day*

Event Site Details

Dahlia Garden

Available June through October | Peak bloom July, August, September
$3,000 Weekday | $4,000 Saturday or Sunday



Holly B. Rose Photography

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.

- 100 guests at maximum
- Site available from 3:00 PM (for setup) to sundown
- Ceremony must begin at 4:30 PM or later.
- Site includes manicured lawn, large rustic gazebo, and access to electrical outlets
- No tents or canopies allowed in the Dahlia Garden
- Closer parking on site available through our Ocean Drive entrance. *(See map pg. 10)*

Perennial Garden

Available May through September
$2,000 Weekday | $2,500 Saturday or Sunday



Tammie Gilchrist Photography

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 from spring through autumn.

- 100 guests at maximum
- Site available from 3:00 PM (for set up) to sundown
- Ceremony must begin at 4:30 PM or after
- 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

Vegetable Garden

Available April through October
$2,000 Weekday | $2,500 Saturday or Sunday | $1,000 Local's Special



Mariea Rummel Photography

This delightfully rustic site abounds with decorative fencing and arbors, lush lawns, and an 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.

- 100 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00 AM to sundown
- Site includes a manicured lawn
- Electrical outlets available at this site
- A free-standing canopy is allowed at this site
- A tent is allowed on one lawn of the Vegetable Garden
- Closer parking on site available through our Ocean Drive entrance *(See map pg. 10)*

Ocean Bluff

Available April through October
$2,000 Weekday | $2,500 Saturday or Sunday | $1,000 Local's Special



Tammie Gilchrist Photography

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 whales hugging the coastline December through April.

- 60 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00 am to sundown
- This site is available in its natural state, with no mowing or major disruption, in the Coastal Bluff and Marine Zone – westernmost point; follow the trail across from the bench. See attached map for location.
- 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
- Closer parking on site available through our Ocean Drive entrance. See included map.

Meadow Lawn

Available April through October
$1,000 Weekday | $1,500 Saturday or Sunday | $1,000 Local's Special



Chelsi McFadden Photography

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 and small stage, sheltered by surrounding trees.

- 60 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00 AM to sundown
- Site includes a small stage, 3 stadium-style benches on the east end of a manicured lawn, and access to electrical outlets
- Free-standing canopy (20' x 20' max) is allowed at this site

