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LAS VEGAS IS FILLED WITH EXCITING WEDDING DESTINATIONS

Las Vegas is fantastic for Destination Weddings! Residents enjoy our wide-ranging venues too. Fabulous hotels and resorts present unimaginable options. Storied Las Vegas chapels and Elvis impersonators provide altogether different choices. We've done weddings in Madame Tussauds Wax Museum and are looking forward to our first at the Mob Museum and the [Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health](#). Beyond that, Las Vegas has high-end restaurants, clubs and studios that offer one-of-a-kind packages.

But you may be looking for something more picturesque than any of these. You may want your wedding "in a cathedral not built by human hands".

Vegas weddings don't have to be indoors. With sunny consistent weather, Las Vegas is a perfect place for outdoor weddings. And with hillside locations offering panoramic views, extending forty miles, you can choose among breathtaking backgrounds for your incredible day.

Las Vegas weather is magnificent all year round. Our winters average 39°F / 58°F (December and January). In summer our mornings and nights are inviting (though in July and August our afternoon temperatures occasionally reach as high as 115°F). Our breezes and gorgeous sunsets are legendary. Rain is infinitesimal. So terrace, gazebo, garden, lake side, golf course, park, and unique outdoor weddings are always possible – and always romantic! Whether you are hiring someone to arrange a huge wedding, or you're preparing an intimate ceremony for just your partner and a witness or two, Las Vegas has it all. You can plan with confidence.

We've officiated weddings while in a Limo travelling the Strip and a helicopter encircling the city (neither are technically "outdoors"). You can celebrate your vows by immediately leaping into a [skydive](#). We've joined hands with bride and groom on this city's Brooklyn Bridge, Eiffel Tower, roof tops, and white sand beaches; in a pool, and in front of (and timed to) the Bellagio's dancing fountains. We've performed weddings on yachts, tour and house boats (not yet in a gondola along the Venetian's canal). We've officiated at luxury [rental estates](#) such as [Legends Ranch](#), [E Quail Ave](#), and others. You may want to consider having your wedding amidst the modern or classical architecture, fountains, tropical palm trees and floral landscapes of one of our many fine hotels, or in one of their poolside cabanas. You may be thinking



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of the Neon Museum, our famous *Welcome to Las Vegas* sign, Ethel M Chocolates' Cactus Garden, Pahrump Valley Winery, or flying to the Grand Canyon.

Weddings are applauded in Las Vegas. Small weddings can appear almost anywhere, seemingly spontaneous like a [flash mob](#). We serve this excitement in our Las Vegas metro area as well as the more reserved nearby towns of Boulder City, Mesquite, Pahrump, Mount Charleston, Laughlin, Bullhead City and Kingman.

NATURE WITHOUT A LOT OF HASSLE

A balance of convenience and nature can be found at the [Springs Preserve](#), a 180-acre cultural center in the heart of Las Vegas. They offer both indoor and outdoor ceremonies that are well accustomed to serving your needs. [Lake Mead Cruises](#) can also give your wedding an outdoor flavor while catering your reception (just be sure your ceremony takes place in Nevada waters, not Arizona). At [Carville Bay](#) Resort and Marina you can rent a fully furnished houseboat. [Floyd Lamb Park](#) at Tule Springs and [Spring Mountain Ranch](#) at the base of the magnificent Wilson Cliffs near Blue Diamond may be more DIY. There you can plan a relaxed, family picnic following your wedding ceremony. [Bonnie Springs Ranch](#) is interesting if you have young children and want to make their participation special.

This page, however, intends to help you consider less frequented "outdoor" locations – places that will require transportation and may necessitate off-site receptions.

NATURE FOR THE MORE DARING

If you're the adventurous type, love the outdoors and want something off the beaten path: just east of Boulder City you can choose from Lake Mead off-road or park-service [overlooks](#). Slightly south of Boulder City you'll find [Nelson](#), a ghost town in El Dorado Canyon, and twenty-five miles southwest of Las Vegas you'll find the [Pioneer Salon](#), once a hot spot for Hollywood Westerns, barely changed from 1913. These are fun places. [Searchlight](#) is nearby too, for interesting pictures. Further south is [Christmas Tree Pass](#) and [Spirit Mountain](#). Twenty-two miles south of Las Vegas you'll find a playa, one of many in the Las Vegas area, the [Jean dry lake bed](#). Another dry lake is [along I-15](#) thirty miles north of Las Vegas. There are more. Fabulous photos (but bring lots of drinking water)!



