



WHEATFIELD  
ESTATE

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Set upon 5 acres of stately pine and spruce trees, Wheatfield Estate is a whimsical and enchanting woodland, located in Sparta, Ontario.

As the former home of Winter Wheat, a historic landmark of Sparta, Wheatfield Estate is a stunning wooded wonderland. Nestled in the trees, surrounded by farmland and lush greenery, our property provides a romantic and enchanted setting for a fairytale wedding celebration.



# OUR ESTATE

Have you ever known something was right so deep in your heart and soul, that you didn't hesitate to jump in with both feet? Of course you do, you wouldn't be here considering our estate for your wedding, if you didn't! *Well, that's exactly how Wheatfield Estate came to be...*

## Our story

As Hospitality professionals for over 20 + years (and counting), we had always dreamed of one day owning our own property to host weddings and events. The plan was to find our dream property as a retirement plan many years down the road, but when the opportunity came to purchase this iconic property, we jumped in with both feet - during a Pandemic no less!

They say "when you know, you know" - and this was very true in our case. We listed our newly built home, packed up our family, and put it all on the line to make fairytale weddings come true for couples in Southwestern Ontario.

Previously loved by Winter Wheat, a whimsical and quirky folk art and country store, our estate's heritage has been a landmark destination in Central Elgin for over 20 years. Wheatfield Cottage, built in 1844, was the original dwelling on the property, and we plan to honour its history, but with a cozy English cottage twist.

While the property itself is considered new as a wedding venue, we are not new to the Wedding Industry. Our years of experience planning events for hotels, convention centres, and our sister business, [Twelfth Night Events](#), has prepared us for this exciting new venture. We look forward to creating an incredible planning experience for our couples for years to come!

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# WEDDINGS

You're engaged! Congratulations on such an incredibly exciting time in your life! We are thrilled that you are considering our venue for your wedding celebration - it would be our pleasure to host you and your guests.

The enchanted nature of our property makes for the perfect setting for a woodland ceremony, cocktail reception under the trees, and a gorgeous location for a tented reception. Whether you are inviting 25 or 350+ guests, you can be sure to find the perfect spot on our property to begin your happily ever after!

# THE PROPERTY

The options are endless when it comes to locations on the property - and exploring is half the fun! Here are a few of our favourite spots:

## THE MEADOW

Our 15,000 sq ft meadow is surrounded by mature trees and an expansive view of the breathtaking sunset over unobstructed farmlands. The Meadow, which can accommodate tents for up to 250 + people, includes a built-in ash wood floor and adequate space for your cocktail reception, bar and late night food truck!

## ENCHANTED FOREST

Our sprawling woodland is the perfect setting for a ceremony of any size. We have multiple locations that create a whimsically wonderful backdrop to your ceremony + cocktail reception - perfect for those really sunny days!

## THE WOODLAND

Have you always dreamed of a reception under the trees? Our property features a stunning clearing surrounded by mature spruce + pine trees that offers a perfect setting for dinner under the romantic glow of light strung trees.

## THE GARDEN

We believe in the "first look" and for that reason we offer our lush gardens with beautiful wooden arbour to couples choosing to see each other in a private setting.

# simplicity IN PLANNING

Planning a wedding should be an enjoyable experience and for this reason we offer simplicity in planning and pricing. Each area of our property is priced separately for you, for straightforward planning, dependent on your needs and length of stay:

## Reception

\$5,000

Host your wedding in The Meadow, which can accommodate receptions of up to 250 + guests. Our Woodland is available for smaller celebrations. See discounted rate for Friday or Sunday receptions.

Receptions hosted in the Meadow will be required to rent the 40 x 75 Clear Top tent, owned by A&B Party + Tent rentals, at the discounted rate of \$4,500 + HST (regular \$6,500 with install)

## Ceremony

\$750

If you've dreamed about hosting a ceremony in the woods, our 5 Acre Woods is the perfect setting. Choose between several locations, dependent on guest size and personal preferences.

