



*Central Vermont
Wedding
Planner*

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“Let us make your dreams come true.”

It has been said that “Vermont weddings last forever.” Maybe this has something to do with the picture perfect Vermont villages accentuated by their white steeped churches and village greens. Or, maybe this has to do with the pristine natural beauty of Vermont’s Green Mountains and its crystal clear rivers, lakes and streams.

Whatever the case, it is certain that Central Vermont is the perfect setting for your wedding, so come and explore a world of possibilities that Central Vermont has to offer couples in love.

Whether you want a small, quaint and intimate wedding or a grand production, we can help. The following properties exemplify Central Vermont’s diverse accommodations and would be more than happy to assist you in planning your wedding.

The Ceremony

From modern to classic white steeped churches, our area abounds with possibilities. Perhaps you have imagined a great green field for the ceremony or a hilltop retreat. Come visit and find the location of your choice.

Capitol Plaza Hotel & Conference Center

Montpelier • 802-223-5252

The Capitol Plaza Hotel & Conference Center is an elegant family owned facility that has catered to visitors of Central Vermont businesses and organizations since its creation in 1994. We offer three



beautifully decorated banquet rooms featuring the Governor's Ballroom for up to 300 guests, the two-tiered Montpelier Room for up to 120 guests, and the elegant Ethan Allen Room for up to 60 guests. The two larger banquet rooms also offer large dance floors.

Our Wedding business is an integral part of what we do, and we have spent a great deal of time developing the right packages and personnel to make your day special. The wedding packages are designed to make your planning as easy and stress free as possible. We can arrange the entire meal, design a wedding cake, book the limousine or horse and carriage, design your floral arrangements, reserve your guests hotel rooms, and share new wedding ideas.

We understand that every wedding is unique, so we are happy to customize a package with you. Our commitment to each reception is further evident because we only book one reception per room per day and therefore do not hold you to a specific time limit. We pride ourselves in creating a wedding reception that meets your budget and exceeds your dreams. www.capitolplaza.com

Comfort Inn

Montpelier • 800-228-5150

With outstanding service, impeccable rooms and a great location, the Comfort Inn has it all. Our 89 rooms and 3-room bridal suite make us a great location for a small, quaint wedding for up to 70 people.

The Comfort Inn offers 2 banquet rooms for your reception/rehearsal needs. Each room hosts 70-75 people and can be elegantly arranged to suit the smaller upscale or intimate casual style wedding or reception. www.comfortinnsuites.com

Lake Morey Inn & Resort

Fairlee • 800-423-1211

Avoid the worries of planning your important functions. Let our experienced staff assist you in preparing and executing the perfect event. From wedding receptions to family gatherings, regardless of size, we have over 20 meeting rooms ready to assist you with your meeting needs. Five banquet halls, including our 6,000 square-foot Terrace Room gives you an incomparable selection for view and space.

With just 15 feet of grass between our dining room and a full view of the sun setting over Lake Morey, your dining experience will be nothing short of unforgettable. Fine dining is just one of the advantages of the Lake Morey Inn & Resort. Our excellent chefs prepare fine New England meals and other specialties. Enjoy some of Vermont's finest local entertainment. We've got a great selection of performers to make your evening enjoyable.

Nestled in the serene refuge of Vermont's Green Mountains, the Lake Morey Inn is an ideal location for year-round weddings and receptions. You can expect to be pampered by the luxury of our facility and helpfulness of our sociable staff.

The Lake Morey Inn & Resort Country Club is located in the heart of Vermont, an easy 2 1/2 hour drive from Boston, Hartford, and Montreal, and a 5-hour drive from New York via major interstates. We are just off I-91, exit 15, on the Vermont-New Hampshire border.

www.central-vt.com/web/lmorey/

Churches

East Barre Congregational Church	1-802-476-6454
Washington Baptist Church	1-802-883-5509
Presbyterian Church	1-802-476-3966
St. Monicas Catholic Church	1-802-476-6514
Hedding United Methodist Church	1-802-476-8156
Beth Jacob Synagog	1-802-229-9429
Bethany United Church of Christ	1-802-223-2424
Unitarian Church of Montpelier	1-802-223-7861
Barre City Park Gazebo	1-802-476-0240

Other Resources

[Receptions](#)
[Wedding Party Dinners](#)
[Catering](#)
[Bakeries](#)
[Photo Services](#)
[Salons & Stylists](#)
[Florists](#)
[Favors](#)
[Invitations](#)

Vermont Makes A Perfect Wedding



Some say it is the hospitality of the people, some say the breathtaking landscape, others credit the cultural resources of the area that captures their spirit. If you dream of a romantic, memorable wedding, we can bring that dream to life in Central Vermont.

The Law Getting Married in Vermont

Do We Need a Marriage License?

Yes. Before your ceremony, you will need to purchase a Vermont marriage license. It must be presented to the officiant before your marriage is performed. While your license may be purchased up to two months before your ceremony, it "becomes void after sixty days from the date of issue if proposed marriage is not solemnized."

Do We Need Blood Test? No.

Where Do We Get a Marriage License?

If bride and groom are both Vermont residents, you may go to the town clerk's office in either of your towns of residence. If just one of you is a resident, you must go to the clerk of the town where the one resident currently lives.

What if We are not Vermont Residents?

