

Wedding /Event

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the hours for use of the Bouquet Garden?

A: The Bouquet Garden is available from Mid-April thru September (weather permitting) from noon until 6pm. If rain is an issue the day of your Event, you will be relocated into our Morning Glory Hall. If you desire a chilly, possibly snowy outdoor wedding, please consult our Wedding Coordinator for hours and details.

Q: What are the hours for use of the Morning Glory Hall and the Conference Room.

A: The Morning Glory Hall is available year-round for indoor weddings and events or receptions from noon until 10pm. The conference room is available year-round from 8am-10pm.

Q: Do you offer food and beverages?

A: No, we do not offer food and beverage, however our Wedding Coordinator would be happy to give you some recommendations for local caterers.

Q: What do I do about table linens and tableware?

A: Linens and Tableware can be obtained from your caterer or rented from True Value's "Just Ask Rentals".

Q: Can we have live music or a DJ in the Morning Glory Hall?

A: Yes, we have a list of DJ's and musicians that you may contact.

Q: Can you refer me to caterers, cake makers, officiator, florists, photographers, etc?

A: Yes, we have a list of local providers in all services.

Q: Is there an extra charge for a wedding rehearsal?

A: No, there is no charge for the rehearsal. You will need to schedule it with our coordinator. If your space is not available, we can provide an alternative area for the rehearsal.

Q: Who is in charge of the rehearsal?

A: Your minister or officiator will run the rehearsal, but our coordinator will be present to assist as necessary, (if you have selected the *Full Bloom Package*).

Q: Is there a sound system available for the ceremony?

A: Although we do not provide a sound system, your band or DJ can usually provide one if ordered in advance. If you are not using a DJ or Band, we can provide names and phone numbers of companies renting sound equipment.

Q: What are the dimensions of the Bouquet Garden?

A: The ceremony area in the Bouquet Garden is approx. 1,000 sq. ft. There is a second lawn in the garden and flowerbeds rim both lawns.

Q: What are the dimensions of the Morning Glory Hall, and the Conference room?

A: Morning Glory Hall has access to a deck that measures 170 sq. ft. Morning Glory Hall itself is 1448 sq. ft. The Conference Room is accessible through the Morning Glory Hall and is 650 sq. ft. The Conference Room also has a separate entrance and can be closed off from the Morning Glory Hall. There is a separate fee for use of the Conference Room.

Q: How many chairs on each side of the walkway in the Bouquet Garden?

A: The Bouquet Garden is irregular in shape, so the number of chairs in each row varies. The average number of chairs on the right side is 4, while the left side averages 6.

Q: I noticed there is a second fence behind the Rose trellis, at the ceremony site. What is this and will it stay there during my ceremony?

A: This is a deer fence to protect the roses from being munched on by our local deer. The fence is not intended to be permanent and is easily removed. Our staff will remove this before the ceremony and take care of replacing it afterwards.

Q: When should my RSVP's be due?

A: At least 3 weeks before your wedding day, since you'll need to call those who don't respond in order to give the Apple Tree Inn contact an accurate count 11 days in advance.

Q: Can my florist decorate the arbor in the garden and can they decorate the Morning Glory Hall?

A: yes. The Arbor can be decorated any way that you like as long as you do not harm it. The same is true for the Morning Glory Hall. No nails, or staples and no tape on the wallpaper walls in the Morning Glory Hall. We have set nails above the two double doorways in the Morning Glory Hall for your florist to use. Your florist can deliver flowers the morning of your event.

Q: What is the height of the interior of the arbor and what is the size of the opening at the front?

A: The Height of the interior of the arbor is approx 7' 10", while the opening of the arbor is approx. 8' wide. The ceremony patio is 9'x8'.

Q: When should I have the cake delivered?

A: The cake should be delivered one hour before the wedding is scheduled to begin, as we do not have refrigerator space to store your cake.

Q: Are there chair covers provided for the Bouquet Garden chairs and for the Morning Glory hall chairs?

A: No, we do not provide chair covers, but True Value's, "Just Ask Rentals" has both chair covers and ties in a wide choice of colors.

Q: Is there an easel available for our use to display photos, or for a master-seating chart?

A: Yes, there is, just be sure to arrange this with our coordinator.

Q: Can I use a unity candle in the Bouquet Garden?

A: Yes, you'll need to use a "clicker" lighter to keep the flame lit or use a hurricane glass in case of a breeze.

Q: Can I use candles on the tables in Morning Glory Hall?

A: Yes, as long as the flames are surrounded by glass. (Tall candles require hurricane glass and votive candle flames need to be down below the holder sides).

Q: Can we dance in the Morning Glory Hall?

A: Yes, we have hardwood floors. Music for dancing needs to stop 1/2 before your rental time ends. This will assure that your party will end at the contracted time.

Q: Are gift, guest-book and cake tables available?

A: Yes, we can provide these, but you will need to arrange for them with our Coordinator.

Q: How do I schedule my rehearsal?

A: After confirming your time and date with your officiator, call our Coordinator to find out if the ceremony site is available. If that area is not available, we can schedule your rehearsal for inside the Morning Glory Hall or elsewhere in the gardens.

Q: Can I block rooms for my family and friends?

A: Yes, we'll be happy to set aside a variety of rooms and suites for you and your guests. The group discount is 10 % off our seasonal rates. (Excluding July and August) There is a two-night minimum if one of the nights is a Saturday. The room block is set up under the Bride and Groom's last names and includes several different kinds of rooms, standard double queen rooms, suites, and cabins, some at lower rates and some higher. These rooms are held until 30 days in advance of arrival date, at which time any rooms that have not been individually reserved by you and your guests will be released to the general public. Your guests should call our group reservation managers, Debbie Vrab or Christine Allison 559-683-6105, in order to make their reservations. They must mention the name of the wedding in order to get blocked rooms.

Q: How do our guests who are not staying at the Apple Tree Inn, get from the parking area located on Jackson Road to the Bouquet Garden?

A: The Bouquet Garden is located in the upper area of our property. This is an uphill walk of about 1/10 mile. You will need to assign one of your guests as a shuttle driver. He/She will transport your guests who do not want to walk, from the parking area to the Bouquet Garden entrance. This person should also take any gifts your guests might have and transport them to the gift table in Morning Glory Hall. After the ceremony you should have the shuttle driver available in case any guests want a ride downhill to the Morning Glory Hall. The shuttle driver should plan on arriving 1 hour prior to your planned wedding time. Upon arrival the shuttle driver must contact the wedding coordinator. At this time, your driver will receive a radio for communication with the parking attendant, whom we provide.

If you prefer, we can provide you with referrals to various fee based transportation companies for your wedding party and guests. Please contact our coordinator for further information. (These include a horse drawn carriage, and Limos). Wedding Guests who have reserved a room at our Inn may park at their room. Any of these Apple Tree Inn guests who also need a shuttle ride can contact our front desk and the driver will be radioed to stop at their cabin for pick up.