Ceremony only option is available Monday - Thursday only

## Reception + Ceremony

\$5,500

Interested in hosting both your ceremony + reception with us? We would love to host you! For a seamless flow for your guests, we recommend ceremony times begin at 4 pm followed by a cocktail reception in the Woodland and dinner in the Meadow or Woodland.

*Friday or Sunday Ceremony + Reception is \$3,500*

## Guaranteed Friday Add-On Rental

\$2,500

For couples who want a head start on set up or would like exclusive use of the property for the weekend. Available from 12 pm on Friday and allows for the use of the grounds for your rehearsal and rehearsal dinner. Hours with add-on: Friday 10 AM - Sunday at 10:00 AM

## Friday or Sunday Reception

\$3,000

Host your reception with us during off-peak days at a discounted rate.

# frequently asked



Here are some commonly asked questions to guide you through your decision making process. Please review and if we've missed something, let us know!

## Q: Does your property rental include the tent?

We have partnered with our friends at A&B Party + Tent Rental to offer a 40 x 75 Clear Span Clear Top tent at a discounted rental rate of \$4,500 + HST - (*Regular price is \$6,500 including instal + delivery*). This unique and beautiful tent will all you to have fun with your floor plan dependent on guest size, offer outdoor space, and allow peace of mind for ever changing weather.

NOTE: The cost of the tent rental is not included in the property rental. We do not own this tent.

## Q: Does the venue provide washrooms?

We have an upgraded Luxury Washroom Trailers on property that can accommodate 250 guests. We will work with each couple individually to determine if additional washroom trailers will be necessary based on guest count. There is a \$350 disposal fee charged for each event to ensure proper cleaning and sanitization.

## Q: Do you provide tables and chairs?

No, our venue does not provide tables or chairs in our rentals as there are just too many options to consider for your reception, to reflect your own style. We will work with you to select the styles you wish and acquire those rentals for you, at the retail rates of the rental company.

## Q: Am I allowed to bring my own Caterer?

We work with an exclusive list of caterers that can be hired for weddings at our venue. Outside Caterers who are not on our approved list will not permitted to Cater due to the strict health and safety policies we must adhere to.. Certain exceptions apply: Food trucks, speciality food services, and late night pizza are permitted.

## Q: Am I allowed to bring my own Alcohol?

Yes, you are welcome to bring your own alcohol. You will be required to apply for a Special Occasions Permit through the AGCO and obtain PAL Insurance. Once approved, we will require a copy of the permit, proof of insurance, along with copies of all receipts of the alcohol to be present at the reception and available to an inspector.

## Q: Do you provide Bartenders?

Unless hired through the Caterer or specialty catering packages, bartenders will be hired by our team for your event at the rate of \$550 + HST per bartender. This rate will include set up, service, clearing, and cleanup of your alcohol. Alternatively, the Catering staff are permitted to bartend as part of their catering

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## Q: Do you provide a DJ?

We have a list of professional DJ's + Musicians that can be hired for your wedding. An Outside Vendor Fee of \$250 + HST will be applied when using a DJ or Musician not on our preferred vendor list and they will be required to sign a performance rider.

## Q: When is last call?

Last call is at 12:30 AM. Your guests will have 30 minutes to finish existing drinks before glassware is cleared.

## Q: When do I have access to the property?

Setup may begin at 10 AM on the booking commencement date. All belongings must be cleared and stored away at the end of the night and can be picked up before 10 AM the following day..

## Q: Will you hold a date?

We are not able to hold a date without a signed contract and deposit.

## Q: What is required to confirm my date?

Upon signing a contract, we require a 50% non-refundable deposit to secure the date. 1 month prior to your wedding, we require final payment. Payment can be made by e-transfer to [hello@wheatfieldestate.com](mailto:hello@wheatfieldestate.com) with the password set to Wheatfield. Credit card payments are subject to a 5% Administrative fee and must be approved in advance. Payment plans are available upon request.

## Q: Is there parking on the property?

Yes, we have ample parking available onsite. We strongly encourage booking shuttles for your guests, which we will happily coordinate for you, as we prefer that your guests can enjoy themselves without the worry of driving or coming back to get their vehicles the next day.

