

Weddings at Deep Creek

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OFFICIANTS

In selecting an officiant to perform the wedding ceremony, their values and style need to be in accord with your own. Building a relationship of trust will provide you with the assurance they understand your personalities and can create a ceremony that will reflect your own thoughts and feelings about marriage. You will need to decide what kind of ceremony you will be comfortable with and what type of religious traditions will be required.

The following is an overview of different types of wedding ceremonies:

- Religious - shared common beliefs by the bride and groom and their religious backgrounds.
- Secular - not especially religious and incorporates a lot of personal components.
- Interfaith - different religious backgrounds integrated into your ceremony.

CHECKLIST

- Is he/she legally certified to marry you? Are they state approved?
- Are they affiliated with a particular house of worship?
- Is it someone who has a belief system similar to your own?
- Do they understand the type of ceremony you are envisioning?
- Are we permitted to customize the ceremony? Can we write our own vows?
- Does your religion allow you to perform the ceremony if one of us is divorced?
- Will you perform the ceremony if we are of different faiths, or one of us is not religious?
- Are our non-religious friends allowed to give readings, singing, or (if appropriate) take communion?
- Are they willing to wear appropriate attire?

We can direct you to local officiants, many non-denominational, as well as specific faiths. If you choose, you can bring your own minister.