

# How to Elope in the Garden of the Gods

LOCATIONS, ITINERARY, VENDORS, & MORE



## REMEMBER TO PACK:

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- Belt/Suspenders
- Cuff Links
- Dress
- Hair accessories
- Hiking shoes
- Jewelry (earrings, bracelets, necklaces, other rings)
- Makeup (for touch ups)
- Marriage License & Pens
  - Driver's license
  - Birth certificate
  - Passport
  - Military identification card
- Pocket Square
- Rain Jackets
- Sentimentals (something old, new, borrowed, blue)
- Sunscreen
- Tissues
- Veil
- Warm Jackets/Shawl/Fur
- Watch
- "We Elope" sign
- Wedding bands
- Written Vows

# Obtaining the Marriage License

## WHAT TO KNOW

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- The state of CO does NOT require blood tests or witnesses
- Remember to bring:
  - Driver's license
  - Birth certificate
  - Passport
  - Military identification card
- Whoever solemnizes the Colorado wedding must complete the marriage certificate and return it to the County Clerk and Recorder's Office within 63 days of the wedding date.
  - Colorado allows couples to self-solemnize their own marriage!
  - This means it can be just the two of you; you can sign your own license and turn it in and it is completely legal!
- Anyone can officiate, even if they are not ordained (however, they will not be signing the marriage license if they are not ordained....but YOU can!)

## MORE INFORMATION

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- Click [here](#) to apply for your marriage license online
- Hours for obtaining a marriage license in **El Paso County** may be obtained **8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** at the Clerk & Recorder's Main Office Monday-Friday & at the North Office on Saturday **8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
  - Click [here](#) for the direct link to the El Paso County information page

# Vendors

## HAIR & MAKEUP

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WedLocks Bridal Hair & Makeup

<https://www.wedlocksbridalhair.com>

Glammed Up Designs

<http://glammedupdesignsco.com>

Kat Sonner

<https://www.katsonner.com>

Carly Day

<https://www.carlydaymakeup.com>

Bride&Co.

<https://brideandco.co.za>

## FLORALS

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Sacred Thistle

<https://sacredthistle.com>

Wild Folk Studio

<https://www.wildfolkstudio.com>

Amore Fiori Flowers & Gifts

<https://amore-fiori.com>

Reed & Rye

<https://reedandrye.com>

\*\* Order a custom dried bouquet and mail it

## PROP RENTALS

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Allwell Rents Denver

<https://allwellrents.com>

# Elopement Locations

Click [here](#) for a map of the park.

## HIGH POINT

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- Allows up to 50 guests
- Accessible parking for guests (P9 on map)
- No nearby bathroom accommodations
- Beautiful views of the red mountains
- Trails nearby



## SENTINEL PLAZA

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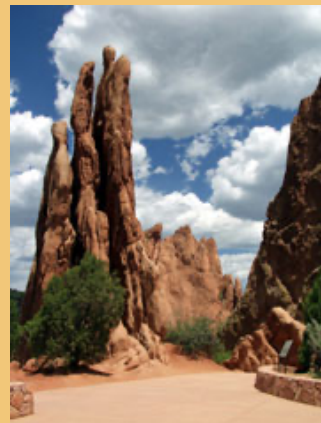


- Allows up to 25 guests
- Accessible parking for guests (P2 on map)
- Yes nearby bathroom accommodations
- Access to Tower of Babel, the Kissing Camels, Signature Rock, White Rock, and the Twin Spires are situated right between the North Gateway Rock, and South Gateway Rock.

## THREE GRACES PLAZA

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- Allows up to 25 guests
- Small parking for guests (P6/P7 on map)
- No nearby bathroom accommodations
- Can walk along the sandstone formations
- Trails nearby



# Picnic & Reception Locations

## SOUTH SPRING CANYON

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- Allows up to 50 guests
- Accessible parking for guests (P16 on map)
- Yes nearby bathroom accommodations
- Accessible trails and tables
- Near Balanced Rock



## SCOTSMAN PICNIC AREA

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- Allows up to 25 guests
- Accessible parking for guests (P13 on map)
- Yes nearby bathroom accommodations
- Accessible trails and tables
- Near Siamese Twins Rock Formation



## OTHER RULES:

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- No Alcohol
- Leave no trace

## WORDS OF WISDOM

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- Get to the trails before sunrise to beat the crowds
- Pack warm clothes in case
- Go with the flow

# Proposed Itinerary for B + R

## STAGE I: ELOPE

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- 3:00am Wake up
- 3:00--4:00 Get ready
- 4:00--5:00 Drive to Garden of the Gods
- 5:00--5:15 Bathroom Break/Touch Ups
- 5:15--5:30 First Look
- 5:30--5:50 Ceremony
- 5:50--6:00 First Dance
- 6:00--7:00 Sunrise Photos near ceremony location
- 7:00--7:30 Drive the park for other photo spots

## STAGE II: BREAKFAST

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- Option I: Picnic in the park
  - Hand-packed assortment of cheeses, breads, jams, fruits, & coffee
- Option II: Find a breakfast spot
  - **Garden of the Gods Cafe & Market**
  - **Bon Ton's Cafe**
  - **European Cafe & Restaurant**
  - **Mountain Shadows Restaurant**
  - **Urban Egg**

## STAGE III: NAP

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- Rest & recover at home

## STAGE IV: HORSES AT SUNSET

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- **A&A Historial Trails**
  - 1hr15min away
  - Beautiful views; mix of forest and mountains
  - \$40--\$80/person
  - Full refund if given 48hour notice
- **Snow Mountain Stables**
  - 2+ hours away
  - Ride through the Rocky Mountains
  - 8am--5pm
  - \$110/person
  - All sales final
- **12 Mile Stables**
  - 20min away
  - Prairie and stream crossing trails
  - Sunset dinner rides available
  - \$40--\$85/person
- **Bear Mountain Stables**
  - 45min away
  - Covered coniferous trail ride
  - \$60/person

OR

HIKE THESE SCENIC TRAILS AT SUNSET

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- Paint Mines
  - 1.5 hours away
- North Table Mountain
  - 40 min away
- Chautauqua Park & the Flatirons
  - 50 min away

