



SMITH-APPLEBY HOUSE MUSEUM

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Frequently Asked Questions: Weddings and Events at the Smith-Appleby House

What is the cost for a wedding on the premises?

The costs depend upon how many guests will attend, what extent of the property would be used, and other variables that can be discussed.

Can we rent the Smith-Appleby house for a wedding reception indoors?

This is possible for small weddings, with the various rooms (4) able to seat from 8 (the smallest room) – 25 (the largest room) with a 50 person maximum. Access will be limited to the first floor only.

Can we rent the barn for a wedding or reception?

This is also possible for small weddings only, as the upper barn is comprised of 4 partitioned sections, with a kitchen area, and central area that accommodates tables & chairs. This space could be doubled with the addition of an adjacent tent.

Where do we park cars?

We have a large, level field adjacent to the museum that is used for parking, and a large circular area in front of the museum that will accommodate a bus, or buses.

What are the restrooms like?

For outdoor events, we have a facility with a ladies room, and men's room, both handicapped accessible, with flush toilets and sinks. There are 3 stalls in the ladies room. The floor is cement, but a braided rug dresses it up for special events.

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Are there outdoor lights?

There are outdoor lights at the restroom, on two sides of the barn that are motion activated, and on 2 sides of the main house. Outdoor luminaries may be used. There is an outlet on the lower barn that can be used for extension cords.

Can I choose my own caterer?

Yes. We appreciate the opportunity of meeting with the caterer to discuss their requirements.

Are there kitchen facilities for use by the caterer?

There are facilities, however for food safety reasons, your caterer may choose to handle the food care personally.

Do you supply tents, and chairs?

No, but can supply the information for several companies, tents must comply with local town ordinances regarding lighting, and other tent safety. Tents larger than 35 x 10 must be inspected by the Fire Marshall, and must have a flame retardant certificate. A tent inspection costs \$35.

Can we serve alcohol?

Yes, however a one-day license is required from the town.

What are the hours that we are limited to rent the facility, and are these times consistent every day of the week?

We can be flexible with your needs, with advance notice. Due to town ordinances, and restrictions for lighted tent exit signs we prefer daytime weddings, and in all cases, the event should conclude by 9:00 pm.

Do we sign a contract?

Yes, a standard contract that references the date and cost for the wedding. Insurance is required, usually through the organizers homeowners insurance as a social host rider. We request a non-refundable deposit of \$100 at the time the contract is executed.

I see on the map that the Museum is pretty close to the highway. Can you hear or see the highway from the property?

The highway is barely visible due to the large trees that border the property. Traffic is generally lighter on weekends, however there is traffic noise. We suggest a site visit to determine whether or not you feel that is a determining factor.

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