# The Barn on Bensons Pond

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Our 1940's cranberry screenhouse/barn sits up atop a hill overlooking the cranberry bogs. The primary reception space is situated on the second-floor of our original rustic post and beam Barn with a 50ft x 50ft floor plan. Bridal party prep rooms are themed in vintage mechanic and bridal tones and located on the ground floor along with caterer staging area. We welcome weddings and celebrations with up to 130 guests (max of 120 when utilizing an indoor buffet) to celebrate with our indoor and outdoor farm event space overlooking 40+ acres of cranberry bogs. The site is located in Middleboro, conveniently 5 mins off the Rt 495, Rt 58 and Rt 28.

Weddings and special events hosted at the Barn on Benson's Pond are a blend of DIY and services. When utilizing the Barn on Bensons Pond for your special event the following is included.

- ➤ Day of event -access to the property beginning at noontime for vendors dropping off, setting up and serving the event etc typically a Saturday.
- ➤ Use of the Barn and site for ceremony & reception for up to 6 hours (events lasting greater than 6 hours to be agreed upon ahead of time and may be subject to additional fees). Event defined as start time of ceremony through conclusion of reception). All events must conclude by 11 PM.
- Access to the bridal prep rooms <u>2</u> hours prior to event start for event prep, photos etc...Additional time can be requested and subject to a \$50/hour staffing fee.
- > Set-up Access use of the property noon to 7:00 pm the day before the event (typically a Friday) for set-up, rehearsal etc.... Rehearsal time to be mutually agreed upon but typically between 5pm and 6pm.
- ➤ Clean-up access 9:00 AM 11:00 AM the day (typically Sunday) following your event. This provides the option & access to clean-up, pick-up personnel decor, rented items, bridal prep room clean-up etc... if this service is not provided by caterer or florist or third party rental company.
- Additional event time and access can be requested upon discussion and applicable to additional fees.

- There is no additional charge for holding ceremony onsite- Ceremonies onsite includes use of site, birch arbor or triangle arbor (or reasonable replacement) & seating for up to 130 for ceremony. Renter can elect to bring in a tent for the ceremony site or cocktail area at their own discretion and cost. A tent or other shade structure is strongly recommended in summer months when ceremony times start before 4:30 pm.
- Coordinator services are provided for your special day. Formal coordination services typically start 60 days before your special event but we are available to assist with planning questions throughout the time you book through hosting your special day at the Barn. Beyond being onsite for the event and running rehearsal our coordinators also provide pre-event calls to review vendor logistics, event timeline, floor plan, communicate with vendors directly on their needs, develop plan incremental weather plan, review ceremony décor layout and other general event logistics. Coordinators can be hired for detailed event décor set-up and clean-up if desired for an additional fee.
- Parking attendant for groups over 50 people
- Fire detail for groups over 50 people
- Luxury restroom trailer providing male and female designated stalls as well as family/handicap accessible facility.
- ➤ Use of the patio & fire pit area alongside the barn overlooking the bog (weather permitting). Fire pit and attendant provided for 1 hour, additional fire wood and attendant time subject to additional fees and agreement by Venue.
- Use of locally custom built farmhouse styles tables along with rustic style chairs for up to 130 people for reception.
- Additional custom built pieces including benches, dessert tables etc available onsite.
- > Use of onsite unique vintage and rustic decorations
- Additional items can be rented including fully restored vintage 1933 pick-up truck, white vintage tractor. Wagon rides around the bogs also available (weather dependent.)

## Renters are responsible for;

- Selecting a licensed & insured cater from our preferred catering & bartending list (attached) or renters' choice (subject to an orientation and convenience fee) noting that The Barn on Bensons Pond as part of a working farm is committed to utilizing and collaborating with other local produce and protein producers. We are happy to coordinate directly with your caterer, florist, and bartender etc...to accommodate your menu preferences. Feel free to check out our sister farm Bogside Acres for more information of products and proteins we grow.
- > Selecting their preferred Florist, DJ, photographer, officiant, and other vendors noting we are happy to provide recommendations based on wedding vision and budget.

#### Other Notes:

- Subject to growing conditions, weather etc....events held on weekends between Oct 1st and Nov 1st may see some form of cranberry harvest in process!
- The barn is an original rustic building. Events hosted at the barn typically include a blend of indoor and outdoor aspects. While we do have cooling and heating measures installed with the bridal prep rooms, restroom trailer and reception area we do suggest that couples consider their event ceremony/start time and the time of year and possible exterior temperature and weather.