First, decide where in Vermont you want to be married. Out-of-State residents must buy their license in the county where they plan to marry. Any town clerk in that county can issue the license.

How Much Does a Vermont Marriage License Cost?

A Vermont marriage license costs \$16.

Who May Be Married in Vermont?

A man and a woman who are each at least 18 years old may marry in Vermont. If you are at least 16, but under 18, you will need the consent of a parent or guardian. Your parent or guardian should accompany you to the town clerk's office to sign an affidavit giving you permission to marry. The affidavit is on the back of the marriage license and is a legal part of the license. If one or both of you are under the age of 16 and a Vermont resident, you may not be married in the state of Vermont unless you first furnish the town clerk with a certificate from a probate, district or superior court judge of the district or county in which the under-age person resides. If the under-age person is not a Vermont resident, you must furnish the town clerk with a certificate from the judge of the district or county in which the marriage will take place. By Vermont law, no one under the age of 14 may marry in Vermont.

Are There Any other Marriage Restrictions?

Anyone under guardianship may not marry without the guardian's written consent. Vermont also does not allow marriage between close relatives. You cannot marry your mother, father, grandparent, sister, brother, grandchild, niece, nephew, aunt, or uncle. First cousins who are Vermont residents or residents of another state where marriage between first cousins is allowed may marry each other in Vermont. You cannot marry in Vermont to evade the laws of the state where you live. You cannot marry if either of you is currently married to someone else. The law requires that both parties be of sound mind.

What Information Do We Need to Purchase a Marriage License in Vermont?

You must know your legal town of residence and your place and date of birth; you will also need to know your parents' names including your mother's maiden name, and the states where your parents were born. (A certified copy of your birth certificate can supply most of this information.) Vermont law requires that at least one of you must sign in the presence of the town clerk, certifying that all facts are correct; however, town clerks prefer to see both of you in person before issuing your license to marry, as the law requires that they satisfy themselves that you are both free to marry under Vermont laws. They legally ask to see documented proof of your statements, for example birth certificates, divorce decrees, etc.

What Statistical Information Will I Need to Provide?

You will need to provide information about your race, the highest grade you completed in school, the number of times you have been married and how your previous marriage(s), if any, ended. This information does not become part of the marriage certificate.

What if Either of Us Has Been Married Before?

If you are a widow or widower, you are free to marry. You will be asked the date your spouse died. If you are divorced, you may remarry after the date on which your previous marriage is dissolved.

Can a Marriage License Be Issued Through the Mail? No. Can We be Married by Proxy? No. Is There a Waiting Period?

No. **Where can we get Married?**

A Vermont License is valid only for a marriage performed in Vermont. If you are a Vermont resident or are marrying a Vermont resident, you may be married anywhere in Vermont. If you are not a Vermont resident, you must be married in the county where your license was issued.

Who May Marry Us?

A judge, supreme court justice, assistant judge, justice of the peace, or an ordained or licensed minister, rabbi or priest residing in Vermont or authorized by their denomination may perform your ceremony. A priest, rabbi, or minister from another state may perform your ceremony if he or she obtains a special authorization from a probate court in the district where the marriage will take place.

What do We Do with the License?

By law, you must deliver the license to the person who will conduct your wedding ceremony before the marriage can be performed.

Do We Need Witnesses?

Vermont law does not require witnesses. If you are planning a religious ceremony, check with your church or synagogue to see if religious tenets require witnesses for your marriage.

What Happens to the License After the Ceremony?

After the ceremony, the person who performs the ceremony (officiant) will complete the sections concerning the date, place and officiant information, and sign your license. It must then be returned by the officiant to the town clerk's office where it was issued within ten (10) days, so that your marriage may be officially registered. It is not a complete legal document, useful for passports, Social Security, etc., until it has been recorded in the town clerk's office where it was purchased.

How Do We Get a Copy of Our Marriage Certificate?

There are two ways to get a copy of your marriage certificate:

- (1) When you purchase your license, you may arrange with the town clerk to mail you a certified copy of your certificate as soon as your marriage is recorded. The cost will be \$21 (\$16 for the license and \$5 for the certified copy);
- (2) Two weeks or more after the ceremony, you may request, in person or in writing, a copy from the town clerk's office where you purchased your license; or six or more weeks after the ceremony, you may request in person or in writing, a certified copy from the Vermont Department of Health, Vital Records Unit, 108 Cherry Street, P.O. Box 70, Burlington, Vermont 05402. Either way, the fee is \$5, and you will receive a copy of the original certificate, embossed with the town or state seal and signed and dated by the appropriate official. These certified copies are accepted for all legal purposes.

Wedding Planning Notes

Places to call...

Budget...

Banquet Hall... _____

Catering... _____

Dress... _____

Entertainment... _____

Favors... _____

Flowers... _____

Gifts... _____

Honeymoon... _____

Invitations... _____

Photographer... _____

Transportation... _____

Other _____... _____

Other _____... _____

Other _____... _____

Other _____... _____ **Total** _____



Legal summary provided by the Vital Records Unit, Vermont Department of Health, Agency of

Human Services, P.O. Box 70, 108 Cherry St., Burlington, Vermont, 05402

Laws are subject to change. Detailed questions, further information, or specifics for your marriage

should be confirmed with the department. 802-863-7275 or 1-800-439-5008



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And let us help you...
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