

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT WEDDINGS
AT CURRITUCK HERITAGE PARK

Q. Is the inside of the Whalehead Club available for celebrations (weddings/events) or for photo opportunities?

A. The historic Whalehead Club is a museum and, as such, is not available for social events. All weddings take place outdoors on the sweeping grounds. There are, however, two wedding reception packages that do provide photo opportunities in limited areas of the house (please see the Kissing Swans and Knight in Shining Armor package descriptions).

Q. How many weddings take place on one day?

A. There will be no more than one wedding reception on any day. A wedding ceremony only (not a reception) may take place on the opposite lawn at the same time another wedding reception or other wedding ceremony is taking place.

Q. How many hours are reserved for a wedding ceremony?

A. Four (4) hours per ceremony; except that a Windswept ceremony has two (2) hours and must take place on the Point (please see the Windswept package description for more details).

Q. How many hours are reserved for a wedding reception?

A. The entire day on the lawn of your choice is reserved for a reception. This allows ample time for set-up. The length of your reception (beginning to end) is six (6) hours if your ceremony is taking place at another location and seven (7) hours if your ceremony is also taking place at Currituck Heritage Park.

Q. What should I know about booking my wedding?

A. **Rental Equipment:** Neither the Whalehead Club nor Currituck Heritage Park provides rental equipment. Please visit the Outer Banks Wedding Association, www.outerbanksweddingassoc.org, for vendors. For a wedding reception, tents are set-up at least one (1) day in advance and can be taken down the day after your wedding.

A. **Catering:** The Whalehead Club does not provide catering services. Please be advised that not all caterers are properly equipped for outdoor weddings. For this reason, a list of approved caterers is available upon request.

A. **Public Restrooms:** Clean public restrooms are available in Currituck Heritage Park. You are encouraged to rent portable restrooms trailers from your rental company for the ease and comfort of you and your guests.

A. **Parking:** All guests are required to park in designated areas located on the North and East sides of the park. A golf cart with driver is provided for all wedding receptions to transport guests to and from the parking and restroom areas. You can hire another golf cart and driver for your ceremony (or if you need an additional cart for your reception) by contacting a rental agency. The rental agency located closest to the Park is Coast Cart, 252-457-0900. There are disabled parking spots located in the Staff Parking Lot close to the house. Please have all vehicles displaying disabled tags park in this lot.

A. **Other Events and Visitors:** Please note that there may be other weddings or events occurring the day before and the day after your wedding. While set-up for these events will not interfere with your wedding day in any way, there might be tents, chairs and other items set-up on the opposite lawn for weddings and events taking place on other days. Currituck Heritage Park is a popular site for a variety of outdoor events, both public and private. The Park is well used on a daily basis, especially during the warm weather months, by visitors seeking recreation, relaxation, and/or a tour of the buildings, with actual numbers of people varying according to the time of day and season.

A. **Wildlife:** Currituck Heritage Park is home to many forms of wildlife, including a large variety of waterfowl such as geese, sea osprey, egrets, and swans. We are pleased to provide a natural habitat for all wildlife and will not interfere with the normal patterns of wildlife behavior. Visitors are encouraged to observe waterfowl and other wildlife in the Park from a safe distance. Harassment is prohibited.

A. **Power Supplies:** There is ample power (more than 200 amp service) on each of the Whalehead Club lawns, and power is included in your grounds fees. Each lawn has twelve (12) 120 amp circuits available for your wedding. Your rental company, caterer, band, DJ and other vendors must provide the necessary cords to plug into each circuit.

Bands: At a minimum, your band should bring three or four 200 foot cords to run from the power supply to your tent.

DJs: At a minimum, your DJ should bring one or two 200 foot cords to run from the power supply to your tent.

The Point: There is no way to run cords from the power supply to the Point. Your music provider should therefore bring a small generator rated for its power requirements to put on the Point.

Q. Are rehearsals allowed the day before my wedding?

A. Rehearsals are permitted only if the lawn is not reserved for another event. There is no charge to use an available lawn for a rehearsal.

Q. Why must people reserving the Park for events and weddings purchase Event Liability Insurance?

A. Special Event Liability Insurance is required for all events where alcoholic beverages are served. This insurance protects you in the event that your guests are injured or property damage results from alcohol consumption. Park policy requires security for all events where alcohol is being provided and security will be provided as part of your reservations fees.

Q. What local lodging is available?

A. Options on the Northern Outer Banks include:

Walking distance to the Park: The Inn at Corolla Light, 1066 Ocean Trail, Corolla, NC
252-453-3340

8.6 Miles South of the Park: Hampton Inn & Suites, 333 Audobon Drive, Corolla, NC
252-453-6565

12.2 Miles South of the Park: Sanderling Resort & Spa, 1461 Duck Road, Duck, NC
800-701-4111

Additionally, the Outer Banks Wedding Association (www.outerbanksweddingassoc.org) lists realtors for rental housing options.

Q. What, if any, restrictions apply to wedding decorations?

A. No restrictions apply to lawn decorations; however, waterfront breezes should be considered when planning. For example, delicate flowers, ribbons, candles, vases and other fragile items could blow away. In decorating the wooden structures on the grounds (decking, footbridge, gazebo, or the finger piers around the boat basin), nails, tacks and/or staples are strictly prohibited. Tied ribbon, nautical roping, fishing line, etc. are

recommended since these items are easily removed. Please do not decorate any of the trees or shrubs on the grounds.

Q. Are fireworks permitted at Currituck Heritage Park?

A. Currituck County law prohibits the use of fireworks on county property, including the Park. Sparklers that comply with Currituck County, state, and federal laws are permitted (this means that if there is a burn ban, for instance, no sparklers are allowed). Please note that the sparklers cannot be stored or used inside any tent and must be disposed of in a container once they are used.

Q. Are weddings allowed at the Currituck Beach Lighthouse at Currituck Heritage Park?

A. Yes, please contact Currituck Beach Lighthouse staff at info@currituckbeachlight.org or call 252-453-8152.

Q. What if it rains on my wedding day or during my reception?

A. Most weddings and events proceed regardless of the threat of inclement weather. Please see the cancellation policy in the Wedding Request – Application Form for further information.

Q. Are live bands permitted in Currituck Heritage Park?

A. Yes. Music is a very personal choice and while some couples have string quartets playing softly while the sun sets, others bring in big bands to play live jazz, country, or rock and roll and dance for hours. Currituck Heritage Park's sweeping lawns are waterfront and provide the perfect setting for a great celebration!

Q. Are pets allowed in Currituck Heritage Park? Are pets allowed at my wedding?

A. Yes, leashed pets are welcome every day. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets and disposing of waste properly.

Q. Are mosquitoes and other insects a problem?

A. Mosquitoes are noticeable only when there is no air movement which is rare on waterfront property; however, you may opt to use Citronella or hire professional pest control to spray prior to your event.

Q. How often are the lawns cut?

A. Lawns are cut once a week, generally on a Wednesday so that the lawns are in good order for the weekend.

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