

A Brides' Guide to Beach Weddings in the City of St. Joseph

While the City of St. Joseph does not regulate weddings on the beach, these 'guidelines' may assist prospective brides as they begin to plan their beach wedding:

- ♥ Weddings are allowed on Lions and Tiscornia Beach without any permits. Please advise us of your plans by call, 269-983-6341, so we may add your event to our calendar.
- ♥ The wedding party must respect the other beach goers' right to use the beach. The public use of the beach cannot be restricted during the wedding.
- ♥ The City will allow private tents and chairs to be set-up for a wedding, but these items should not detract from the public use of the beach and must be removed promptly following the service. Public Works personnel cannot help in the set-up or removal of any personal property.
- ♥ Public restrooms are available at Tiscornia Beach and Lions Park Beach. Please keep in mind that these restrooms are used by beach goers and may well be wet and sandy.
- ♥ It is illegal to have alcoholic beverages in any city beach.
- ♥ You can have music; however, you cannot create noise in excess. *(Please refer to City Ordinance 19-120 and 19-122 for these rules)*
- ♥ There is a daily parking fee for each vehicle. Parking regulations are strictly enforced. We do have parking codes available at City Hall if you wish to prepay the parking fee for your guests. These codes are non-refundable and offer no discount; however they are valid for the entire season.
- ♥ Shelters are available for rent at both Lions and Tiscornia for a nominal fee (please call 269-983-6341 for rental information). You are not required to rent our shelters for your wedding, but they would provide a staging or greeting area. Each shelter is equipped with picnic tables, a grill and electrical outlets. Advance reservations are necessary.
- ♥ The shelter at Tiscornia is actually a lovely wedding venue. This area is more secluded and has wonderful views of the river, pier, and lake that you can use as a backdrop for your wedding pictures. Substantial parking is available at Tiscornia Beach and the shelter is handicapped accessible and offers a plastic ramp to access the beach.
- ♥ There are three shelters at Lions Park Beach. The Central Pavilion is located closest to the playground making the area less private. The North and South Pavilions are located on each side of the parking lot.
- ♥ The addresses for the beaches are as follows: Tiscornia Beach is at 80 Ridgeway and Lions Park Beach is at 1701 Lions Park Drive. Both of these beaches are in the City of St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Please note that Silver Beach is a County owned beach. You can contact Berrien County directly at 269-983-7111 ext 8435 for their rules regarding the facility and pavilion rental.