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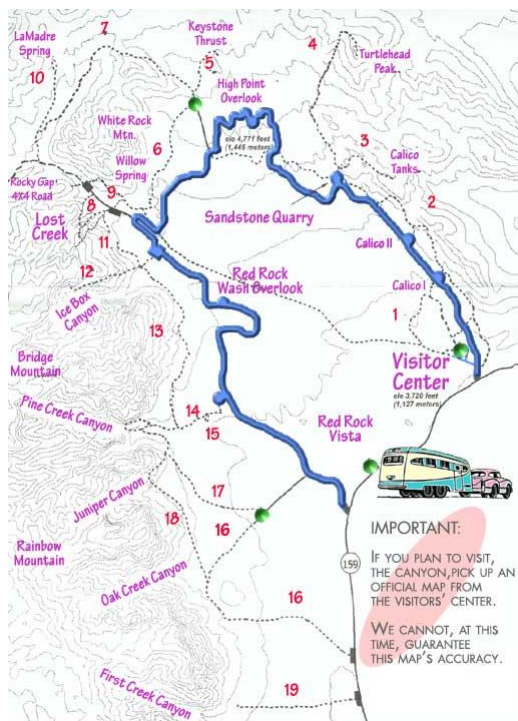
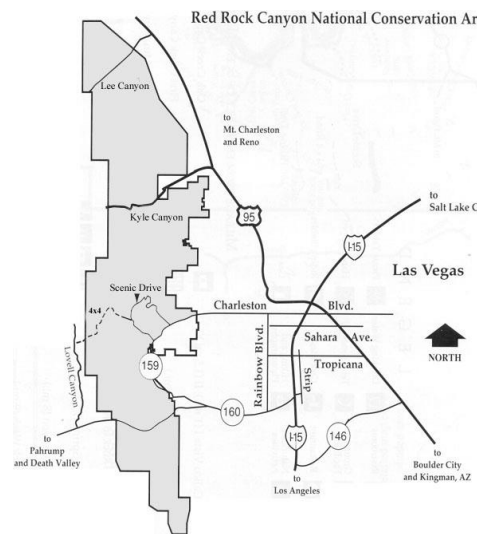
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RED ROCK CANYON

[Red Rock Canyon](#) has three unique venues for weddings: Calico Basin, Dedication Point, and stops along the Scenic Loop. Red Rock Canyon is a true wonder of our Las Vegas Valley. The canyon is an ancient deep seabed where, over time, sediments washed in and water evaporated, leaving red iron composites in the sandstone. These have weathered slowly and change with the moving sun and occasional clouds every day, putting on a brilliant show of color. The park's natural beauty is perfect for weddings.

Websites for Red Rock Canyon are [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). The Canyon's advantage is that it is a memorable outdoor setting only 25 miles from the Las Vegas Strip (drive west along Charleston Blvd, which becomes State Route 159, until you see the Fee Booth and Entrance to the Conservation Area; the Visitor's Center



can be seen just beyond there). Be warned that you may not have cell phone coverage in or around Red Rock Canyon.

[Calico Basin](#) (see also [here](#)) and Dedication Point [Overlook](#), along the main highway (Calico Basin road is 1/4 mile East, and the Overlook West, of the park's entrance), are outside the park management area and therefore the most popular places for Red Rock weddings because they can be accessed without traveling the 13-mile one-way Scenic Drive, needing a permit, and paying per-car Park Fees. Neither is private. Nevertheless, though both are open to the public, people are generally polite and considerate when weddings take place.



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Both locations have parking, a covered picnic area, and excellent vantage points for photographs.

A nice DVD can be ordered [here](#).



Red Rock Canyon's visitor center.



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Dedication Point and each stop, plus the 19 hiking trails, along Red Rock Canyon's loop are arid. Calico Basin / Red Springs is moist and green beneath majestic white (grey) limestone and red sandstone cliffs which shelter the meadow on three sides. Red Springs' boardwalk lends interest and leads to a sort of patio deck favored for weddings of up to 40 guests. In addition to witnessing the wedding, guests may observe many species of animals and birds.



Adjacent to Red Springs' parking area is a small cluster of picnic tables, fire grills, trashcans and restrooms. The basin offers great views of the nearby Calico Hills. Hiking trails lead north from Calico Basin into the hills and other parts of the conservation area. The Red Rock area is, without a doubt, one of Southern Nevada's most scenic places.

Calico basin is a bit more difficult to locate than is Dedication Point and the Loop. From Las Vegas and State Route 159, turn right onto Calico Basin Road (if you've reached the park entrance you've gone too far) then drive about 1 mile through its little community until you get to the parking gate on the left.

Information:

Red Rock Canyon averages 294 days of sunshine per year (211 clear days, 83 partly cloudy days); with an average annual rainfall of 4.13 inches and an average humidity around 29%. The average temperature is 66.3 degrees (19 degrees centigrade).



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SEASONAL HIGH & LOW TEMPERATURES

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Highs	56	62	68	78	88	98	104	102	94	81	66	57
Lows	32	37	42	50	59	68	75	73	65	53	40	33

Carry water with you. Most people need a gallon a day while hiking. Extra clothing, layers of clothing, and hats protect us in both the summer sun and winter cold.

