



**SAULT STE.MARIE**

**BELLEVUE PARK  
& GREENSPACE**

Wedding Package

# WEDDINGS IN PARK SETTINGS

## SITE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

### Overview

In addition to the Roberta Bondar Pavillion and Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site, the City of Sault Ste. Marie allows for weddings in the following parks.

- Bellevue Park (Picnic Shelter is available for booking in addition to greenspaces)
- Pointe Des Chenes
- Wishart Park

Prior to booking a wedding in a park setting we recommend that you visit the site during and use the **Weddings in Park Settings Site Inspection Checklist** to help ensure all details are appropriately considered for the big day.

### Amenities

- Washroom facilities are available at Bellevue Park and Pointe Des Chenes.
- As it is a park setting there is no access to electrical services so please plan accordingly.
- Alcohol is not permitted in the parks however, if you are hoping to serve alcohol as part of your ceremony it is an option at Roberta Bondar Tent or Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site.

### Natural Park Environment

#### ☐ Noise

- Stand quietly and listen; take note of what you hear (birds chirping vs. traffic).
- Your permit does not provide exclusive use of the site and the park will remain open so take note of the general public that may be in the area.
- Consider the day/month/season you are visiting the site visit the site at a similar day/time/month to ensure the noise levels are representative.

#### ☐ Scenery

- Consider the location of the gardens, trees, permanent fixtures (fences, fountains, etc.).
- Consider the ground – grass, pavement, gravel.
- Look at what is in the distance/background of the key focal points in the space; this is what will be in the background of your pictures.
- Observe the overall appearance of the area to ensure the space fits with your vision for your big day.

#### ☐ Wildlife

- Canada Geese are a natural feature in many Sault Ste. Marie parks; in these environments there will inevitably be some goose poop.

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### Logistics

#### ☐ Accessibility

- Consider your accessibility needs and the needs of your guests (i.e. grassy areas can be difficult to navigate in high heels, for strollers and wheelchairs.)
- Review plans for using walkways, seating areas and seating arrangements.

#### ☐ Vehicles/Deliveries

- Vehicles are not permitted on the grass or pedestrian pathways. Consider designating a delivery, set-up and pick-up areas close to your designated location.
- All deliveries are to be received and removed during designated permit times. If additional delivery/set up time is required, please ensure these times are indicated on the booking request form
- Advise anyone making deliveries in advance that they will need to have a device to assist with moving items to the ceremony location.

#### ☐ Inclement weather

- Unless booking the Bellevue Park Picnic shelter, permits issued for the use of outdoor park settings do not include alternative rain locations.
- Plan in advance for weather (rain, wind, extreme heat).
- If your “back-up plan” involves installing a tent or shelter at the event site, ensure necessary approvals are received from the city in advance. Staking is not permitted at the park locations and if a tent is being put up must have weights to anchor it in place.

#### ☐ Confetti/Rice

- To ensure the park stays clean, confetti and rice are not allowed.

### Physical Environment

#### ☐ Parking

- Consider access to designated accessible parking for guests, as required.
- There is limited parking; identify available parking and observe parking space availability.

#### ☐ Transit

- Locate nearby transit routes and bus stops; not only for guest use, but to understand the traffic in the area

#### ☐ Construction

- Identify any existing construction at or near your prospective wedding site; in the park, on the roads, on adjacent properties. Depending on your location construction noise could be a factor.

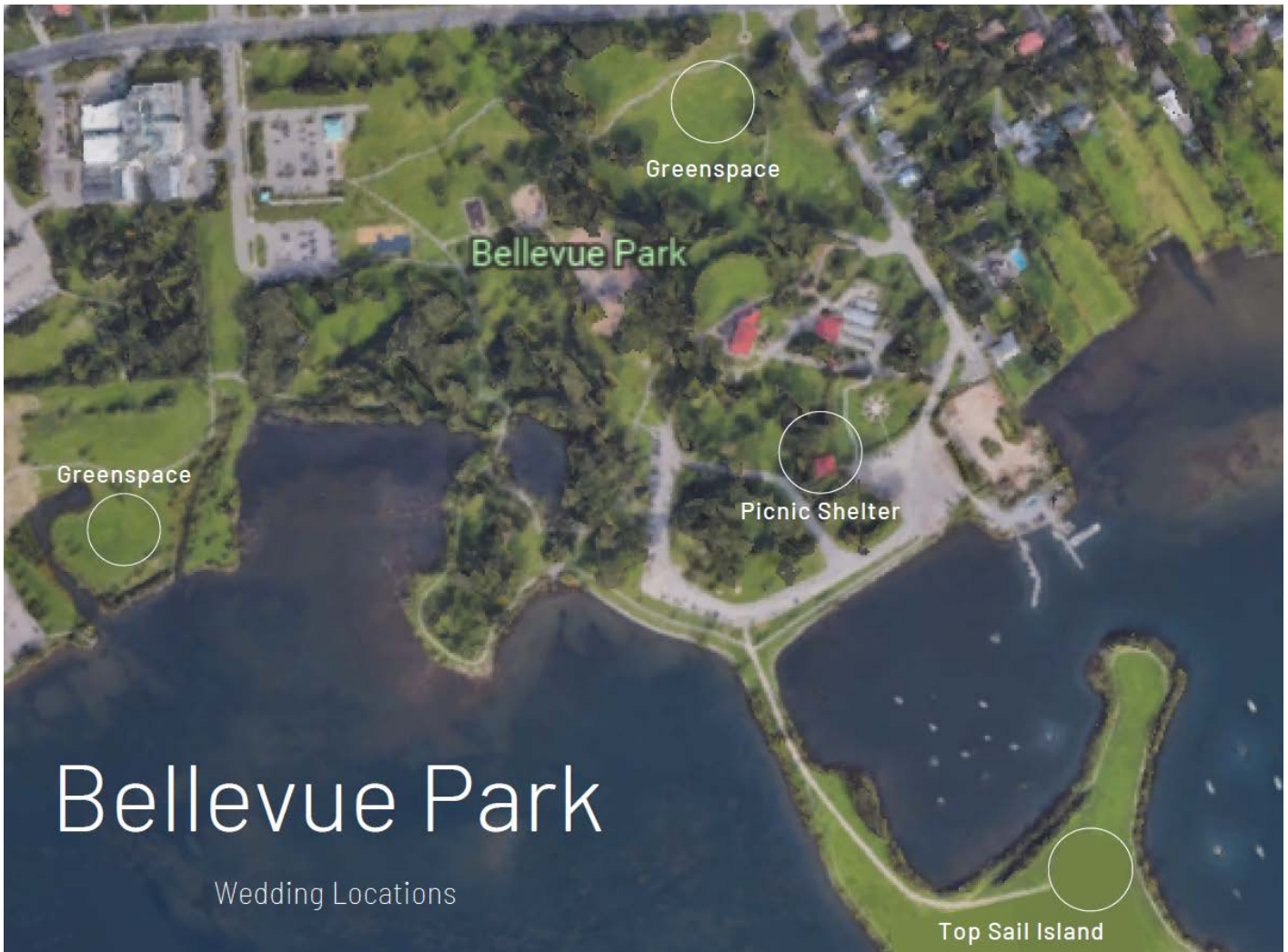
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### Cost/Fee

\$35 +HST (per 3 hour booking)

### Bellevue Park Wedding Ceremony Locations



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