

# Weddings at Benvoulin Heritage Park



Central Okanagan  
**Heritage**  
Society

Benvoulin Heritage Park - 2279 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna B.C.



Courtesy Stephanie Whiting, Photography West

# Benvoulin Church

Time-worn hardwood floors, a beautiful chapel back lit by towering arched windows, traditional circular wood pews and the pure simplicity of what was a country church.

Experience the magic and step into one of Kelowna's hidden gems, the perfect romantic setting for your wedding ceremony

complete with country-cottage gardens, manicured lawns shaded by mature trees and the tranquility and peacefulness of a country setting steeped in over 125 years of history.

Memories last a lifetime, and the memories of your wedding day will always hold a special place in your heart and mind. Your special day will be even more memorable when your vows are exchanged before family and friends in the intimate and reverent ambience of **Benvoulin Heritage Church.**



# Reid Hall - Receptions

Bright and cheerful, with high vaulted ceiling and arched windows mirroring historic Benvoulin Heritage Church, Reid Hall affords wedding parties a cozy gathering place after the ceremony for family and friends to celebrate the beginnings of your new life together.

Reid Hall features hardwood floors and traditional wood paneling, a compact warm-up kitchen complete with small appliances, refrigerator, stove and dishwasher, washroom and change room facilities and is fully wheelchair accessible.



# Benvoulin Gardens

The perfect backdrop for your outdoor Okanagan wedding, the Benvoulin gardens are highlighted by manicured lawns, shaded by mature trees, complete with traditional country-cottage gardens, reminiscent of a time now past. The lovely grounds bring you the peacefulness and tranquility of a country setting.

The fully landscaped gardens, with a lovely display of perennial plantings, offer you a unique venue to make your special day truly complete.

Host your outdoor wedding in our delightful gazebo or under the Red River Maple tree and join family and friends in having your wedding photos taken in the lovely gardens, with sweeping views that offer an enchanting setting for your special day.



Courtesy Kate Stein, Twisted Lily Photography



# Wedding Packages

## All-day wedding and reception

- Full use of the Benvoulin Heritage Church, Reid Hall and the Gardens from 8 a.m. to midnight on your wedding day
- A one hour rehearsal
- Ceremony can be held in the Church (indoor) or Gardens (outdoor)
- Host your reception in Reid Hall or in the Gardens
- The Gardens are a beautiful backdrop for your wedding photos
- Preliminary set-up may be done the night before (pending availability)

## Afternoon wedding ceremony and reception

- Full use of the Benvoulin Heritage Church, Reid Hall and the Gardens from 3 p.m. to midnight on your wedding day
- A one hour rehearsal
- Ceremony can be held in the Church (indoor) or Gardens (outdoor)
- Host your reception in Reid Hall or in the Gardens
- Be secure in the knowledge that the Church, Hall and Gardens are yours for the evening to celebrate

## Wedding ceremony only

- Full use of the Benvoulin Heritage Church, Reid Hall and the Gardens for 2.5 hours on your wedding day
- Two time slots available:
  - (1) 12 to 2:30 p.m.
  - (2) 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- A one hour rehearsal
- Ceremony can be held in the Church (indoor) or Gardens (outdoor)

# Services & Amenities

- On-site parking (45 spots available)
- Air conditioned
- Kitchen facilities; stove, refrigerator, coffee maker, microwave, dishwasher
- Tables (indoor)
- White-padded folding chairs available (additional cost)
- Piano available for use in Benvoulin Church
- Gazebo and beautiful Red River Maple tree
- Perennial gardens set in a rustic country setting
- Wheelchair accessible
- Great for outdoor weddings with church availability as a back-up plan in case of inclement weather



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# FAQs

## **What dates are available in the months I'm considering?**

We offer weddings 12 months a year and can accommodate both indoor and outdoor wedding ceremonies and receptions.