Glass containers may not be carried on trails or outside of developed picnic areas.

All pets must be on a leash in developed picnic areas and on designated trails. Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object is prohibited.

Please carry out all trash, litter is an eyesore and a hazard to wildlife. Trash cans are located at all parking areas. Dog and similar waste is becoming serious health and sanitation problem in high use areas. Plastic bags are provided at trail heads to allow users to carry waste out and deposit it in toilet vaults.

As visitation to the Red Rock Conservation Area continues to increase it is be vital to the health of the resources for each user to minimize the impact of their visit.

PERMITS

The following activities require permits:

- * backcountry use
- * collecting
- * commercial use
- * filming
- * rock climbing
- * special events
- * **weddings taking place within RRCNCA**

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MOUNT CHARLESTON

If you want to reach for the stars, [Mount Charleston](#) is an easy 36 miles north of Las Vegas. [The Resort](#) on Mount Charleston is a fabulous place for your destination wedding; so is [the Lodge](#) located atop the mountain and, depending on the time of year, the Las Vegas [Ski & Snowboard](#) Resort. Each has its own flavor and all evoke pleasure, plus great ambiance at night.



With lodging at 7,700 feet – Mount Charleston is 30 degrees cooler than Las Vegas. This provides snow in the winter and spectacular colors in autumn. Surrounded by juniper, mountain mahogany, aspen, and ponderosa pine trees – and wildflowers – nature will embrace you.



Two large picnic areas are available on Mount Charleston for [reservation](#) if you'd like an outdoor wedding. There are beautiful [trails and overlooks](#) too. Pick up a map at the small Visitor Center on highway 157. The friendly staff will encourage you. Then explore. Scenic beauty will be all around you, just outside your car windows. Small weddings can literally drive along until the bride shouts, "Stop here!" With just a short walk from the road you'll find yourself in an intimate paradise offering a seemingly endless view for your wedding, and your future.



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VALLEY OF FIRE

Websites for the [Valley of Fire](#) are [here](#) and [here](#). The park is 75 miles northeast of Las Vegas' strip hotels (fifty five easy miles on Interstate 15, then twenty slow miles – plus up to an additional twenty miles within the park – on winding two-lane roads. Sufficient time and gas must be reserved for travel. Extra time at the park might also be needed to allow guests to hike or play on the rocks, or shop in the Visitor Center. Valley of fire is even more picturesque than Red Rock Canyon. It is truly an amazing location for weddings and photographs.



Water is available but no food or beverages are sold within the park. There are several picnic areas that are suitable for weddings. Most are visible from the road. I recommend Rainbow Vista (see park [map](#)) for your wedding and then driving to the Atlatl Rock picnic area for your reception. Shaded areas with restrooms are there. Package services often use the Seven Sisters site because it is easily accessible and also has a shaded picnic area and restrooms. The most remote and least likely site is at White Domes. Arch Rock is no longer permitted. The Park Service requires that all weddings be reserved a least 2 weeks in advance in order to avoid double-booking. The permit is free (although there is a \$6/car entrance fee). Note: Nevada Assembly Bill 550, May 2009, which sought to establish a commercial wedding fee at all state parks, failed passage on the Senate floor.

Please be aware that there is very poor cell phone reception in the Valley of Fire. Do not count on being able to text or speak to guests who become sepearted from your caravan. Do not rely on road signs in the park. Provide your guests clear maps and instructions for what to do if they can't find the site of your wedding (e.g. "go to the Visitor's Center and wait").

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS, OTHER NEARBY ADVENTURES

Approximate drive times to more distant sites do not include adverse traffic:

Bryce Canyon	290 miles / 5 hours I-15 North, Hwy 14 East, Hwy 89 North, Hwy 12 East, then follow signs
Zion National Park, Utah	165 miles / 3 hours I-15 North, Hwy 9, then follow signs
Death Valley, California	160 miles / 3 ½ hours US 95 North, Hwy 373 South (becomes Hwy 127), Hwy 190 West ...or... through Scotty's Castle, 200 miles / 4 hours US 95 North, Hwy 267 South, Hwy 190 West ...or Through Pahrump, 215 miles / 4 ½ hours I-15 South, Hwy 160 West, Hwy 190 East
Grand Canyon South Rim	300 miles / 5 hours US 93 South to Kingman AZ, I-40 East to Williams, Hwy 64 North to Grand Canyon Village
Hoover Dam	30 miles / 45 minutes US 93 South through Boulder City NV
Laughlin, Nevada	95 miles / 75 minutes US 93 South, Hwy 163 East
Anaheim, California	270 miles / 4 hours I-15 South, I-91 West