

Blooming Hill Farm

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 prior to your wedding. You're welcome to invite a maximum of 2 additional guests. At the tasting, you will also have a chance to sit down with our event coordinator to discuss the following along with anything else you may have questions about!

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

Blooming Hill does not offer private tastings.

Menu

At the tasting, you will have a chance to try the 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.

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?

We have tables, chairs, linens, glassware, silverware, plateware. Depending on your event size, we will discuss all necessary and optional rentals.

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

Sharing a tent?

If your wedding falls on a weekend where we have multiple weddings that need tents, there is the possibility to share the cost of the tent with the other couple. The discount that the rental company provides for this is -30%. Please understand that this is not a guarantee.

If this is the case, we will manage the logistics of this with you, the rental company, and the other couple involved. We will send you a quote reflecting this discount.

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 audio equipment. All audio equipment 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 plugged into with an auxiliary cord. If you would like to set up a spotify playlist for either of these locations, we're happy to allow you to use our system here. (Generally, this is best during the cocktail hour in the barn or if your dinner is in the restaurant.) DJs cannot plug into these speakers with their equipment.

Do I need a stage?

Some bands require a stage under the tent. If you plan to have a band, 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 had a 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 the 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.

Decor

Who sets up for the wedding?

We encourage you to drop off any items that you would like set up for the wedding. 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're welcome to use the decor that we have on the farm:

Chalkboard Signs
Arbors for the Ceremony
Antique Vegetable Crates
Antique Milk Pails

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.

Timeline

When do we do our ...first dance, speeches, cake cutting, etc...?

We will come up with a timeline for the evening together at the tasting. Below is a sample!

Day of Wedding Timeline

2:30- 3pm Wedding party arrives for Pictures

4pm Guests arrive

4:15pm Ceremony

4:45pm Cocktail Hour

6pm Transition to tent

- Bride & groom introduction into first dance

6:30 - 7:30 -- Dinner

- Toast and speeches

7:45pm -- Parent dancing

8:30pm -- Dessert Served / Light Fire pit

- Cake cutting

10pm End

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

Ceremony

Do we need a microphone for the ceremony?

We recommend weddings above 75 guests to 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 Sparkling wine 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. When we are about a month away from the wedding, we will schedule a time for the walk through. Please keep in mind that due to our event schedule, these walkthroughs may have to be scheduled earlier in the day (10am - 1pm)

Where do you recommend for a Rehearsal Dinner?

We are happy to recommend local restaurants! You're also welcome to have your rehearsal dinner here with us-- please inquire for pricing and availability.

Can we stay past 10pm?

All of our events have to end by 10pm. We do not have an after-party location on site. We're happy to recommend bars and restaurants that are open late near your hotel.

Finalize The Details

1 Month before the wedding, we will schedule a phone call to go over the following:

- Confirm the Final Headcount. Final payment is due 30 days prior. 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 under 9: *(no cost but we still need to fit them into the floorplan)*
 - Children 9-15: *(50% catering cost, \$5 beverage package)*
 - Guests 15 - 21 years of age: *(100% catering cost, \$5 beverage package)*
 - Adults:
- Confirm Floor plan with final headcount
 - Sweetheart Table?
 - Seating Chart?
 - If Buffet, let us know what order you would like the tables called up
- Confirm the menu
 - Dietary Restrictions
- Schedule Rehearsal Walk-Through
- Confirm Decor items that will be dropped off.
 - Go over where you would like everything set up/ displayed
 - Confirm verbiage on chalkboard signs if necessary
- Confirm the Timeline for the day
 - When are your vendors arriving?
 - When are you and your wedding party arriving
- Discuss Rain Plan

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.

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

Recommended Shuttle Services

(For large groups)

[First Student](#) - school buses only

[West Point Tours](#) - school & charter buses

[Visconti](#) - Luxury Cars

Train from the City

[NJ Transit](#)

NJ Transit offers the closest Train Stations to the farm: **Harriman** 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