

# WEDDINGS AT BARK EATER INN



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# PROPERTY OVERVIEW

We offer an outdoor venue set on 200 acres with incredible mountain views and accommodations for up to 20 people! Our site offers endless opportunities to customize your dream wedding, with various site locations for your ceremony, reception, rehearsal dinner, brunch, cocktail hour, and more! The entire landscape is your playground and our incredible mountain scenery, diverse forests, flowering meadows, profuse gardens, and bucolic farmstead buildings become your backdrop.



## BACKYARD

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The back lawn of the inn is ideal for your ceremony or event tent for groups under 50 with views overlooking the meadows and mountains, yet close to the inn, gardens, & parking. A fire pit is also available next to our maple sugar shack.



# POLO FIELD

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Our former polo field is still maintained to offer an expansive 360° views of the High Peaks. This is a stunning location for both a ceremony, rehearsal dinner, and reception. Parties with over 50 people must hold their reception on the polo field.



# WEDDING KNOLL

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Behind the inn we have mowed pathways through flowering meadows, leading to a clearing atop a knoll overlooking the pond with a great view of Sentinel Mountain. There is also a lilac grove for the bride to hide from view, making this the ideal place for ceremonies.

# YURT & POND

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Just a 10-minute walk through flowering meadows, or a brief drive down a dirt road, we have a newly constructed yurt next to a gorgeous pond. This is available for an additional charge for rehearsal dinners or small ceremonies. We also have a fire pit right by the waters edge.



# FORMAL GARDEN

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Our quarter acre garden with gazebo is the perfect place for small parties to mingle. Ideal for a cocktail hour, wandering while you take a break from getting down on the dance floor, and most especially for photos on your special day.



# ACCOMMODATIONS



We require that our six-room inn is booked by your guests. Couples typically choose to stay in our secluded Trillium Cabin. We have an additional three bedroom cabin that is optional to book for additional guests. At a maximum we can host the bride and groom and up to 18 other adults. We are happy to suggest additional accommodations if needed.

We generally have two-night minimums for our accommodations with three-night minimums on holiday and peak weekends. Breakfast at the inn is included for all guests staying on site.



Trillium Cabin



Sentinel Cabin

# VENUE RATES

Our venue site fee rates for 2025 vary based on size. Our rates begin at \$3,500 for small weddings and increases from there depending on the size and vision of your wedding event for up to 150 people.

Rates include one "big" event or reception per weekend in addition to the ceremony and cocktail hour. Smaller rehearsal dinners, brunches or other gatherings are approved on a case by case basis and may have additional fees. Additional services, such as event coordination, officiating, or extra setup labor incur additional fees.

We typically host 10-12 weddings a year and only book a few big events each season. A property lodging buyout is also required for all private events at an additional cost. Please contact us for more details and a personalized quote.





# ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Rentals:** Since our venue is outside, you will need to rent tents, tables and seating appropriately sized for your party. There are numerous sizes and options available. Party Plus (Taylor Rental) or Foster's Rental Companies can provide a personalized quote.
- **Event Insurance:** All events must carry an insurance policy for the full weekend that includes coverage for alcohol consumption. It's easy to obtain and we are happy to recommend a local agent.
- **Event Coordinator:** If you choose not to hire a wedding planner, we do require an event coordinator on site throughout your events to ensure that things run smoothly (that isn't a family member). This person will meet in advance with the couple, coordinate with vendors, help with set up, timing and logistics, and will make sure the event is cleaned up at the end of the night. You can book this service with Meghan or one of the other wonderful folks on our vendor list. If hiring someone else, we provide a protocol for what is expected of this person
- **Bathrooms:** Our septic is not designed for large events. A bathroom trailer or porta potties are necessary for events with more than 20 people.
- **Non-Disposable Dinnerware:** In an effort to reduce the environmental impact and waste, we require that you rent non-disposable dinnerware (plates, cups, utensils, etc.). These are available through the rental companies we recommend. (We also don't permit fake flowers for environmental reasons.)
- **Shuttle Service:** Alcohol liability and guest safety is our biggest concern. We require that you provide a shuttle service to all guests staying off site and that we have the proper protocols in place for consumption.

