Ideas for Impromptu Elopements

IN A HURRY? Deploying soon? *Ultimate simplicity \$300: Bring your valid Washington marriage license and paperwork and your two witnesses and meet me at my location in Olympia.* I can have you married in minutes. Wear PPE and bring a black ink pen. We'll review and sign marriage paperwork, have a super short ceremony, and *VOILA*. It does not get any easier or faster than this.

Here are some location suggestions for small, impromptu elopements. (Discovery Pass/entry fee may be required for some parks. Always confirm that the location you want is open to the public, as some may be closed due to staffing, COVID-19, or public safety.)

(\$350) ALL LOCAL - Lacey/Olympia/Tumwater/DuPont:

Tolmie State Park a 154-acre, marine day-use park with 1,800 feet of saltwater shoreline on Puget Sound.

West Bay Park 700 West Bay Drive NW, near downtown Olympia with beautiful views of marina and Olympics.

West Bay Marina 611 Columbia St NW, Olympia

Boston Harbor Marina 312 73rd Ave NE, Olympia

Olympia Marina (Fiddlehead Marina) 611 Columbia St NW, Olympia

Swantown Marina 1022 Marine Drive NE, Olympia

Priest Point Park 2600 East Bay Drive NE, Olympia

Capital Lake Park 5th Ave SW &, Water St SW, Olympia.

LOCAL \$350 = anywhere within a within a 30-minute drive from my home, 6333 75th Ave NE, Olympia, WA to your ceremony location.

\$400 - GET MARRIED AT THE OCEAN!

Chance A La Mer beach access nearest to town in Ocean Shores, WA; you can drive directly down onto the beach near the Shilo Inn. Stay on the beach road and avoid driving on the soft sand. Bathrooms? Yes. Has established/plumbed public bathrooms and kept relatively clean.

Damon Point in Ocean Shores. Park your car then walk down to the cove. Bathrooms? Kind of. Portapotty. Cleanliness is hit and mostly miss.

North Jetty in Ocean Shores. Park car and walk down to the rock jetty. A wet & wild location during storms! Bathrooms? Kind of. Portapotty.

Damon Road beach access off of SR 115, near Best Western Inn in Ocean Shores. You can drive directly down onto the beach. Stay on the beach road and avoid driving on the soft sand. Bathrooms? Yes, nearby at Oyhut State Park just up the road.

Roosevelt Beach access north of Ocean Shores. You can drive directly down onto the beach. Stay on the beach road. Yes, still be careful about driving in soft sand. But I drive on this beach in my little car with far less worry of getting stuck. I have seen full size RVs driving on the beach here during clam digging season. Bathrooms? Kind of. This is a remote area and has a vaulted toilet I recommend for emergencies only. It is like an outhouse and smells like one.

\$450 - GET MARRIED IN THE RAINFOREST OR IN OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK! **

<u>Kalaloch Lodge & Ruby Beach</u> Both beaches are beautiful and off the beaten path. Kalaloch has a bit easier access to the beach in my opinion, but the hike/effort to reach remote Ruby Beach is totally worth it if you are adventurous and are looking for a dramatic photo backdrop.

Mt Rose Trailhead - Lake Cushman (Olympic National Park) Get married at the start of the trailhead, then go on your adventure hike. NOTE: Mt. Rose Trailhead is on an unpaved forestry road and is as far up Lake Cushman I am comfortable driving.

Olympic National Park – Lake Quinault

Olympic National Park - Lake Crescent

Port Angeles - Ediz Hook

\$500 to \$650 for remote areas of WA such as Forks, LaPush, Sekiu, Neah Bay, Clallam Bay, Lake Ozette, Paradise at Mt. Rainier, Mt. St.

Helens, etc. ++



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