



Deer Creek Valley Ranch

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Frequently Asked Questions

The A-Z of Deer Creek Valley Ranch

Access: You will have access to the Ranch for 11 hours. From 1 pm until midnight on Friday and Saturday (clean-up begins at 11 pm), and from noon until 11 pm Sunday through Thursday during your event (clean-up begins at 10 pm). This time-frame includes setup and clean-up. You also have two-hours where you can bring your photographer out for an engagement photo session prior to your wedding day. Because we host several events and tours, we can only accommodate planned visits, so all visits must be scheduled with the venue manager ahead of time.

Accommodations: We have on-site accommodations for...

- up to 20 people at the Homestead House
- the wedding couple only at the Homestead Honeymoon Suite
- the wedding couple only at the Barn Honeymoon Cottage

Alcohol: At Deer Creek Valley Ranch we work exclusively with the amazing team at Peak Beverage. Peak Beverage will supply your alcohol as well as glassware, ice, mixers, bar fruit, etc. They can tailor your bar to suit your tastes as well as your budget. If you work for a brewery or distillery, please talk to Peak about incorporating your brand into their packages. Deer Creek Valley Ranch does not allow BYOB, as we do not have a liquor license. Just ask, and Peak will assign you a mixologist/ sommelier to tailor the bar experience to compliment your menu, or craft a custom cocktail to amaze your guests! Group tastings at Peak Beverage are free of charge, a private tasting will incur a fee based on the number of guests and day of the week.

Audio/Visual: The Barn is equipped with a large flat-screen TV on the main floor that can be set up to play a slideshow of jpegs or an MP4 during your event.

Booking Fee: There is a \$1,000 fully refundable Booking Fee due at the time of booking. Assuming no damage occurs above the normal wear and tear, your deposit will be returned within 30 days of the event.

Ceremony Times: Couples always ask us what time they need to have their ceremony, and it is completely up to you! When planning your ceremony, you want to keep your vendor hours in mind, unless you are open to purchasing additional vendor time. Let's look at a Saturday wedding:

- 1:00 Arrive at Ranch to get ready
- 3:00 First Look or wedding party pictures. Caterers arrive 2 hours before ceremony to begin setup. (Most catering packages are 9 hours, with 2 hours of setup and 1 hour of clean-up)
- 5:00 Ceremony
- 5:30 Cocktail hour (Peak 5 hour service package begins)
- 6:45 Dinner begins
- 7:30 Cake cutting, toasts, First Dances

- 8:00 Reception/dancing begins
- 10:30 Bar closes (end of your 5 hour bar package, and gives your guests an opportunity to drink some water or coffee before driving)
- 11:00 Grand Exit, party ends, caterers and venue staff begin clean-up

Remember - Colorado Summer sunsets are typically after 8:00pm, even as late as 9:00pm.

Children: We love hosting events with children, they are some of the cutest wedding guests around! Please keep in mind that we are a large Ranch with plenty of outdoor mountain terrain, including but not limited to: rocks, streams, ponds, horses, barbed wire fencing, wildlife, etc., so we ask that children are supervised at all times during your event for their safety and enjoyment.

Ceremony Locations:

Barn - Mountain Bridge Meadow (2023 only): The area known as the Mountain Meadow and Covered Bridge is a breathtaking location for a ceremony. It's nestled in the valley with Deer Creek flowing nearby and offers prime mountain views, and Deer Creek babbling nearby! However, there is no parking area located at this location, and it's too far to walk. Couples that elect to use this location need to provide transportation from the parking area to the ceremony site for their guests. There are many options for transportation to this location. Deer Creek Valley Ranch offers one complimentary shuttle and driver for up to 100 guests, with second and third shuttles for rent if you have more guests than that (helps speed up getting guests to the site). We can also supply you with a list of other transportation methods you can hire (like horse drawn wagons). All onsite transportation services will be required to submit a certificate of insurance. The Bridge does not have electricity, so your Dj will need to provide battery-operated equipment or a whisper generator with extension cords. If they do not have one, DCVR does have one available for rent.

Barn - Lakeside Gazebo: The area known as the Lakeside Gazebo is a gorgeous, romantic location for a ceremony. It sits, perched by a lake with mountain views off to the side! This location is a two-minute walk from the Barn, but guests who are unable to walk that distance may be driven to the site. The Lakeside Gazebo does have electricity for your DJ.

Homestead - Pine Cathedral: The Pine Cathedral is the perfect Colorado location for a ceremony. The ceremony platform is flanked by two large natural boulders and a semi-circle of pine trees. This location is a three-minute walk from the Homestead, but guests who are unable to walk that distance may be driven to the site. The Pine Cathedral does not have electricity, so your Dj will need to provide battery-operated equipment or a whisper generator with extension cords. If they do not have a generator, DCVR does have one available for rent.

