



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 1933. 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

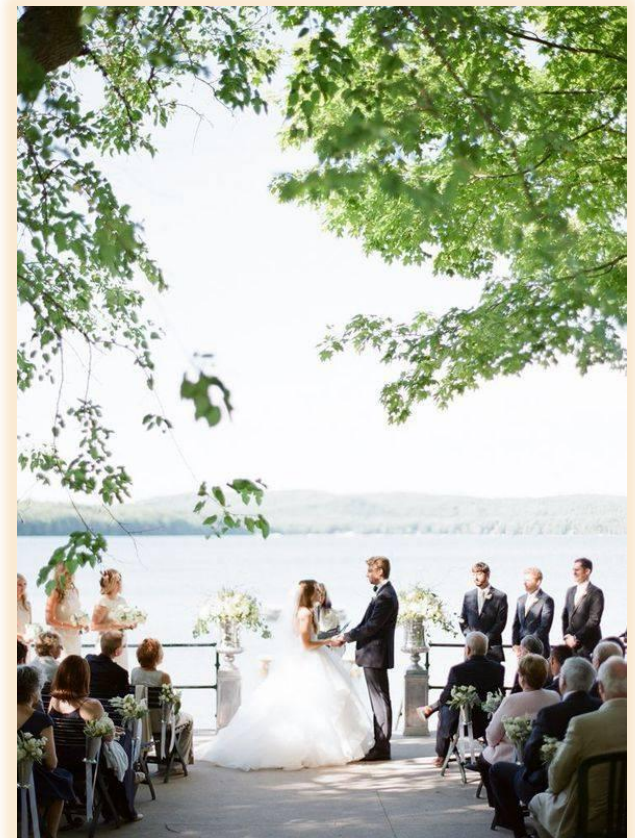
Dates are available the first two weekends after Memorial Day and Labor Day each year. The Inn, Casino and Terrace are available for your exclusive use the day of your wedding for your reception, dinner and dance. The fee is \$9000. The maximum we can accommodate is 140 guests.

# CEREMONIES

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

The terrace seats 140 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 140 guests total. Dinners start at \$65 per person and include a choice of four appetizers, soup, salad, entree, and homemade breads. Food and beverage prices do not reflect the 20% gratuity or 6% sales tax. Watervale does not allow any outside catering in the dining room or Casino and caterers do not have access to our kitchen.



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 and silverware and provided their own licensed caterers, bartenders and servers.

## REHEARSAL DINNERS

### \$40 per person

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

Buttermilk Fried Chicken  
Barbecued Ribs  
Potato Salad  
Quinoa and Black Bean Salad  
Greek Pasta  
Marinated Vegetable Salad  
Caprese Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Deviled Eggs

### \$34 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  
Locally Made Sausage, Brie & Apple

Caesar Salad and Caprese Salad



### \$36 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

# BEER AND WINE

All cocktail hours and receptions take place in the Casino.

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 outside beer, wine or spirits to be served.

All receptions must end by 11:00 p.m



# 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 140 guests. The wedding rate is \$75 per person per night and that includes breakfast and all taxes and gratuities. **Half occupancy is expected**, meaning that a cottage that sleeps 8 must have at least 4 people staying there. Please note that only cottages owned by Watervale are available for your weekend.

If you would like to reserve Watervale at the wedding rate for your wedding weekend, please let us know. You are then responsible for placing your guests in the cottages and rooms. Cottages and rooms will be reserved for you and your guests the Friday and Saturday of the wedding weekend. Thursday night stays may be available at the wedding rate but breakfast is served **only** on Saturday and Sunday..



# OTHER DETAILS TO CONSIDER

## 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, garden 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.

### FLORISTS

Victoria's Floral	231-342-2266
Simply Exquisite by the Bay	231-651-0058
Modern Day Floral	616-454-4747

PHOTOGRAPHER  
Rayan Anastor 231-335-3001

### INVITATIONS, SIGNAGE, PROGRAMS & PRINTING

Bayside Printing 231-352-4440

### MANICURES, PEDICURES & MAKE-UP

Crystal Mountain Spa 231-378-2000  
Sole Salon 231-383-4440

### 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

### WEDDING CAKES & LATE NIGHTS

#### SNACKS

Cakes from outside vendors are allowed at Watervale.  
Cakes are served exclusively in the Inn dining room.

Late night snacks from outside vendors are allowed. There is a \$1.50 fee for any snacks served in the Casino.

Be sure to ask us about our available vases, votives & decorating ideas!