Blooming Hill Earm

WEDDING GUIDE & FAQ

THE TASTING

Blooming Hill Farm will host 1-2 tastings for each seasonal menu (Spring, Summer, Fall)

> Tastings are scheduled between January - March (about 4-6 months prior to your wedding)

You are welcome to invite a maximum of 2 additional guests

At the tasting, you will also have a chance to sit down with our event coordinators to discuss the following along with anything else you may have questions about!

- Menu & Dietary Restrictions
- Rentals
- Vendors
- Decor
- Timeline
- Rehearsal

- Blooming Hill Farm does not offer private tastings -

MENU

At the tasting, you will have a chance to try all the options on our catering menu along with the wines for the wedding.

When do I select my menu?

All food & beverage menu decisions should be finalized 1 month before the wedding. If you have any special requests please feel free to ask for them at the time of the tasting. There are sample menus available on our website for each season: Spring= May-End of July; Summer= August-End of September; Fall= October

Is dessert included?

S'mores are included! We also offer house-made desserts for an additional fee per person. We allow outside desserts, such as wedding cakes, to be brought in. We do not charge a cake plating fee to serve Desserts from outside vendors.

Can you accommodate dietary restrictions?

We are happy to accommodate dietary restrictions for your guests when possible. Please give us as much information and advanced notice as possible.

For guests who are vegetarian or vegan, we can provide a separate entree for them; however, there may be an additional per person fee associated with this.

RENTALS

Do we need to rent anything?

Blooming Hill Farm provides: tables, chairs, linens, glassware, silverware, plateware.

Depending on your event size, we will discuss all necessary and optional rentals including heaters.

While we manage the major rentals for you, you are responsible for the cost of any outside rentals. We will put you in contact with the rental companies directly for contracts/billing information.

Do we need to rent a tent?

BHEC has a semi-permanent tent that will be installed for the entirety of the wedding season (May-October). The use of this tent is included in the venue fee.

Please note that a dancefloor and stage are not included but can be rented if desired. Neither are required or necessary.

VENDORS

Your vendors are encouraged to reach out directly to us for any logistical questions or concerns they have.

What time can my vendors start setting up?

Vendors are welcome to arrive early to set up and prepare for the evening. Their arrival time should be coordinated with BHF prior to the wedding.

We will make sure that your vendors know where to set up when they arrive.

*Please note: The barn and restaurant are not available until 2:30pm for any set up. We recommend that vendors set up all other locations first before setting up in these spaces.

Do you offer vendor meals?

Yes! Vendor meals are 50% of the catering cost. Please include vendors in your final headcount so we can include them on the final invoice!

VENDOR: BAND/DJ

Do you have audio equipment?

BHEC does not provide any audio equipment. All audio equipment (including a microphone for the ceremony and speeches) must be brought in by your band or DJ. We will make sure they have the necessary electricity set up.

That said, the barn and restaurant have speakers that can be utilized with an auxiliary cord.
If you would like to set up a playlist for either of these locations,
we're happy to allow you to use our system here.
(Generally, this works best for cocktail hour in the barn or for dinner in the restaurant)
DJs cannot plug into these speakers with their equipment.

Do I need a stage or dancefloor?

Since the flooring installed under the tent is a flat, dry, solid surface, a stage and dancefloor are not neccessary. However, some couples prefer the look of a stage and/or dancefloor.

If you would like to rent either, let us know and we can provide you with a quote from the rental company.

VENDOR: PHOTOGRAPHER

When can we arrive for photos?

You're welcome to arrive at 2:30pm the day of the wedding for photos.

Can we have our first look on the property?

You're welcome to have your first look on the property the day of the wedding!

If you have a specific spot in mind for this, let your photographer know so they can prepare for the shot. If not, we can recommend a few on the day of.

VENDOR: FLORIST

How can I arrange Blooming Hill Farm to do my flowers?

We have an in-house florist and decorator. The best way to contact her is via email: flowers@bloominghill.farm.

Are flowers included in the price?

The barn and restaurant will always be decorated throughout the wedding season for no additional charge.

All requests for bouquets, table arrangements, arbor decorations, etc, should go through a florist.

If you're working with Nadine, she will create a custom package and bill separately.

Do I have to use your florist?

No, you're welcome to hire any florist you wish!

If you are using an outside vendor for florists, please let us know if they are coming back the next day to pick anything items or if you will be taking home any of the items.

TIMELINE

When do we do our ...first dance, speeches, cake cutting, etc...? We will come up with a detailed timeline for the evening together at the tasting. Below is a sample!

> Day of Wedding Timeline 2:30- 3:00 pm Wedding party arrives for pictures 4:00 pm Guests arrive 4:15 pm Ceremony 4:45 pm Cocktail hour 6:00 pm Transition to tent Bride & groom introduction into first dance Short dance set 6:30 - 7:30 pm Dinner Toast and speeches 7:45 pm Parent dancing 8:30 pm Dessert served, Light fire pit Cake cutting 10:00 pm End

The timeline can be shared with all other vendors to make sure everyone's on the same schedule.

DECOR

Who sets up for the wedding?