## Q: Are we allowed to host our rehearsal onsite?

Yes, rehearsals are available at no charge on Thursdays between 4 pm - 7 pm. Should you wish to have a Friday rehearsal, we will accommodate based on availability and timing.

## Q: Does your venue offer a Wedding Coordinator?

As the venue, we focus exclusively on ensuring our property is cared for leading up to the wedding, so that your experience is exceptional. Therefore, we strongly recommend that clients hire a **Professional Wedding Coordinator**. The Planner can be selected from our sister company **Twelfth Night Events** or an external Wedding Planner. Clients are not required to hire our team, should they have another company in mind.

# frequently asked



## Q: What is your cancellation policy?

Once a commitment has been made for a specific date, any cancellations would forfeit any monies paid towards the venue. All payments made are considered non-refundable once made and are considered liquidated damages in the event of a cancellation.

In the event that the Client should reschedule their wedding, the Venue will only honour one date change, assuming they are available on the newly selected date, within 6 months of the original date.

Any postponed weddings to a Saturday within a new season of weddings (June - September of the following year) will be subject to an additional fee of \$2,500 + HST.

Should the Renter choose to postpone their wedding with no future date, the Venue is not required or obligated to provide refunds or credit for future use and the postponement will be treated as a cancellation.

## Q: Do you allow pets on the property?

Pets are welcome on the property for the purpose of photos and the ceremony. Pets must be removed from the property before dinner service can commence. Service animals are exempt from time restrictions and are welcome at all times. Should you wish to have animals on property as a form of entertainment, permission must be obtained in writing by the Venue and all permits and insurance must be taken.

## Q: What is your smoking / vaping policy?

The Venue will provide a designated smoking area (located in the parking lot) for smokers or those who vape. Smoking is prohibited in any other location of the property. Any breach of this regulation may result in damage or cleaning fees due to the nature of our property.

## Q: Do you permit fireworks, floating lanterns or Sparklers?

Fireworks and floating lanterns of any kind are strictly prohibited on our property out of respect for the surrounding farm lands, our neighbours and their pets' peace, the fire hazards they pose, as well as the negative affects it has on the environment.

Sparklers are permitted for the purpose of obtaining a professional photo with your Bridal Party + Parents only. We strongly advise against your entire guest list to participate in sparkler send offs or photos due to the fire hazard and injury to your guests that may arise out of the use of sparklers and we accept no liability on account of injuries resulting in the use of sparklers.

# local information



For couples planning a wedding from outside Central Elgin, we've chosen to highlight a few businesses that may assist in your decision to choose Wheatfield Estate

## Accommodation

- Inn on the Harbour
- Kettle Creek Inn
- Telegraph House
- Comfort Inn St Thomas (10 mins)
- Best Western Stoneridge Inn (20 mins)
- Four Points by Sheraton (30 mins)
- Delta London Armouries (40 minutes)
- DoubleTree by Hilton (40 minutes)
- Cottage + Air B'n'b rentals

## Restaurants

- Solo on Main
- Kettle Creek Inn
- Windjamer Inn
- Two Forks
- GT's on the Beach
- Mackies on the Beach
- Pinecroft
- Bella Jacks
- Pastos Italian (located at Best Western)

## Attractions

- Port Stanley Beaches
- Port Stanley Marina + Boat Rental
- Several Golf Courses nearby
- Local Shopping
- Local Wineries
- Sparta Tea House
- Sparta Candles
- St Thomas Speedway
- Pinecroft
- 1 hour from Grand Bend Beaches
- Shaws Ice Cream

## General

- (2) LCBO's within 15 minutes
- Local Food trucks association for late night
- Pizza + Poutine within 5 minutes
- Local Shuttle services for Charters
- Neighbouring Dog Boarding
- Tents: A+B Party + Event Rental
- Tents: Big Top Tent Rental
- High-end Catering: North Moore Catering (has satellite kitchen for onsite)