

Locations for Photographs

Many people come to us photographers and ask...."where should we go for photos...."

This is a very hard and open ended question! There are a lot of options for location photos in the Macarthur area, depending on the look and style of photos you are after. Macarthur boasts many historic and rustic venues right through to ultra modern locations and everything in between. You must remember that much of the time what is in the background of the photo may well be out of focus or cropped to concentrate on you in the picture

This list of possible photo locations has been designed as a guide to some places to look at for your wedding location photos. It contains venues that may have a charge associated with the use of the property, to other locations which may be something quite different and even free. This list is by no means exhaustive; it is a starting point to make your own enquiries. From information we can gather, all parks in Campbelltown are free to use but require a booking to ensure photos do not clash with other public events that may be scheduled at the same time. Macarthur Park in Camden is the only Park that requires a booking and has a fee required. All other parks are free to use.

Always when looking for a venue for your location photos, keep these tips in mind:

1. Locations should be large enough to accommodate you and your bridal party
2. Most photographers need at least an hour for photography
3. Make sure you have permission to be on the grounds
4. Make necessary bookings and/or pay necessary fees well in advance
5. Check out the options available for photography at your church or ceremony location and your reception. In many instances there is no need to travel to another location just for photos if you have a lovely church grounds and there is no other wedding booked in after your ceremony, you can make use of the church and it's surrounds. In many cases reception venues have beautiful gardens to use for photography AND you have paid to be there already. Check with the reception venue that there is no other function booked in at the same time and what time you can arrive for photos
6. In the event of wet weather, alternative locations (with sufficient space for group photography) is the responsibility of the Bride and Groom. If you're worried about the weather – have a location which does have access to shelter. A park with covered BBQ area is all that you need or a nearby café for somewhere different.
7. Understand that to get great photographs, you and your wedding party's co-operation with your photographer is absolutely vital.
8. Only employ a professional photographer. Don't put pressure on Uncle Fred to record this momentous occasion. He may take good holiday snaps but he probably doesn't understand lighting/posing, or know how to make you look your best.
9. Some of the best locations may be on the side of the road on the way from the church to the reception. Go for a drive one weekend and keep your eyes open!
10. Go to a location that actually means something to you, like the park where you got engaged or the pub where you first met or the historic house you used to visit as a small child. This will give your photos more meaning than just going to the local park because it was close to the reception.
11. Check out the sunset times sheet printed on page XX of this magazine; use it as a guide to set the times of your ceremony and photo shoot. Put in the hard work early then you'll be able to kick back and enjoy your special day!
12. Remember common sense. If using a Park or Private venue, keep noise and disturbance to a minimum, don't leave a mess and take your rubbish with you. What you and your bridal party do today will influence what other couples can and can't do tomorrow.

