

## Don't Get Hitched Alone This Valentine's Day

Get married on Valentine's Day at the same time at a group wedding. Credit: apdk, Flickr

Valentine's Day is always a popular one for a wedding, and this year the calendar's giving you two lovebirds a little bit of help. February 14 falls on a Sunday this year, so you can get hitched and invite the whole family to be there.

Not up for the family wedding? You two crazy kids don't have to do it alone. The 14th is also the official date for mass Valentine's Day weddings across the nation.

**Colorado:** Not only can you get married, but you'll get to ski for free for saying "I Do" in Loveland, Colo. this year. The 19th annual "Marry Me & Ski For Free Mountaintop Matrimony" event at the Loveland Ski Area will take your breath away. Maybe literally. After all, the Valentine's Day wedding ceremony happens at an elevation of 12,050 feet. Be ready to get on a chairlift in your wedding gown.

**Oregon:** Bridal shop Dianna's Formal Affair & Boutique and radio station KHOI will be celebrating 24 Weddings in 24 Hours in St. Helens, Ore. on Valentine's Day. Proceeds from the event will go toward Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation, an Oregon non-profit that answers the wishes of metastatic breast cancer patients. Get married *and* do good.

**Washington:** Another 24 in 24 set-up, the folks in Kirkland will even provide witnesses so you can get in, get married and get on your way to celebrate your love.

**New Hampshire:** The New Hampshire Justices of the Peace have booked the Radisson in Manchester to marry off couples between noon and 5 p.m. — or you can renew your vows. The 3rd Annual Valentine's Day Wedding Extravaganza al-



lows you to bring your family along for the ceremony (we won't tell them if you don't).

**New Jersey:** The Salem County Clerk Glenda Gill told NJ.com she'll be opening up the courthouse for free for anyone looking to tie the knot or reaffirm their love for one another on Valentine's Day. She'll even serve food! Also in New Jersey, you can roll the dice in Atlantic City with a non-denominational group wedding, civil union and vow renewal ceremony in the Adrian Phillips Ballroom in Boardwalk Hall.

**New York:** The Knot has teamed up with the Empire State Building to give 15 couples a big day overlooking the Big Apple. A tradition since 1994, weddings on top of the Empire State Building are hard to come by — the Valentine's Day wedding ceremonies are the only nuptials allowed on the spot these days.

**New Mexico:** If you've got a serious case of puppy love, the Land of Enchantment's where you need to be on the 14th. A mass wedding in Truth or Consequences will benefit the Desert Haven Animal Refuge in nearby Williamsburg. Bring

your dog — he can serve as ring bearer.

**Florida:** Forget booking the florist; get married at the Florida Botanical Gardens with Clerk of the Court Ken Burke doing the honors, and you can be part of a four-year tradition in Pinellas County, Fla. And a rare one at that — the Botanical Gardens no longer accepts wedding bookings, so this could be your chance.

**Is there a Valentine's day wedding happening in your neck of the woods?**