

UNIQUE MADISON WEDDING LOCATIONS

Madison boasts many wonderful places to have your wedding, both indoor and outdoor! Many of our hotels offer spectacular banquet facilities, and our area offers many talented caterers, florists and entertainers to make your wedding everything you dreamed it would be. The following is a list of suggestions for memorable wedding locations in the Madison area.

On the Water. Why not get married aboard a yacht on either Lake Mendota or Monona? You can have a special meal catered and enjoy a moonlight cruise. **Betty Lou Cruises** offers a variety of catered cruise options for groups of 20 or more. For a romantic floating ceremony or a reception on the waves, Betty Lou Cruises can make your big day extra special. Call 608.246.3138 or visit www.bettyloucruises.com.

A Day in the Park. The **Madison and Dane County Parks** have beautiful venues for your special event. Many have shelters available. For an intimate gathering, the historic **Gates of Heaven** synagogue, located in James Madison Park, can be rented. A larger party can be accommodated at the **Lussier Family Heritage Center**, featuring modern amenities in a beautiful prairie setting. To find out about reserving a park for your special day, call 608.266.4711 or go to www.ci.madison.wi.us/parks for a complete list of Madison park shelters.

A Garden Affair. Another lovely setting is **Allen Centennial Gardens** on the UW Campus. Replete with spectacular landscape designs and a pond, this is a perfect place for a wedding with a small, intimate feel. Plan ahead—reservations for the gardens fill up fast! Call 608.262.8406 for information on reservations.

A Stately Selection. The exquisitely groomed grounds of the **Wisconsin State Capitol** bloom with seasonal flowers throughout the spring, summer and fall. During the holidays, a giant Christmas tree fills the Rotunda. The center of the city, the Capitol building is near fine hotels, world-class restaurants and unique shopping. Call 608.266.7840 for information.

A Lush Locale. Celebrate your love among the picturesque natural scenery outside in the Event Garden of **Olbrich Botanical Gardens**. When it's cold out, you enjoy the tropical setting of the Bolz Conservatory or the natural beauty of the tree-lined, glass atrium. To make your reservation, call 608.246.4733 or go to www.olbrich.org.

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A Perfect Union. The majestic Great Hall at the **UW-Memorial Union**, overlooking Lake Mendota, is a grand beginning for any marriage. Ideal for UW alumni, the Memorial Union provides catering and no room charge to Union members. With gracefully arched ceilings, marble steps and picture windows overlooking the charming Terrace, a reception in Great Hall is sure to be memorable. Call 608.262.2511 or visit www.union.wisc.edu for facility details.

The Wright Choice. Frank Lloyd Wright's majestic **Monona Terrace® Community and Convention Center**, overlooking Lake Monona, features beautiful reception areas and fantastic on-site catering. With rooms to accommodate groups both large and small, you're sure to find the right fit for your perfect day. Connected to the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace by an enclosed skywalk and located in the heart of downtown Madison, you and your guests will enjoy both the beauty and convenience of this venue. Call 608.261.4000 or visit www.mononaterrace.com to find out more.

Sloping Scenery. For a truly unique wedding locale, take your vows on the scenic slopes of **Tyrol Basin**. Just 25 minutes from Madison in Mount Horeb, Tyrol Basin can provide a picturesque backdrop for your special day. In the winter, rent out the slopes and say "I Do" on skis or in the chalet. In the off-season, set up on the rolling green hills or amidst blazing fall colors and enjoy a leisurely ride on the chairlift. With a reception room that can hold groups up to 250 people and first-rate catering, a wedding at Tyrol Basin is one your guests won't forget. Call 608.437.4135 or visit www.tyrolbasin.com for details.

Love in the Heartland. Enjoy the charming setting of **Quivey's Grove**, near Verona. Built in 1855, this estate-turned-restaurant, listed on the National Historic Register, provides a unique feel for your event. With traditional Wisconsin cuisine made from local ingredients, a lovely indoor reception room and a yard filled with Black Walnut trees, a wedding at Quivey's Grove is a great way to begin your new life together in America's Heartland. Call 608.273.4900 or go to www.quiveysgrove.com.

Classic Ceremony at the Club. Framed by beautifully-preserved marshlands, a country club affair is a stately and elegant setting for your new beginnings. At Madison's **Cherokee Country Club**, well-manicured grounds provide a majestic backdrop for your nuptials, and several private outdoor enclaves maintain a sense of intimacy for an outdoor affair. For the reception, select from well-appointed rooms overlooking the green or keep the party outdoors and have a tent brought in! For more information, call 608.249.1000 x152 or visit www.cherokeecountryclub.net.