We encourage you to drop off any items that you would like set up for the wedding the day prior. We are happy to manage the set up of these items. This includes but not limited to: Seating Chart / Escort Cards, Table Numbers, Candles, Guest Book Photo Display, Miscellaneous Decor

> You are welcome to use the decor that we have on the farm: Chalkboard Signs Arbors for the Ceremony Wooden Vegetable Crates

We'll touch base about a month before the wedding to go over a decor plan for the day.

Who cleans up after the wedding?

We will take care of the break down and clean up after the party. We can pack up the items that you dropped off before the wedding for you to pick the following morning.

We ask that you take all of your gifts and cards with you the night of the wedding! We are not responsible for any items left behind or damaged.

CEREMONY

Do we need a microphone for the ceremony?

We recommend weddings over 50 guests have a microphone and a speaker set up for the ceremony.

BHEC does not provide audio equipment. Most DJs/Bands have the necessary set up to provide this equipment for you. We have electricity out by the ceremony site for your DJ/Band to access.

Can we have pre-ceremony beverages set up?

Yes! We will set up water, lemonade or cider on the bed of the truck. If you would also like to offer your guests champagne at this time, please be sure to let us know so that it's scheduled with the bar team There is no additional cost for this.

Is the ceremony Handicap accessible?

We will have a golf cart available to bring any guests who need a ride out to the ceremony site. If you have guests that need proper chairs to sit on during the ceremony, we can set up a row of chairs in front of or behind the benches.

Who officiates the wedding?

That's entirely up to you! https://www.theknot.com/content/how-to-find-wedding-officiant

REHEARSALS & AFTER PARTIES

Can I have a ceremony rehearsal?

We are available for a walkthrough of the ceremony the day before the wedding. About one month out from the wedding, we will schedule a time for a walkthrough.

Please keep in mind that this walkthrough may have to be scheduled earlier in the day (between 10AM-1PM) due to other events that may be scheduled that weekend.

If you have a wedding party who will be a part of the processional, we *strongly* encourage having them attend the rehearsal. Having the opportunity to run through the processional with everyone present goes a long way to ensure that things run smoothly on wedding day.

Where do you recommend for a Rehearsal Dinner?

We are happy to recommend local businesses in the area to host your rehearsal. Tell us what you're looking for and we can send you a list of places that might work for you! You can also check out some of the local reccomendations for rehearsal dinners and afterparties located on the last few pages of this document.

Can we stay past 10pm?

All of our events have to end by 10pm. This is due to a local noise ordinance and we are unable to make any exceptions. We do not have an after-party location on site.

FINALIZING THE DETAILS

One month before the wedding, we will schedule a phone call to go over the following:

Menu Selections: Finalize all food and beverage selections including guest dietary restrictions, allergies & kids' meals.

Final Headcount: Final payment is due 30 days prior to the event date. We will need a final headcount in the following terms so we can accurately prepare the invoice:

> Vendors: 50% catering cost, no charge for beverages Children 7 & under: no cost but we still need to fit them into the floorplan Children 13 & under: 50% catering cost, \$5 beverage package Guests 14 - 21 years of age: 100% catering cost, \$5 beverage package Adults: 100% catering cost, 100% beverage package

Floor Plan: You will be sent an editable floor plan prior to our one month phone call. On this call we will discuss details like table layout and whether or not you would like to have a sweetheart table. Although the final table layout is ultimately up to you, we may have suggestions to maximize the comfort of your guests and the flow of traffic/accessibility to different areas of the space.

Finalize Timeline: We will review your timeline and make sure it aligns with the timelines and plans of all your other vendors to make sure we are all on the same page. We will also confirm your arrival time as well as the arrival time of your family, wedding party and vendors.

P R E F E R R E D V E N D O R S

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Sloan Dakota Photo Sloan Dakota sloanedakotaphoto.com

B Hull Photography Belkis Hull bhullphotography.com

Photo by Basia Basia Ambrosiak photobybasia.com

Marlon Ramos Photography marlonramosphotography.com

K + B Wedding Photography kateighandben.com

Sam Sullivan samsullivanphotography.com

Arius Photo www.ariusphoto.com

FLORAL DESIGN & DECOR

Flowers by Blooming Hill Farm flowers@bloominghill.farm

Athabold athabold.com

Heart & Soil Flowers heartandsoilflowers.com

Slate Florals slatefloral.com

M U S I C & E N T E R T A I N M E N T

DJs

A Perfect Blend Entertainment apbentertainment.com

Allure DJs alluredjs.com

Beat Train Productions beattrainproductions.com

BANDS

Mama Jukes mamajukemusic@gmail.com

Kazz Music Orchestra kazzmusic.com/

The Silver Arrow Band silverarrowband.com

ACOUSTIC

HAIR & MAKE UP

Alexandria Graber agbeautyservices.com

Indigo Beauty Lounge indigobeautylounge.com

> **RB** Artistry rbartistrybeauty.com

DESSERTS & CAKES

Sugar Hill Creamery sugarhillcreamery.com

Newburgh Flour Shop newburghflourshop.com

Agnes Devereaux agnesdevereuxcatering.com

Hudson & Honey @hudsonandhoney

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Sam Sullivan samsullivanphotography.com