Décor and Equipment: We want you to decorate your wedding to match your vision for the day. We work hard to keep our Ranch, ceremony, cocktail, and reception sites in great shape for your event as well as future events.

- We do ask that we approve all décor items ahead of time, typically at your 30-Day Walk-Through.
- We don't allow any items to be nailed, screwed, stapled, or taped to our walls. We can discuss options with you at the time we approve of décor.
- We do not allow birdseed or rice at the ceremony locations.

- We do allow flower petals if they are real petals and only ivory or white (dark petals stain the flooring).
- Due to insurance restrictions, the Ranch does not supply any ladders or dollies.
- We don't have any extra storage spaces for decorations, so we ask that ALL décor items be brought in and removed on the day of your event.

Fire/Flame: Candles are allowed inside the reception venues as long as the flame is below the rim in a non-flammable container. We also encourage flameless/LED candles for décor at our outdoor locations. A unity candle at a ceremony can be used if the flame is contained (hurricane glass, etc.) S'more stations and Grills can be set-up by your caterer with the proper equipment and will be discussed at the walk-through. DCVR also has Fire Pits available for rent. No sparklers, smoke bombs, or open flames are allowed anywhere on the premises. The only exception is the Cold-Spark Fireworks provided exclusively by Lighting & Design by Scott.

First Look: First look has been a popular way to capture the photos of your "first moment" in a secluded setting, for just the two of you. This allows for more time to photograph your wedding party and the details before your guests arrive. This also allows you and your wedding party to enjoy the cocktail hour with your guests. Thus First Look has been written into our All-Inclusive timeline. For those who do NOT want to do First Look (and have ceremony earlier), this will incur an additional fee for the Vendor Dream Team to arrive earlier than their contracted timeline. Contact your planner for pricing.

Food: All food for your event will be provided by our exclusive caterer, Biscuits & Berries. They offer a variety of menus, with appetizers for cocktail hour, as well as an array of dinner choices. Your package includes a \$500 credit towards whatever desserts you prefer. The caterer provides all staffing necessary for set-up, preparation, service, and clean-up. Any outside food must be discussed with your Caterer in advance, as Colorado law holds them liable for any food served during an event they are hired for. Your dedicated catering representative will assist with any menu-related questions, and they are equipped to accommodate guests with various food restrictions. A group tasting at the Ranch is complimentary, a private tasting will incur a fee based on the menu, number of guests, and date. Final guest count is due 14 days prior to the wedding.

Games: At our Fireside Patio and Homestead Hearth sites, we offer a built-in games area with steer roping, corn hole, and ladder golf, Giant Jenga, and Giant Connect-4. You are welcome to bring in additional games for your guests to enjoy!

HoneyBook Payments: All payments for venue fees and ancillary items are processed through an online service called HoneyBook. When your initial payment is due, HoneyBook will send you an invoice and you add a payment method. At that time, you can either select to have that card auto-charged when your next payment is due or be invoiced. For later payments, if you want to use an alternate form of payment, click the '+ new card' button if you already have a card listed on file. If you don't, simply click the link for 'Pay by credit card' and you can add the card that way.

Insurance: We want to ensure that our clients are not held liable for any property damage or bodily injury that may occur during an event. That is why we purchase a liability coverage policy for each of our All-Inclusive clients.

Inventory: Included in your rental are outdoor ceremony chairs as well as tables and chairs for your reception. All our reception tables and banquet chairs are intended for indoor use only.

We offer:

The Barn Venue with, The Fireside Patio, The Lakeside Gazebo or Mountain Bridge Meadow:

- 180 White folding ceremony chairs (outdoor use at ceremony sites)
- 18 Five-foot round tables (indoor use only)
- 6 Six-foot rectangle table (indoor use only)
- 180 Banquet chairs (indoor use only)
- 5 Tall cocktail tables (indoor or directly outside on the Barn deck/Fireside patio)

The Homestead Venue with the Homestead Tent, Pine Cathedral, The Hearth and Duke's Terrace:

- Pine benches at ceremony sites
- 14 Five-foot round tables (indoor use only)
- 6 Six-foot rectangle table (indoor use only)
- 140 Banquet chairs (indoor use only)
- 5 Tall cocktail tables (indoor or directly outside on The Hearth and Dukes Terrace)

Labor: Relax and enjoy your special day! Our "Dream Team" Vendors will provide the staff for set-up and clean-up for your event, and any fees for trash removal will be included in their quotes. We typically recommend setting your ceremony time to allow for 2 hours of set-up and 1 hour of tear down/clean up. Your wedding planner and coordinator may also offer additional services to help you with your gifts, décor, and other items on your big day!

Parking: We offer complimentary parking for you and your guests. Each reception venue has private parking lots. *ALL vehicles must be removed from the property by the end of your event.*

Pets: While our standard policy does not allow for pets unless a service animal, we routinely make exceptions for the ceremony. We realize that many guests would like a family pet to be part of the wedding, and they must be taken off-site after the ceremony, for their safety and comfort. We are happy to discuss your particular needs concerning pets. Please contact us to discuss your pet participating in your wedding day.

