

Watervale Weddings

Tradition

Weddings have been a tradition at Watervale since Vera Kraft married Vernon Noble in front of the fireplace of the Cecelia cottage in 1938.

Since then, Watervale has hosted numerous celebrations ranging from formal affairs, to casual receptions and intimate dinners.

From simple ceremonies to weekend-long celebrations, Watervale offers a unique choice in wedding locations.



Dates

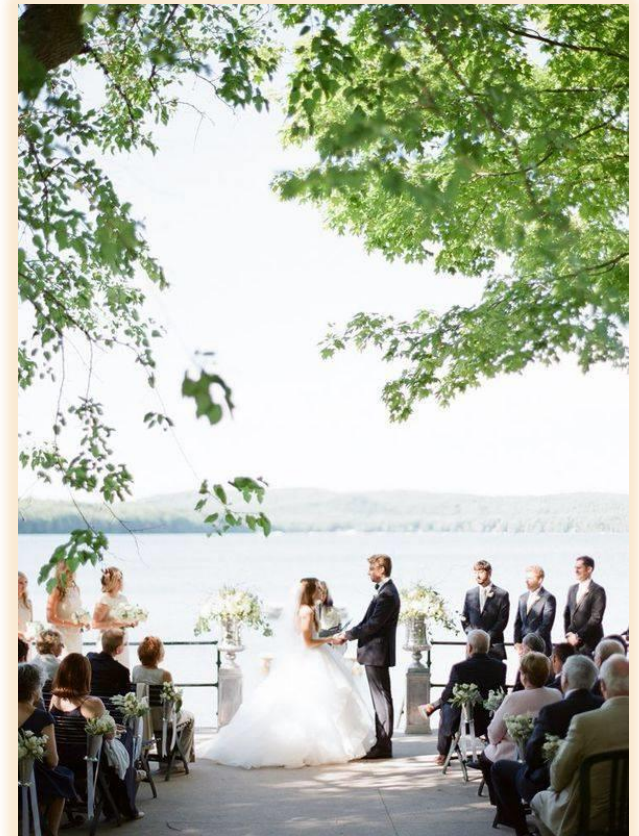
Dates are available during the spring lilac season of May and June and the early fall colors of September. The Inn, Casino and Terrace are available for your exclusive use the day of your wedding for your reception, dinner and dance. The fee is \$8000. The maximum we can accommodate is 150 guests.

Ceremonies

The lakeside terrace overlooking Lower Herring Lake is an ideal spot for an outside ceremony while the Casino offers an inside option with a view of Lower Herring Lake.

The terrace seats 150 guests and the Casino 120.

Both venues are reserved for your wedding day.



Dinner

Plated dinners are served in the Inn which seats 120 guests in our dining room and inside porches. Additional seating is available in the Lobby with a maximum of 150 guests total. Dinners include a choice of four appetizers, soup, salad, entree, and homemade breads. Watervale provides all the linens, glassware and silver as well as the dining room set up. Prices start at \$60 per person. Food and beverage prices do not reflect the 20% gratuity or 6% sales tax.



Beer and Wine

Watervale provides the bartenders, glassware, napkins and ice. There is table service for the dinner and tended bars for the cocktail hour and dance reception. Watervale has a license for beer and wine only – **we cannot allow any spirits to be served at the Inn or Casino nor can any spirits be brought into these buildings.**

All receptions must end by 11:00 P.M.

All Watervale wedding dinners are served in the Inn. For other dinner locations such as tents or outside dining, the wedding party is responsible for renting the tent, tables, chairs, linens, glassware and silverware and providing their own catering. Caterers must be licensed for serving alcohol and insured. All Watervale events must end at 11:00 PM.

Rehearsal Dinners

\$35 per person

Barbeque ~ Served outside and buffet style, this dinner includes:

Buttermilk Fried Chicken
Richard's Famous Ribs
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Greek Pasta
Marinated Vegetable Salad
Caprese Salad
Deviled Eggs

\$28 per person

Pizza Party – Another casual option for a rehearsal dinner.
Served inside with stations

Menu includes a selection of gourmet pizzas:

Potato, Rosemary & Caramelized Onion
Roasted Vegetable
Fresh Pesto, Peppers, Kalamata Olives & Feta
Sausage, Bacon & Pepperoni

Caesar Salad and Caprese Salad



\$30 per person

Mexican Fiesta – A festive option for a rehearsal gathering. Served inside and buffet style.

Menu includes:

House made Salsa & Guacamole
Black Bean and Corn Cakes
Mexican Rice
Tortilla Soup
Chicken & Black Bean Burritos
Vegetarian Burritos

In order to ensure quality, all buffets will be served for a maximum of a one and a half-hour period.



Accommodations

Watervale is a restored historic logging town on the National Historic Register. We have twelve cottages, three buildings with rooms with private baths and the Inn with eighteen rooms with shared bath. We can accommodate approximately 150 guests. Watervale cottages and rooms are reserved exclusively for your wedding weekend, Friday and Saturday night.

The Watervale weekend rate (Friday and Saturday) is \$75.00 per person per night. This includes breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, all taxes and gratuity. Longer stays are often available. Extended nights are charged at the regular off-season rate and breakfast is not served.

Please note that only cottages owned by Watervale are available for your weekend. Bay Down, Happy Hollow, Ella and Loft are not available out of season without prior approval.

Local Sources and Recommendations

We always recommend that you consider using local sources and seasonal food & flowers when planning your wedding. We have great farmers markets, and florists in our area. When you use local sources, you truly eliminate much of the stress of long-distance and internet planning. Northern Michigan and Benzie County has much to offer. For a spring wedding, please keep in mind all the gorgeous flowers like lilacs, lily of the valley and myrtle that grow wild at Watervale. Tulips, peonies and roses are all blooming locally. For your menu there are wild leeks, morels, asparagus & strawberries to feature. For the fall season, sunflowers, asters and cosmos are in bloom. The late summer harvest is available at the Farmer's Market with selections of squash, green beans, heirloom tomatoes, root vegetables and more.

Wedding Cakes

Watervale's Pastry Chef Deborah Robinson 231-352-9083

Lucy Mae Cakes 231-352-9592 lucymaecakes@hotmail.com

Florists

Simply Exquisite by the Bay 231-651-0058

Victoria's Floral 231-342-2266

Modern Day Floral 616-454-4747

Photographer

Rayan Anastor 231-335-3001

Cat Carty Buswell 734-531-8513

Invitations, Signage, Programs & Printing

Bayside Printing 231-352-4440

Musicians

Guitar, John Wunsch 231-223-7827

Piano, David Chown 231-938-2981

Trumpet, John Lindenau 231-276-9159

Harp, Sylvia Norris 231-922-3546

Strings, Crispin Campbell 231-352-6186