Wedding Timeline



<u>Sample Wedding Timeline:</u>

Sample you can adapt for creating a relaxed and personalized timeline for your Wedding!

<u>Wedding Day</u>

10:00 a.m. Venue Access begins Vendors may arrive onsite 2:30 p.m. Happy couple - first look and photos 4:00 p.m. Wedding invitation start time *Gathering at Mulberry Site - water & beverages* 4:15 p.m. Ceremony Begins 4:45 p.m. *Ceremony ends* Appetizers / Cocktail Hour 5:45 p.m. Cocktails ends and guests are ushered into the reception 6:00 p.m. Dinner Begins *Introduction of wedding party and newly weds* (First Dance can be now or later) 6:15 p.m. Guests invited to Dinner 7:00 p.m. Welcome speech from parents, thank you speech from newly weds 7:15 p.m. Toasts 7:30 p.m. First Dance (or could be earlier) Parent dances 7:45 p.m. Cake cutting & Dessert course served (Remember - All guests wait until you cut the cake to signal their earliest possible *departure time*) 8:00 p.m. Dancing begins 9:00 p.m. Bonfire & S'mores 9:30 p.m. Last Call 10:00 p.m. Music & Bar Ends 10:15 p.m. "Send Off" for happy couple (Just outside the Greenhouse-sparklers, bubbles, etc.) **Guests Depart** <u>11 p.m. VENUE IS CLOSED (Sundays VENUE IS CLOSED AT 10:p.m.)</u> Please communicate end time with your guests ahead of time to avoid confusion

<u>Summer Wedding Dates & Later Ceremony Starting Time</u>

In high summer (late July and early August) weather reaches "peak heat" in the late afternoon. By setting your ceremony to begin at a **LATER time**, your guests will have less overall time outdoors in the heat of the day - and more energy for dancing later on! The sunlight will be more flattering for photos during your ceremony as well. First look photos and frontloading as many photos as possible (especially if you will be going off-site) is the best plan for a fantastic experience for your guests attending a summer wedding.

5:00 p.m. Wedding invitation start time
5:15 p.m. Ceremony Begins
5:45 p.m. Appetizers / Cocktail
6:30 p.m. Dinner Begins

<u>Fall Wedding Dates & Earlier Ceremony Starting Time</u>

During the fall, it is a good idea to adjust your ceremony time to an **EARLIER time** in order to take advantage of the sunlight and warmth of the day.

3:00 p.m. Wedding invitation start time 3:15 p.m. Ceremony Begins 3:45 p.m. Appetizers / Cocktail Hour 5:00 p.m. Dinner Begins

<u>Approximate Sunset Times</u>

For a sunset ceremony, consider starting about 45 minutes before the actual "sunset" time to ensure sufficient time for photographs before darkness.

DateSunsetSunsetDarknessMay 15th8:55 pm9:27 pmJune 15th9:19 pm9:53 pm



July 15th 9:15 pm 9:48 pm August 15th 8:40pm 9:10pm 9:10pm September 15th 7:49 pm 8:17 pm 0ctober 15th 6:57 pm 7:25 pm