# FAQ'S

## HOW DO WE BOOK?

The first step is to arrange a consultation to ensure we are the best fit for your event and to check date availability. When you're ready to hold a date, we require a 50% deposit on the venue fee, a credit card hold on accommodations and a signed venue contract, which we will review together.

## CAN WE SEE MORE PHOTOS?

Yes! We have a gallery of some of our favorites [here](#). Feel free to browse for inspiration and a better feel for the property.

## DO YOU RECOMMEND OR REQUIRE ANY SPECIFIC VENDORS?

You are welcome to work with any vendors of your choice, although all caterers and bar services must have proper licensing. We have a list of our preferred vendors that we have personal experience with for all aspects of your special day. Please contact us, and we will provide you with a detailed spreadsheet.

## WHAT ELSE CAN OUR GUESTS TO DO IN THE AREA?

We are in the heart of the High Peaks and just over the hill from Lake Placid and all of the Olympic attractions there. We are happy to make recommendations for hikes, swimming holes and other points of interest to explore. We also offer "Experiences" you can book for individuals or a group like yoga, massage, healthy cooking classes, nature/forest bathing walks & tours, etc. Let us know if that is of interest for your group.





## HOW DOES ACCOMMODATION PAYMENT WORK?

We have now switched to a model where the couple covers the full cost of the accommodations and then we provide pricing suggestions for each room for the couple to split costs amongst guests. If you prefer, we can take payment from each of your guests directly, but a small administrative fee will apply to cover the added labor costs.

## WHAT IF WE NEED ADDITIONAL LODGING?

There are plenty of great lodging options in the area, and we are happy to recommend some of our favorites if you need more rooms. Again, a shuttle is required if any guests are staying off site to ensure drinking and driving is not an issue. Camping in designated areas on the property is also an option for additional fees as long as additional bathrooms are rented.



## CAN WE PARTY ALL NIGHT LONG?

The sound ordinance for the town is 10 p.m. This means that all amplified music and events need to end at that time. The party can still carry on without speakers or move to one of the fire locations at our pond or behind the Sentinel Cabin.

While alcohol consumption is an expected part of wedding celebrations, if you envision heavy drinking (shots, drinking games, keg stands, etc.) this is not the right venue for you.

# EVENT COORDINATION AND OFFICIATING SERVICES

Over the last decade our hostess, Meghan, has helped people to create personalized ceremonies for weddings, birth blessings, coming of age, graduations, house warmings, women's circles, retirements, and funerals. Holding space for these special occasions is a great joy in her life. Meghan will work with you to craft a special ceremony that celebrates and honors your love, your commitment, and your future together.



She is open to all people, beliefs, and traditions, and ordained by the Universal Life Church to legally officiate your union in marriage. Meghan's services are only available to couples staying at our venue.



Meghan also offers her services as a day-of-coordinator to ensure your wedding day flows smoothly, regardless of any unexpected surprises. She will be available from breakfast to bonfire (with a few breaks of course) ready to direct, meet, and navigate the details of the day, so you get to fully relax and enjoy the precious moments with your loved ones.

As your coordinator, prior to the big day, Meghan will meet with you several times to advise you in your own planning process as you establish your plans, vision, timeline, decor, and vendors. She will offer guidance and answer questions about area vendors and give you honest feedback about their services. Based on these meetings, she'll review your rentals lists and purchases to ensure you have everything you'll need and then upon delivery checks to make sure everything arrives and is set up as it is intended to be by your hired vendors. She also takes care of day of vendor coordination and assists with your décor and table-scape setup. She'll fluff your train, have tissues on hand, pin on boutonnieres, and help with the nerves that seem to rise for many (often more for the family than the bride!)

Please contact us for more rates or info for Meghan's services. You aren also welcome to use any officiant, planner or coordinator of your choosing.



# HIGH PEAKS ELOPEMENTS



A big celebration isn't right for every couple. In addition to hosting elopements and micro weddings on site, we are a great base for getting out onto the trails for a mountaintop or lakeside ceremony with just the two of you and an officiant or a couple of special guests.



We can offer customized services including accommodations, officiating, photography, flowers, cake, bubbly and more, so you can focus on this special moment with your partner. Contact us for more information.

