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UNDER THE SKY - OUTDOOR WEDDINGS

Outdoor weddings are a wonderful way to share your special day with friends and family. The ambiance of both a natural and a cultivated outdoor site can also help set the tone for your service. Nothing blesses a marriage more than a touch of sunlight or the caress of a summer breeze. Before you say, "I do" in nature's paradise however, there are a few considerations to keep in mind.

Weather in the great outdoors is obviously beyond your control. For an open-air event, you'd best not leave some things to fate or faith. Weather always calls for an alternate plan.

To imagine an afternoon thunder and lightning storm occurring at 3pm on her June wedding day is often too remote for the bride's consideration. But anything can happen at a wedding. While you can't plan for it all, some things you do have control over.

PUBLIC LOCATIONS

If your outdoor location is not on private property, curious animals and passerby are often attracted to the music, the gathering crowds and the air of excitement you create for your outdoor ceremony. After all, no one wants to miss the action!

Public Places such as parks and municipal gardens can provide an interesting list of distractions. Consider all your needs then ask the facility manager about rules, restrictions and options. Also, ask about previous events that were successful. Often the wedding professionals you hire will have experience at your chosen location and they can help you solve most problems, including what you'll need in the way of sound equipment.

BEING HEARD AND SEEN

In most any outdoor setting, unless the area is a natural amphitheatre or your guest list runs on the low side of 20, be sure to plan for amplification. Small quiet electric generators can be rented if electricity is unavailable. Many musical instruments and human voices are easily drowned out when outdoors. To this loss of sound, add children in the audience, late arriving guests and other background noise, all your friends and family may experience is moving lips. A restless crowd can put uncomfortable strain on you. If your guests can hear all your speakers and musicians, they will be more relaxed and attentive.

A nice natural alternative is to have your wedding "in the round". Consultant Lora Ward of A Day to Remember suggests that this gathering of guests around the altar makes a ceremony more intimate and allows a couple to be nurtured by the support and warmth of their friends and family. Most important, the ceremony is heard by all.

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