



Coeur d' Alene's Old Mission State Park is the perfect setting for a magical, romantic wedding experience. The following is a list of frequently asked questions about weddings at Old Mission.

### *Where is the Mission located?*

Coeur d' Alene's Old Mission State Park is located in northern Idaho in Cataldo, 26 miles west of Coeur d' Alene, ID, and 60 miles east of Spokane, WA.

### *What is the history of the Mission?*

Completed in 1853 by Catholic missionaries and members of the Coeur d' Alene tribe, the Sacred Heart Mission church is the oldest building in the state of Idaho and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The church sits atop a small knoll surrounded by beautiful landscapes and romantic vistas on every side that create a serene, picturesque setting.

*"I recently photographed a wedding at the Cataldo Mission... It's absolutely breathtakingly gorgeous. The chapel itself is beyond charming and the grounds are just beautiful. A photographer's dream...  
- Gretchen G. Post Falls, ID*

### *When can I get married at Old Mission?*

The Mission is open year-round but has seasonal schedules. Weddings and receptions may be scheduled from June to September, Monday thru Saturday between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., (dates of major holidays, the second weekend in July, and August 15th are not available). From October to April, weddings and receptions may be scheduled Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., except major holidays. Note: During winter, there are no heated facilities within the Mission and limited parking. May weddings may be scheduled Monday to Friday between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and Saturday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., except Memorial Day.

### *How many people can I have at my wedding?*

The Mission of the Sacred Heart church holds up to 150 people. You may have up to 500 guests on the grounds of the park.

### *What are the costs?*

Costs range from \$150 for up to 25 guests, to \$750 for a guest list with 250 to 500 guests. The cost includes a three hour time period for the church and/or West Courtyard and some set-up and breakdown by park staff. The church can only be used for a maximum of 3 hours but the courtyard can be booked for additional time. A refundable deposit is required and additional fees, depending upon your needs, may be applicable. More information about costs is available at the park office.

### *Are there any restriction within the church ?*

Anyone can get married in the church, regardless of religious affiliation. The church is a sacred building and we take great care to maintain it. The location of the pews, altar, and organ can not be changed and no tape of any kind or tacks may be used to hang pew markers or ribbons. No stapling, nailing or drilling into the walls or any fixtures is allowed. All other accessories, such as flowers, aisle runners must be free standing. No food or beverages are permitted inside the Mission, except for communion during a formal religious ceremony. A unity candle is acceptable, but no other candle use is permitted. No pets are allowed except for canine assistants or service animals.

### *Is alcohol permitted?*

Yes, alcohol is allowed at the site. However, the sale of any alcoholic beverage requires additional permits and approvals. We encourage our wedding parties to drink responsibly.

### *What about music and dancing?*

Live and recorded music and dancing is wonderful as long as it is tasteful, appropriate and family-friendly. Unfortunately, the organs within the Mission are not available for use. Portable CD players or keyboards may be used inside the church but there are a few restrictions on how speakers and electrical equipment is placed to protect the church and safety of your guests. An portable dance floor may be used in the West Courtyard.

"If there is such a thing as having a place/location that is a soul mate, this is mine.

- Linda S. - Texas

### *Is there a changing area for the bridal party?*

There is a small area in the visitors center where the bridal party may change with rest rooms, mirrors and electricity. However, for more spacious accommodations you may prefer to bring a mobile changing facility such as an RV or luxury loo. Placement, parking and use must be approved by the park manager.

### *What about chairs, tents , rental items and catering?*

The church is equipped with 150 chairs. The cost for park staff to set up and take down the chairs is included in your facility rental fee. Two 20 X 20 foot wedding tents can be rented from the park at a cost of \$250, which includes set up and take down. If you would like to use a rental company to bring in additional chairs, tables, portable rest rooms, etc, you are welcome to do so. Several rental companies are located in nearby Coeur d' Alene, ID. Caterers must be self-contained as there is no kitchen, limited water and electricity.

### *What should I consider when having a wedding in a public park?*

Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park is first and foremost a state park that includes a sacred, historic site. Sacred Heart Mission is a public facility and cannot be closed to the public during normal hours of operation. We ask that you keep your event as low impact as possible and ensure that all guests show respect for all buildings, facilities, displays, artifacts, plants and wildlife in the park.

### *How do I book my wedding at Old Mission?*

Reservations may be made one year, but not less than 30 days in advance of your wedding date. Full payment of fees and deposits and a signed agreement and applicable permits must be secured. Payment must be received within 14 days of booking your wedding.