Location Photos

Location Name	Address	Contact	Phone	Description/Notes
Appin House	150 Appin Road, Appin	Ernie	4631 2412	Reception venue and Gardens. Fee may be charged to use gardens only for photos
Belgenny Farm	Elizabeth Macarthur Ave, Camden		4655 9651	Working Farm and Historic house and Sheds. Fee will be charged.
Bridgewater Estate Brownlow Hill	Off the Old Hume Hwy Camden Brownlow Hill Loop Road, Cobbitty			Free access to BBQ area, open space and bridges Public Road. Country views, fences and gates to use as backdrops.
Caernarvon	180 Macquarie Grove Road, Camden			Private House. Fences and gardens make wonderful backdrops. Contact owner to confirm availability
Camden Airport	Macquarie Grove Road, Camden			Various Locations for photos. Contact aviation companies to get access to aircraft.
Camden Estate Vineyard	172 Macarthur Road, Elderslie		4658 0110	Private Vineyard with lovely paths, fences and gardens, Contact the owner to confirm availability. A fee may be charged
Camden Lakeside	Raby Road, Catherine Field	Karen		Reception venue and Golf Course. Fee may be charged to use grounds only for photos
Camden Valley Golf Resort	810 Camden Valley Way, Catherine Field		9606 5303	Reception venue and Golf Course. Fee may be charged to use grounds only for photos
Camden Valley Inn Camden Valley Way	Wire Lane, Camden Camden	Sandra	4655 8413	Award winning gardens. Fee will be charged Free access to the side of the road. Liquid Amber trees make a spectacular scene in Autumn.
Camelot Campbelltown Arts Centre	Kirkham Lane, Kirkham Old Menangle Road, Campbelltown	Campbelltown Council	0428 213 578 4645 4000	Private home, bookings essential Bookings and Fee required. Can be used as a reception venue now so book early
Chellaston Reserve Col Barrat Reserve Eschol Park House	Chellaston Road, Camden Spire Way Camden Views Estate 14 Eschol Park Drive, Eschol Park	John	9820 7203	Free Access. Open Park and Bridge over Nepean River Free Access. Seats, swings and greenery Reception venue and Gardens. Fee may be charged to use gardens only for photos
Gledswood Gledswood Winery	900 Camden Valley Way Catherine Field Argyle Street Camden	Lesley Pina	9606 5111 9606 5111	Working Farm and Historic Mansion. Fee will be charged Vineyards and shed. Fee may be charged
Harrington Park Lake Harrington Park Lake	Sawn Court, Harrington Park Royal George Drive, Harrington Park			Free Access. Lake, open space and picnic tables Free Access. Another side to the lake
Japanese Tea Gardens John Oxley Cottage John Street	Old Menangle Road Campbelltown Camden Valley Way, Elderslie 37 John Street, Camden	Campbelltown Council	4645 4248	Bookings and Fee required Next to Curry Reserve, open space and historic cottage Public Buildings including Council Chambers, Court House and Police Station
Kirkham Stables	RMB 523 Kirkham Lane, Kirkham			Private Home, great looking gates and fences for photo backdrop. Contact Owner to confirm availability.
Koshigaya Park	Camden Road, Campbelltown	Property Office/ Campbelltown Council	4645 4699	Bookings required but no fee is charged

Macarthur Park	Menangle Road, Camden	Customer Service/Camden Council	4654 7777	Bookings and Fee required.
Macarthur Road	Elderslie			Many interesting spots on the side of the road to stop and take photos. Jacaranda trees flower in Spring
Macquarie Grove Macquarie Links Golf Club	Macquarie Grove Road, Camden Macquarie Links Drive, Ingleburn		8796 5888	Park beside Nepean River just outside Camden. Free access. Reception venue and Golf Course. Fee may be charged to use grounds only for photos
Mater Dei & Wivenhoe Mansion	229 Macquarie Grove Road, Camden	Anne Lauder	4655 7481	Chapel available for weddings. Stables, mansion and rustic sheds for photos. Fee may be applied.
Mawson Park	Crn Queen & Broughton Street Campbelltown	Property Office/Campbelltown Council	4645 4699	Bookings required but no fee is charged
Menangle Park House	Menangle Road, Menangle		4633 9111	Reception venue and Gardens. Fee may be charged to use gardens only for photos
Mt Annan Botanic Gardens Onslow Oval Queen Street Mall Quondong Information Centre	Mt Annan Drive, Mt Annan Mitchell Street Camden Queen Street Campbelltown Old Menangle Road Campbelltown	David	4648 2477 4645 4921	Fee will be charged Open Space and horse sheds, historic AH&I Hall. Free access Historic buildings opposite Campbelltown mall Bookings Required, depending on time required fee may or may not be charged. Right near Campbelltown Catholic Club.
St Helens Park House St James Anglican Church	St Helens Park Drive, St Helens Park Menangle Road, Menangle			Private Home. Bookings required and fee may be charged Church venue first and foremost however there are many areas for photos too. Contact the minister to check availability. A fee may be charged.
St John's Anglican Church	Menangle Road, Camden	the Minister	4655 8012	Church venue first and foremost however there are many areas for photos too. Contact the minister to check availability. A fee may be charged.
St Paul's Anglican Church Cobbitty	Cobbitty Road, Cobbitty	the Minister	4651 2226	Church venue first and foremost however there are many areas for photos too. Contact the minister to check availability. A fee may be charged.
Studley Park Mansion	50 Lodges Road, Narellan	Camden Golf Club	4646 1203	Reception venue and Golf Course. Fee may be charged to use grounds only for photos
UWS Macarthur	Narellan Road, Campbelltown	Security	4620 3444	Open space and lake



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