

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 or special permission.
- ♥ 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)*
- ♥ Parking regulations are strictly enforced. The daily cost of parking is \$5 per vehicle. There are parking tokens available at City Hall for purchase, if you wish to provide free parking to your guests. These tokens are non-refundable and there is no discount for buying them in advance.
- ♥ Shelters are available for rent at both Lions and Tiscornia for a nominal fee (please check with the clerk's office at 269-983-6325 for fee 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 South Pavilion is centrally located and close to the playground making the area less private. The North and Central Pavilions are smaller and are located on each side of the parking lot nearer to the park entrance.
- ♥ 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.