

# HISTORIC LONDON TOWN AND GARDENS SELF TOUR GUIDE

Below you will find a guide to use while on site. This is the way I would personally give the tour, so that you can see what your guests would experience from start to finish. You can also watch a video tour at [www.londontownweddings.com/virtual-tour](http://www.londontownweddings.com/virtual-tour) if you prefer not to come on site in person. The only space you will not be able to self-tour is the pavilion. You can view a video tour of that space at [www.londontownweddings.com/pavilion-and-dancing](http://www.londontownweddings.com/pavilion-and-dancing).

Touring between the end of November and beginning of March? The tent frame will be on site, but the tent itself will not. Check out tons of photos of the tent at <https://www.londontownweddings.com/tent-and-covered-deck>.

## MAP OF THE SITE



## PHOTO LOCATIONS

See photos of each of the below locations at <https://www.londontownweddings.com/portrait-locations>.

**Pier** – the pier is located in the historic area. See map above. You can arrive or depart by boat.

**Gardens** – we have acres of woodland and ornamental gardens on site. The ornamental gardens are also known as the river deck lawn, or ceremony option 2. This is also where cocktail hour takes place. The woodland gardens can be found behind the gazebo next to the ornamental gardens. These are mostly used for photos. Your guests are also welcome to walk through them during the event.

**Historic Area** – you have full access to take pictures throughout the historic area. This includes the outside of all those buildings, but not the inside.

## PARKING

The parking lot holds approximately 125 cars aka enough parking for 250 guests. Guests can leave their cars overnight and retrieve them the next morning. You are welcome to provide transportation for your guests, but it is not required.

## EVENT SPACE TOUR

This is the order that I would walk you around if I was with you. I normally leave the photo locations listed above to the end of the tour, so you can walk through those at your leisure.



1. Ceremony option #1 (bluff lawn): Ceremony location is a personal preference. Some choose this lawn because it's right off the parking lot. Some choose it so they can have a reveal for cocktail hour/reception. Some just like the view better. Most who choose to do their ceremony over here choose to center it on the water, but it's up to you. Capacity wise, the only time you have to do your ceremony on the bluff lawn is if you are over 200 people and have to tent the river deck lawn. Now to see the rest of the event space, I suggest turning around and walking down the slate pathway to the left of the pavilion. That's the path your guests would take.
2. Ceremony option #2 (river deck)/cocktail hour: Most choose to have their ceremony on the deck, with guests seated on the lawn facing towards the deck/water. The nice thing about this side for the ceremony is 1. the deck offers a viewing platform for guests seated in any row 2. the oak tree provides shade to a lot of that area and 3. the cocktail hour takes place on the lawn right beside it, so guests don't wonder where they have to go next. For cocktail hour, depending on your guest count and your caterer, some do a bar under the oak tree, some just do one up on the covered deck. Either way, the lawn is great for cocktails. You can have some high top tables, use the benches, play some lawn games. You also have the patio area to use as well. Most do their gift table, seating chart, etc up there. You can also do cocktail tables, stationary hors d'oeuvres, etc. Backup plan for poor weather is the pavilion.
3. Tent: Once cocktail hour wraps up, guests would go into the tent for dinner. Our tent is a 40x40 and it seats 162 max (1/2 moon sweetheart table plus 16 60" rounds with 10 guests at each). At 120 or lower, you can fit tables and a dance floor in the tent if you wish to keep it in one area. In that scenario, you would need to rent a dance floor. The tent is fully sided, draped, and lit. The sides can be open or closed, depending on the weather. The lighting included in the tent is a chandelier in the center (dimnable) and rope lights under the draping around the perimeter. It is fully lit at night.
4. Covered deck: The way the caterer connects dinner and dancing (which is typically held in the pavilion) is to do your main bar on the covered deck. That way, it's one connected space. Most often the bar goes along the back shingled wall and then the caterer will set up a couple high top cocktail tables. This becomes a great mixing and mingling area right off the dance floor. That way, anyone who wants to still hang out in the tent doesn't feel like they're cut off from the party.

5. Pavilion: PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE PAVILION. You will set off the alarm. To view that space, watch our video at [www.londontownweddings.com/pavilion-and-dancing](http://www.londontownweddings.com/pavilion-and-dancing). The pavilion is a few things. First, it is your backup for ceremony and cocktails if it rains. The caterer would break the chairs down after the ceremony occurs and move out some cocktail tables. Mostly, it is used for a dance floor. The back half of the room is most often for some smaller round tables for any older guests or anyone who wants to sit and watch dancing and not have to stand the whole time. It is also where our four restrooms are. Two are handicap accessible, two are not. All are unisex and single stall. The back room also houses the lounge/getting ready room, which a lot of venues call a bridal suite. You have access to the site (including that room) three hours before the start time of the event.

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