

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

"Must-Take List"

No doubt there are many moments you won't want to miss. The best way to insure your photographer captures the right moments for posterity is to provide a list of must-take shots. Seeing them written down will also let you know how long you'll have to smile. Here's a list of crucial shots to include on your list...be sure to add your own creative must-have pictures, too!

Five Bridge Inn Rehearsal Dinner

- Picture of the buffet setup and tables
- Candid shots of the party enjoying dinner together
- The bride and groom giving their wedding party gifts
- The bride and groom together

Getting Ready

- Bride's clothes hanging in the bridal suite or over a chair
- Bridesmaids doing bride's hair and makeup
- Bride and bridesmaids getting dressed, applying make-up
- Mom helping bride with one last detail, such as a veil
- Full length shot of bride in gown checking herself out in the mirror
- Detail of clothing, shoes, garter, something borrowed, something blue
- Touching shot of bride with parent(s) and/or stepparent(s)
- Touching shot of bride with sibling(s)
- Bride hugging honor attendant
- Bride with bridesmaids
- Bride with all the women
- Groom getting ready with Dad and pals (tying the tie is a classic)
- Touching shot of groom with parent(s) and/or stepparent(s)
- Touching shot of groom with sibling(s)
- Groom with his arm affectionately around best man
- Groom with all the groomsmen
- Groomsmen putting on boutonnieres or bowties
- Intimate shots or bride chatting with/ crying with/ hugging parents and siblings pre-ceremony
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- Dad whispering last minute advice to groom
- Groom ready to go
- Bride ready to go
- Bride and groom separately making towards the ceremony (hiding in the gazebo, horse and carriage, in the limo or walking down the walk/hall/stairs)

The Ceremony

- Guests streaming onto the site
- Ushers escorting guests to their seats
- Ushers escorting Moms to their seats
- Close-up of groom's adorably nervous mug waiting for his other half
- Bridesmaids and groomsmen walking down the aisle
- Flower girl(s) and/or ring bearer entering
- Honor attendant walking down the aisle
- Grandparents walking down the aisle
- Wedding party waiting at the hex-alter
- Groom walking down the aisle
- Horse drawn carriage with bride and Dad arriving
- Bride and Dad walking down the aisle
- Close-up of bride just before she makes her entrance
- Bride and groom at the alter
- Hex-alter and all the guests from the upstairs front window during the ceremony
- Wide shot of the audience during the ceremony, from the bride and groom's perspective
- Faces of bride and groom as they exchange vows
- Close-up the bride and groom's hands as they exchange rings
- The Kiss!
- Bride and groom preceding up the aisle, guests smiling faces at their sides
- Bride and groom circling the property in horse drawn carriage ending up by the gazebo or pool area to form receiving line with wedding party
- Congrats shots; bride and groom hugging, laughing and crying with their friends and family....receiving line moments

During the beginning of the Cocktail Hour

- Bride and groom together
- Bride with her happy, proud parents and/or stepparents
- Bride with her entire immediate family
- Groom with his happy, proud parents and/or stepparents
- Groom with his entire immediate family
- Bride and groom with all parents
- Bride and groom with immediate family members from both sides
- Bride and groom with groomsmen
- Bride and groom with bridesmaids
- Bride and groom with entire wedding party
- Candid or posed shots of the guests during the cocktail hour

The Reception

- Shot from outside the main tent to set the tone
- Reception details such as place cards guestbook, center pieces, decorations, table settings, favors table, champagne glasses and also an overall shot of the entire inside tent setup.
- Wedding party lined up and ready to enter main tent
- Close-up of bride and groom nervously waiting their grand entrance
- Wedding party as they enter the tent from inside
- Bride and groom entering the tent to wild applause
- Bride and groom at head table
- Parents tables
- Guest tables
- Close-up of family and friends making toasts
- Bride and groom sipping champagne
- Bride and groom's parents whispering with each other
- Bride and groom chatting with guests
- Bride and groom's first dance
- Parents dancing
- Bride and Dad dancing
- Groom and Mom dancing
- Wedding party dancing
- Grandparents dancing
- Kids playing or dancing
- Musicians or DJ doing their thing
- Guests going nuts on the dance floor
- Bride laughing with bridesmaids
- Cake table
- Bride and groom cutting cake
- Dessert table
- Bouquet toss
- Removing, tossing and catching the garter
- Bride and groom leaving the tent
- Groom carrying bride over Inn threshold

Sunday morning family breakfast in the main dining room

- Overview shot from the balcony
- Shot of the buffet
- Close-ups as appropriate