## **How many people can you accommodate?**

**Church** - 90 guests (plus wedding party)  
**Reid Hall** - 60 seated - 75 guests for cocktail party  
**Outdoor Gardens** - 100 guests (includes wedding party)

## **How much is the deposit, when is it due and is it refundable? When is the payment for the entire bill due?**

Rentals require a deposit of 50 per cent of the cost, which is non-refundable, to secure Benvoulin Heritage Park. Full payment is required 30 days prior to the wedding and becomes 100 per cent non-refundable after that date.

## **Is there minimum rental time? Is there a fee if I stay longer?**

The minimum rental time is 2.5 hours. For day ceremonies, parties must be vacated by the time stated in the rental contract.

For evening weddings, parties must vacate the property, including all personal belongings...

(decorations, equipment, etc.) by 12 a.m. (midnight). A late fee will be charged for those wedding parties that stay past the allotted time.

## **How much time will I have for set up?**

Set up and clean up time is included in your booked time period. For a 12 to 2:30 p.m. booking, the property will need to be vacated by 2:30 p.m. as often there will be a wedding immediately following at 3 p.m.

## **Can I decorate to suit my needs, or do I have to leave everything in place? What are the decoration guidelines or restrictions?**

Decorations add that personal touch to your wedding day. Benvoulin Heritage Church looks beautiful in its simplicity or with the addition of fresh flowers. Reid Hall can be personalized with your wedding colours on table decorations. Please no heavy tape (duct, electrical, scotch, etc) nails, tacks or other materials affixed to the floor or walls. Please use only a low adhesive tape when setting up decorations.

## **Can I use real candles?**

The use of real candles is not permitted. The lights in Benvoulin Church and Reid Hall are on dimmer switches and can help you set the perfect ambience. The use of flameless candles, or twinkle lights is permitted.

## FAQs...contd

### **Can I bring my own alcohol, or food?**

If you want to serve liquor in a public place you will need a public Special Occasion License.

It is the responsibility of the wedding party to obtain a special occasion liquor license and provide a copy to the Heritage Society **two weeks prior** to the wedding date.

Liquor licenses can be obtained online from the B.C Government. Our kitchen is available for use by a catering company of your choice, or for your own food serving needs. Food trucks are also welcome.

### **Does it have a PA system, or what are the acoustics like?**

No PA or AV system is included in your rental, though you are welcome to bring your own speakers, amps, or microphone system.

The Benvoulin Church has excellent acoustics and a microphone is rarely needed. A piano is also available for use in Benvoulin Church.

### **What is the weather contingency plan for outdoor weddings?**

Weddings booked outdoors are able to move indoors into Benvoulin Church, depending on the weather on your wedding day, as well as the number of guests at your wedding. This provides you with the ultimate...

flexibility to ensure your special day goes off without a hitch.

### **Is a damage deposit required?**

A damage deposit may be required for larger weddings, for those weddings serving alcohol and for all receptions.

### **Is there parking?**

Yes, Benvoulin Heritage Park includes 45 parking spaces for you and your guests.

### **Do we need to take down the tables and chairs?**

Yes, the facility must be left in the same condition as rented.



### **Can we leave decorations or equipment behind to pick-up the next day?**

Please remove all items including decorations, AV equipment, dishes or any other items used for the wedding by the end of the rental period as indicated in your contract.

### **Ceremony officials**

Benvoulin Heritage Church is a designated heritage building. You are welcome to choose any marriage commissioner or clergy of any faith to perform your ceremony.





By having your wedding at Benvoulin Heritage Park, you are supporting the preservation of Kelowna's heritage and history. The Central Okanagan Heritage Society is a valuable not-for-profit community group, whose mission is to build awareness of the district heritage of the Central Okanagan through conservation, collaboration, advocacy and education for the benefit of current and future generations.

The Central Okanagan Heritage Society restored, owns and operates Benvoulin Heritage Park, and restored Guisachan Heritage Park. COHS is working with the City of Kelowna on restoring Brent's Grist Mill, the oldest grist mill in B.C. All proceeds from the rental of Benvoulin Heritage Park support the society's conservation efforts.

Contact the Central Okanagan Heritage Society to make a booking, or to view the Church and Hall.



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