## Site & Barn Rental Fees for Event Dates during 2024

Prices listed are effective for events booked through August 30th 2023

(Plus any applicable local tax) BUT not subject to an additional management/administrative fee.

May 1st to Oct 26st 2024

- For events with under 50 guests \$9,000
- For Events with 50 100 guests \$11,000
- For events with 100 130 guests \$12,000

November 1 – 9th 2024

- For events with under 50 guests \$8,000
- For events with 50 100 guests \$10,000

To secure the Barn on Bensons Pond for your event an initial non-refundable initial payment of \$2,000 along with a signed contract is required. Reminder of balance due 2 weeks before event date with final event head count. Partial payments prior to the due date are allowed if preferred by the renter.

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#### **Preferred Catering List - 2024**

For events hosted at the Barn in 2024 we request that couples utilize one of our preferred caterers & bartenders for their event.

This list of caterers has provided the level of quality, service and experience on numerous occasions which meets the expectations we have here at the Barn.

If you feel strongly about utilizing a caterer or bartender off this list we are happy to work with you and your vendor preference, a \$250 orientation & convenience fee will apply for vendors not currently on the list.

### **Full Service Catering:**

**Keanne's Wood Fired** - Delicious smoked meats and seasonally sourced sides! With Keane's Full Service Catering we bring everything that we need for the menu we agree to and do all the set-up and clean-up for the services we provide. Our friendly & helpful staff make sure you can enjoy your event so you and your guests will be sure to have a legendary experience! Their goal is to provide a legendary experience. You can view our current menu offerings on our website, we offer a range of options for passed appetizers, stationary services, as well as family style and bar services. Starting in 2023 they can also provide add on rehearsal dinner and favor options. (401) 480-1282 Keane's Wood Fired

**Tasty Rays** - Mansfield MA - Ray - great reasonably priced and delicious buffet option and Ray has a great eye for planning details. Ray does not provide bartending services at this time. (508)-339-0938

http://www.tastyrays.com/

**Cranberry Vine Catering** - Pembroke, MA - Kathryn and her team provide a totally customized menu typically served buffet or family style. Her team can also provide bartending services for beverages you supply.

781-424-0653

Cranberry Vine Catering & Events - Home

**Alden Park Catering** - Plymouth MA - A full mobile kitchen/food truck, Alden Park can handle your event from plated to buffet, bartending and beyond. Brian Gratton, their event manager, is excellent to work with and the whole team is a pleasure to have. (508) 830-6777

Alden Park Weddings

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**Fireside Grille - Middleboro, MA** - Kelly and her team provide excellent service for a reasonably priced but delicious buffet. Their main restaurant is also conveniently located near several hotels and a great option for rehearsal dinner.

<u>Catering & Banquets Menus - The Fireside Grille | Voted Best Family Restaurant located in Middleboro, MA easily accessed from Rt 495, Rt 44 and Rt 18</u>

**The Chef's Table - Marshfield, MA** - Excellent planning services as well as wide ranging menu options as well as customizable bar options.

781-826-3320

The Chef's Table: Event Planning | United States

#### Pizza / Food Truck

**Blazen Hearth** - Mobile Pizza Truck - including dessert pizzas! 508.918.3040

http://www.blazinghearthpizza.com/

**Local Motion Food Truck** - A Middleboro favorite, providing fresh and exciting menu options. 508-245-6275

https://localmotionfood.com/

**Pizza Barbone** - Cape Cod - very cool mobile pizza oven, they can also do mobile bar trailer. (508) 957-2377

**CATERING** — Pizza Barbone / Cocktail Barbone

#### **Charcuterie**

**Main Ingredient** - Middleboro MA - beautiful and fresh spreads for cocktail hour. Great for use in conjunction with a food truck or other limited service caterer.

https://www.facebook.com/mainingredient9/

For caterers who do not provide bartending services, or for those who do not elect to utilize the caterers bartending services our preferred Bartending Vendors are as follows;

**Bartending Service of New England** - Middleboro MA - Bill and his team provide great customized and reasonably priced service. Offering consumption bar, cash bar and open bar options.

Wedding / Event Inquiry - Bartending Service of New England

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**Tap Truck New England** - has been a favorite at the Barn, You may wish to request that they staff up as lines during peak service. This vendor does not typically take their trash or clear tables during the event so an additional fee would be inquired if this is not designated to another vendor such as catering.

https://www.taptruckne.com/events

Other boutique bar services are welcome, review of our requirements and understanding of their service level including trash, clearing, electrical and other needs should be reviewed with the Barn on Bensons Pond before signing a contract.