Cliff House

Available year-round
$800 Weekday | $800 Saturday or Sunday

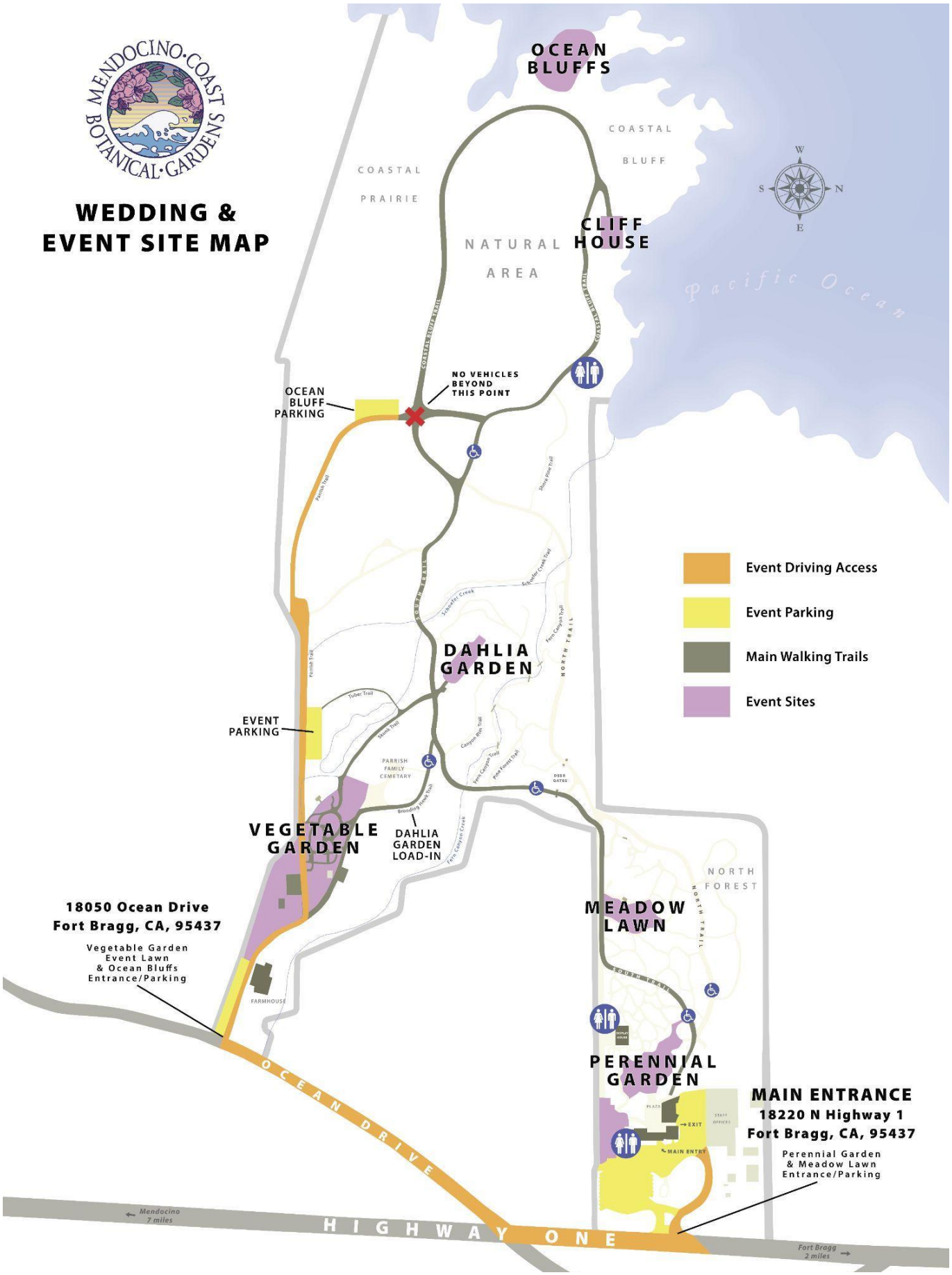


J Perlman Photography

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 intimate weddings.

- 25 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00 AM to sundown
- 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
- Closer parking on site available through our Ocean Drive entrance. *(See map pg. 10)*

WEDDING & EVENT SITE MAP



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.

Wedding License

Mendocino County Clerk's Office | https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/county-clerk/marriage-licenses-ceremonies

Local Event Coordinators

Zoë Braga Events | zoebragaevents.com

Fern Foot Events | fernfootevents.com

Prasad Events | prasadevents.com

Mendocino Weddings & Events | mendocinoweddings.com

Queen B Events | kim4queen@gmail.com

Event Rentals

Matt Rowland Events | mattrowlandevents.com

The Rental Place | fortbraggrental.com

Photographers

J. Perlman Photography (Mendocino-based) | jperlmanphotography.com

C Young Photography (Mendocino-based) | mendocinoweddingphotographer.com

Victoria Noelle Photography (Mendocino-based) | victorianoellephotography.com

Jana Contreras (Sonoma-based) | janacontrerasphotography.com

Chelsi McFadden (Fort Bragg-based) | chelsimcfadden.com

Nik Z (Mendocino-based) | nikzphoto.com

Evan-Marie Petit (Mendocino-based) | evanmariepetit.com

Carrie Mayfield Photography (Northern CA-based) | carriemayfield.com

Emily Semans (CA-based) | esphotog.com

Mendocino Photo & Video (Mendocino-based) | mendocinophoto.com

John Birchard Photography (Mendocino-based) | birchardweddingphotography.com

Rachelle Derouin (Northern CA-based) | rachellederouin.com

Holly B Rose Photography (Northern CA-based) | hollybrosephotography.com

Flowers

Kimberly La Mar-Damiani | l amartinefloral.com

Golden Coast Florals | goldencoastflorals.com

Flora of the Fields | floraofthefields.com

Mendocino Floral Design | mendocinofloraldesign.com

LR Farm | lrfarm.com

Wild Flora | happybike@me.com

Wedding Officiants

Rick Childs | rickchildsweddings.com

Vanna Kay Freeburg | ElopeMendocino.com

James Sibbet | jamessibbet.com

Nansee New | weddingsinmendocino.com

Rose Barboza | weddingsbyrosebarboza.com

Rev. Richleigh Hale Powers | revpowers.com

Candace | shiningconnection.com

Melissa Greene | sonomawinecountryweddings.com

Catering, Cakes, Beverages

Feast Mendocino | feastmendocino.com

Big Earls BBQ | bigearlsbbq707.com

Mendochefsagogo | @mendo_chef

Left Coast Seafood | https://leftcoastseafoodca.com/

Black Dog Farm | growitcookitcanit.com

The Good Food Club | thegoodfoodclub.com

Oui Cook | ouiCook.com

Black Oak Catering | blackoakcatering.com

Harvest Market (cakes, catering, and more) | harvestmarket.com

Pilon Kitchen | pilonkitchen@gmail.com

A Sweet Affair Patisserie | asweetaffairpatisserie.com

Shani's Sweet Creations | shanissweetcreations.com

The Tow-ster | thetowster.com

Mendocino Outland | mendocinooutland.com

La Jolla Mendocino | lajollamendocino.com

Music & Entertainment

GroundLoop Events | groundloopevents.com

MendoDJ | MendoDj.net

Nor Cal Pro Sound | norcalprosound.com

Sonatina | sonatinamusic.org (classical)

Dorian May Jazz | dorianmayjazz.com

Sergio Bassehes | bassehes@earthlink.net (guitar)

Roberta Belson | 707-937-3978 (harp)

DJ Nutrishous | 707-813-7862

Mickie & Elizabeth | 707-964-4826