

November 2023

YOU'VE BOOKED YOUR ELOPEMENT

NOW WHAT?

what to expect from here

YOUR CEREMONY

Your ceremony should be customized to exactly what you've always dreamed of. Spend a little time thinking if you'd like to include your own vows, would you like this to be a religious ceremony or non-religious, will this be short and sweet or a typical 20-30 minutes? If you have booked our all-inclusive package, be expecting an email by early in the year preceding your wedding date from your officiant to go over details. If you have booked our photography only package only and are in need of an amazing officiant, please reach out to www.bestdayofficiants.com or www.celebrantsarah.com



LEGAL DOCUMENTS

You will now need to apply for your Montana Marriage license. They make this nice and simple for you to do online in advance following this link- [Marriage Application](#). You will also need to make time to pick this up at some point prior to your wedding date in person with ID



APPLY FOR THE PERMIT



If you have booked our all-inclusive package, we so deeply wish that we could take care of this step for you. However, with the new park rules you must complete this yourself. We have taken it upon ourselves to create a step-by-step guide for you that will provide nearly all answers to your questions on how to fill this out and submit it. Please read this very thoroughly!! If you have chosen our photography only package you will be receiving this step-by-step guide as well via email. If you have received the guide via email from us please begin applying for the permit ASAP. If you have not received the guide via email yet, you will be very shortly. please get your permit application in right away. For ceremony start time options we recommend a ceremony time of 4.5 hours prior to sunset for your wedding day or 5.5 hour prior if you have booked our Logan Pass package but are choosing to do your ceremony at a Lake McDonald or Pray Lake ceremony location. You can apply as well as read through the park's rules and regulations on weddings here - [Getting Married in the Park - Glacier National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

QUESTIONNAIRE

You should have received a questionnaire from us by now. Please complete that as soon as possible and by the deadline. This will help us help you on any unanswered questions you or we may have. If you have booked our all inclusive package, this is where you will choose your flower style and type of ceremony.



The permit is only for the ceremony portion of your day and is \$125. We can do photos anywhere in the park that is open to the general public following or preceding your ceremony. The permit does not include your entrance fees into the park which are per vehicle and in 2023 were \$35/vehicle for a 7-day pass. We recommend the following ceremony locations for the 2024 season. Most of these areas allows for up to 15 or 20 people and that includes the two of you, vendors, and all guests (regardless of age). Pray lake and the amphitheaters are the only locations that allow for more than 20 people during peak season (2nd Friday in May-2nd Sunday in October).

West Glacier area (Lake McDonald District)

1. Sprague Creek day use (15) - (20) nonpeak season
2. Sandy Point 7 mile (15) - (20) nonpeak
3. Jackson Bay 10 mile (15) - (20) nonpeak season

Logan Pass area (Triple Divide District)

1. Sun Point (20)
2. Rising Sun Picnic area (15) - (20) nonpeak season

Many Glacier area (Chief Mountain District)

1. SW Beach (15)
2. Lake Josephine (15) 1 mile walk

Two Medicine (Walton District)

1. Two Medicine picnic area (15) - (20) nonpeak
2. Pray Lake (30)

Polebridge

1. Bowman Lake (15) - (24) nonpeak season
2. Juniper River Access (12)

DAY OF WEDDING

What to expect on wedding day



TIMING

We recommend planning your timeline around the sunset time for your booked wedding date. Here are the recommended ceremony start times for each ceremony location prior to sunset.

- *West Glacier package - 4.5 hours*
- *East Glacier package - 4.5 hours*
- *Logan Pass package - 4.5 hours if your ceremony is in the Triple Divide district and 5.5 hours if you have chosen a Lake McDonald ceremony location.*

WHAT TO BRING

Our evenings can get a little chilly at times so a pretty wrap or jacket is great just in case. Most photo locations don't require much hiking but some short and sometimes rocky trails. Hiking boots or cute Tennies look amazing with wedding dresses but don't forget to bring those heels as well for some epic cliff side shots!

Those 3 hours leading up to sunset is the ideal timing for those dreamy photos you see on my website and social media. We realize that this does get in the way of a typical formal dinner, so we recommend thinking about planning that formal dinner for an adjoining night to celebrate an extra day with your friends and family.



MEETING UP

Unless you have booked additional time and we are doing some getting ready shots or a first look at your lodging we will plan to meet you at the West Glacier Post office parking lot. Expect to hear from us in advance for exact meeting times.

OTHER VENDORS

Here's our list of favorites just for you!!!



LODGING

- [1. Pheasant Hill Farms Homestead Honeymoon cabin](#)
- [2. Pheasant Hill Farms Trapline Honeymoon cabin](#)
- [3. Glacier National Park Lodges](#)
- [4. Montana Treehouse Retreat](#)
- [5. Snowmoon Ranch](#)
- [6. Firebrand Hotel](#)
- [7. The Lodge at Whitefish Lake](#)

HAIR/MAKEUP

- [1. *Melanie Hobus*](#)
- [2. *Honey Beauty MT*](#)
- [3. *Brittany Brennan*](#)
- [4. *Shayna Beauty*](#)
- [5. *Mountain Soul Event Styling*](#)
- [6. *Majestic Mountain Beauty*](#)
- [7. *Covet Beauty Bridal*](#)



VIDEO

- [1. *Joel Jost Films*](#)
- [2. *LoveLife Creative Media*](#)
- [3. *Skeeter Johnston Productions*](#)





RESTAURANTS

Our Sunsets are amazing here but also very late. This can definitely get in the way of a typical formal wedding day dinner. We recommend planning your formal dinner on an alternate night and make it a multi day celebration

1. [Whitefish Golf Course](#)
2. [Lodge at Whitefish lake](#)
3. [Latitude 48](#)
4. [Jagz](#)
5. [Three Forks Grille](#)
6. [Belton Chalet](#)

CATERING

1. [The Cuisine Machine](#)
2. [Great Northwest Catering](#)
3. [The Kopper Kitchen](#)
4. [Oso's Catering](#)
5. [Trovare](#)
6. [Graze MT](#)



FLOWERS

1. [Mums Flowers](#)
2. [Forage & Floral](#)



PLANNERS

Having a micro wedding or intimate wedding and need some help with planning a formal dinner set up etc.? Here are a list of my favorites

1. [Empress Tents & Events](#)
2. [Allison at Hawthorn House](#)
2. [SG Weddings and Events](#)
3. [Huckleberry Wedding & Event Planning](#)

CAKES & TREATS

1. [Miss Patticakes](#)
2. [Mountain Mommas Cupcakery](#)
3. [Montana Wildflour](#)



MUSICIANS

1. [Mike Murray Tunes](#)
2. [The Receptionists](#)
3. [Moose Lake Media](#)
4. [Music by Eric Alan](#)

THINGS TO DO

Make the most of your trip with these fun adventures



BIG ADVENTURES

1. *Glacier Raft*
2. *Helicopter Tours*
3. *Whitefish Mountain Resort*
4. *Horseback Rides*

DAYTIME FUN

1. *Explore Whitefish*
2. *Glacier Highline*
3. *Amazing Fun Center*



FAVORITE HIKES

1. <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/montana/scenic-point>

- *Highline*
- *Siyeh Pass*
- *Mt. Oberlin*
- *Grinnell Glacier*
- *Iceberg Lake*
- *Avalanche lake*
- *Scenic Point*

