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The Royal Botanic Gardens is Melbourne's most popular wedding ceremony location. There are numerous areas available for hire, ranging from lush green lawns to tranquil lakeside locations and even pretty, sheltered pavilions. As each location is different to the next, take into consideration any particular requirements you may have; close proximity to a gate (for those with elderly guests), guaranteed shelter (for those married in wetter months) or large flat lawns (for couples with long guest lists). All lawn areas can have marquees, umbrellas and equipment set up by those on our preferred supplier list featured on our website. If you wish to ask a Blakes Feast coordinator any questions regarding a ceremony in the Royal Botanic Gardens please call us on 9821 0669 during business hours Monday - Friday.

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria – Wedding Walk

The following nine locations are available for functions in the gardens. We suggest that you commence your walk at F Gate on Birdwood Avenue and walk in an anticlockwise direction around the gardens.

Nymphaea Lake East and West

Nymphaea Lake acts as a showcase for the Gardens' collection of Water Lillies, Japanese Irises and other aquatic plants. The peak time for this location is in high summer when the multicoloured lillies are in bloom; however, the lake and its surrounding lawns are gorgeous year round. We ask that you specify either Nymphaea Lake East or West, so we are clear on which is your preference. Both have views onto the lake; the east side is expansive with undulating hills, the west is more intimate and a popular choice for those seeking privacy.

Tecoma Pavilion

Available for ceremonies for up to 60 people. Undoubtedly the most popular wedding ceremony location in the gardens, Tecoma Pavilion provides guaranteed shelter and the ideal setting. Clients are permitted to decorate the pavilion with ribbons and flowers as they wish. However, as all structures in the Gardens are heritage listed, the adhering of anything to the pavilion is strictly prohibited. With views to Government House and the City skyline, it has a garden feel with an impressive backdrop. Tecoma Pavilion is conveniently located near C Gate, enabling easy and quick access for guests

Taxodium Lawn

Popular with those having a reception at The Terrace, Taxodium Lawn - named for the beautiful Taxodium Distichum tree that stands alone on the lawn area is directly beside the Ornamental Lake. Be warned though, it is also very popular with our resident swans, ducks and other aquatic birds and can therefore be littered with feathers and other detritus.

Rose Pavilion

Available for ceremonies for up to 45 people. This is a romantic pavilion in which to make your vows, particularly when it is covered with blooms around November and March. It is a reassuring location if you are worried the weather may be inclement and like Tecoma, you can decorate it according to our guidelines.

Tennyson Lawn

This lush green lawn with beautiful trees is conveniently located near to B Gate and to toilets. This area is perfect for ceremonies in luscious surrounds providing a natural shade canopy for guests.

Have you found a reception venue?

Marquee Weddings

Undoubtedly Melbourne's most romantic & unique venue, the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria permits marquees to be built on a selected number of lawns.

Offering a blank canvas, Blakes Feast Catering can help you style your event to suit your theme. With a tailored menu especially for you, Blakes Feast Catering ensures restaurant quality food, wine & service within a picturesque location.

Picnic Point

Located opposite The Gardens Shop - Lakeside and The Terrace, this is a pretty lakeside location on a large expanse of lawn with Palm Trees that add to the picturesque garden surrounds. Larger than its opposite neighbour Taxodium Lawn, Picnic Point can comfortably fit lots of people for a ceremony.

Princes Lawn

With a sweeping view out over Central Lake, Princes Lawn cuts a manicured green swathe through to the centre of the Gardens, is sheltered by many of the Gardens oldest trees and is located right next to the Rose Pavilion.

Eastern Transit Room

The stunning Eastern Transit Room is located in the Heritage listed Old Melbourne Observatory building is available as a ceremony location for groups up to 100 people. This space can also be booked as a wet weather backup that ensures peace of mind if you are wishing to have a backup in case of inclement weather when booking lawn areas throughout the gardens.

Handy hints

- Many couples wish to entertain their guests and celebrate with a glass of champagne and some canapés immediately after the ceremony. This can also be a pleasant way for guests to bide their time while wedding photography is taking place. Speak to Blakes Feast Catering about assisting you on the day.
- If you wish to extend your booking time to accommodate your equipment suppliers, or serve drinks to your guests you can do so in 15 min blocks. Please ask our consultants for a price guide.
- When writing invitations ask guests to arrive half an hour prior to the ceremony. This will allow time to locate parking and walk to the venue.
- On your registration form, your booking time should commence at least half an hour prior to your ceremony to allow your guests time to arrive and any suppliers time to set up.
- Chairs and shelter are often required at outdoor ceremonies. Please contact any of the suppliers on our recommended list for further information.
- If you have elderly or disabled guests we strongly advise that you choose a location close to a gate as they are not permitted vehicle access under any circumstances.

Catering

If you are interested in catering or beverages for your event please contact Blakes Feast on 9821 0669 or go to the menus section of our website at www.blakesfeast.com.au to view our package options. Please note that only Blakes Feast can cater in the lawn and pavilion areas within the gardens. No BYO alcohol permitted at wedding ceremonies. If you wish to serve a celebratory alcoholic drink please ask for our drinks on consumption information.

How to make a booking

- After choosing possible locations please contact us to ensure the location you have selected is available on the date and time that you prefer. We will then place a tentative booking for you while you send the registration form and a \$110.00 non-refundable deposit.
- After we have received the registration form and deposit, your booking will be confirmed in writing. Final payment is then due seven days prior to your ceremony. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.blakesfeast.com.au under the "royal botanic gardens" tab.