Arius Photo www.ariusphoto.com

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Kazz Music Orchestra kazzmusic.com/

The Silver Arrow Band silverarrowband.com

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Indigo Beauty Lounge indigobeautylounge.com

RB Artistry rbartistrybeauty.com

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Newburgh Flour Shop newburghflourshop.com

Agnes Devereaux agnesdevereuxcatering.com

Hudson & Honey @hudsonandhoney

RECOMMENDED LODGING

LARGER HOTELS

Sleep Inn Blooming Grove, NY (2.3 miles away)

Holiday Inn Chester/Monroe/Woodbury Chester, NY (7.8 miles away)

Hampton Inn Harriman/Woodbury Central Valley, NY (7.9 miles away)

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Goshen, NY (13.5 miles away)

> Microtel by Wyndham Middletown, NY (14.1 miles away)

Marriott Residence Inn Middletown, NY (15.4 miles away)

Courtyard Marriott Middletown, NY (18.0 miles away)

> **Crowne Plaza** Suffern, NY (25.7 miles away)

Sheraton Hotel Mahwah, NJ (24.5 miles away)

AIR BNBS

Campbell Hall, NY 3 properties available walking distance to one another (4.2 miles away) moodnaconfluence.com

> **Campbell Hall, NY** (7.2 miles away) www.airbnb.com/rooms/1194410

Goshen, NY (9.2 miles away) www.airbnb.com/rooms/38484687?source_impression_ id=p3_1575813569_X8MWDetsxaH6FbzH

Warwick, NY (14.6 miles away) www.airbnb.com/rooms/9144587?s=8&user_id=476187 61&ref_device_ id=c1e2df4058724b9395a97ca401f577462262b210

> **Greenwood Lake, NY** (17.0 miles away) @loftinthewoods http://airbnb.com/h/loft-in-the-woods

> Orchard Hill Estate Harriman, NY (6.8 miles away) www.airbnb.com/h/orchard-hill-estate

BED & BREAKFASTS INNS, LODGES

The Dominion House Blooming Grove, NY (2.3 miles away)

The Caldwell House Sallisbury Mills, NY (5.8 miles away)

> **The Orange Inn** Goshen, NY (9.4 miles away)

> Stagecoach Inn Goshen, NY (9.1 miles)

Glenmere Mansion Chester, NY

(12.6 miles away)

Borland House Montgomery, NY (13.2 miles away)

LOCAL RECOMMENDATIONS

REHEARSAL DINNERS & WELCOME PARTIES

City Winery Hudson Valley citywinery.com/hudsonvalley

Drowned Lands Brewery drownedlands.beer

Orchard Hill Cider Mill orchardhillcidermill.com

Equilibrium Brewery eqbrew.com

Tin Barn Brewery tinbarn.com

Orange County Distillery at Brown Barn Farms orangecountydistillery.com/brownbarnfarms

> Newburgh Brewery newburghbrewing.com

Pharmacy Kitchen & Bar pharmacykitchenandbar.com

> Stageoach Inn stagecoachny.com

Oak & Reed oakandreeddowntown.com

> Blu Pointe blu-pointe.com

Glenmere Mansion glenmeremansion.com

AFTER PARTIES & LATE NIGHT BARS

Brew brewgoshen.com

Scotchtown Craft scotchtowncraft.com

Bourbon Street bourbonstreetbarandgrill.net

Captain's Table captains-table.com

Kelley Jean's kelleyjeansrestaurant.com

New Street Tavern

BRUNCH

Mason's Marketplace masonsmarketplace.com

Craft 47 craft47.com

Dottie Audrey's (brunch catering) dottieaudreys.com

Fannie's fannieswarwick.com

The Table thetableny.com

TRANSPORTATION

LOCAL TRAVEL

Taxis & Uber

Monroe Taxi - (845) 782-8141

Geo Taxi Service - (845) 213-5639

Speedy Car Service - (845) 783-6651

Uber is available in the area for transportation to the farm.

Please plan for at least 20-30 minute wait times for Uber or Car services.

We do not recommend relying on Uber or other ride sharing services to pick up from the farm at the end of the event.

Recommended Shuttle Services (for large groups)

First Student - school buses only

West Point Tours- school & charter buses

Visconti - Luxury Cars

TRAIN FROM CITY

NJ Transit

NJ Transit offers the closest train stations to the farm:

Harriman Station OR Salisbury Mills-Cornwall (both are 10 minutes away)

Both of these stops are on the Port Jervis Line out of Penn Station with a transfer at Secaucus.

Average train time: 1 hour 30 minutes.

Metro North

The closest train station using Metro North from Grand Central is Beacon. (30 minutes away)

Average train time: 1 hour 30 minutes

BUS FROM THE CITY

ShortLine

Shortline offer daily scheduled trips to and from the city.

Closest Bus Stops:

Monroe, NY

Woodbury Commons

FOR A MAP OF LOCATIONS USE THIS LINK:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1M85Oi817mBfA4ybxsE3mjVST-P1BTfs&usp=sharing