Postponement/Cancellation:

Please note that a request for postponement of a wedding date is treated as a cancellation of the original date, and thus the following cancellation policy also applies to a postponement:

- **Over 450 Days:** If the request for cancellation is received over 450 days prior to the Event date, the All-Inclusive Package Fee received by the Venue (hereinafter "Package Payment") and the \$1,000 Booking Fee, will be refunded to the Client, less any deposits paid to vendors, and less any fees for services already rendered by vendors (planning meetings, food tastings, etc.).
- **365-449 Days:** If the request for cancellation is received within 365-449 days of the event date, 50% of the Package Payment received by the Venue will be refunded to the Client, less the initial \$3,000 Deposit, the \$1,000 Booking Fee, and any additional fees for services already rendered by vendors (planning meetings, food tastings, etc.). The other 50% of the Venue Payment received will be retained by the Venue.
- **100-364 Days:** If the request for cancellation is received within 100-364 days of the event date, the Deposit, Booking Fee and 100% of the Package Payment will be retained by the Venue.

- **Less than 99 Days:** If the request for cancellation is received within 99 days of the event date, the Booking Fee and 100% of the Package Payment, plus any unpaid balance will be charged and retained by the Venue.

The Venue highly recommends that the Client purchase their own premium Cancellation/ Postponement/ Weather policy through www.EventSured.com, www.Wedsafe.com, or www.Wedsure.com. This is especially recommended for Value Season Clients and those serving in the military, as the Venue strictly adheres to the above Cancellation Policy. The Cancellation/ Postponement policy can be purchased by the Client at any time from either company, as it is separate and distinct from the Event Insurance Policy that the Venue will provide.

Rehearsal: DCVR couples may have an on-site 1-hour rehearsal, which can be arranged with the venue 30 days prior to the wedding date. If you need more than an hour, any additional time will be billed at \$450 per half-hour. Rehearsal time-frames are limited to Wednesdays 8 am-5 pm, Thursdays 8 am-11 am, or Fridays 8 am-11 am.

Many of our couples prefer to host an off-site rehearsal at the rehearsal dinner location or at the hotel where guests are staying. As part of your All-Inclusive package, your Prive coordinator will arrange and run the rehearsal. For the convenience of our couples, we have created an off-site rehearsal guide to assist with running the rehearsal away from the Ranch. The document contains a .pdf of the ceremony sites and walking distances and can be shared with your wedding party to make them comfortable with their role in your ceremony.

Rentals: You can work with your Planner to obtain any necessary rental items (china, linens, glassware, etc.) that are included in your package. You are also welcome to upgrade your rentals and pay the upcharge to Event Rents directly. If you own items you wish to bring in and use as décor, you may do so as long as you plan for removal of the items by the end of the event.

Smoking: The mountains of Colorado are beautiful and majestic with all the amazing Evergreen trees, Aspens, and other foliage. A forest fire is a terrible tragedy, and a very real concern for our Ranch nestled in the pines. We offer **designated** smoking areas for you and your guests. Smoking is prohibited everywhere on the Ranch, with the exception of the designated areas. Please help us keep the Ranch and surrounding forest safe!

Timing: We only host one wedding per Venue on your special day. While there may be two weddings occurring on the property at the same time, each venue has its own entrance, parking area, and facilities – there is no reason for the two weddings to interact.

Each of the Ceremony locations comes with a different set of logistics and timing components. We will discuss these in detail at your virtual Walk-Through. Please feel free to email us with any questions about timing and logistics during your planning.

Vendors: With the All-Inclusive package, we will introduce you to your designated Event Planner. Within your first meeting, you will be connected with your dedicated Vendor “Dream Team”. Share your Pinterest board and see how their florals and unlimited catalog of decor can match your vision. Pick the menu that makes your mouth water the most. Connect with your DJ and start planning the party. Review your timeline, pick your colors, add your personal touches, and customize your day to uniquely reflect you. Rest easy knowing that with the big decisions handled, all that’s left is to enjoy your engagement!

Walk-Through Appointment: This is perhaps the most important component of your event; second only to your wedding day! Approximately 30-days prior to your event, we will schedule a virtual Walk-Through appointment. This meeting typically lasts 1 hour, and will be conducted

virtually. Any of your wedding vendors may “attend”, however, only you and your wedding planner are required to participate. We will cover all final details, guest count, set-up, time-lines, and answer any outstanding questions. This is how we help create a smooth and enjoyable day for you and your guests.

Weather: The high mountains of Colorado are subject to the ever-changing weather patterns. Outdoor ceremony sites can be tented if you desire. Our preferred rental company, Event Rents, has pre-measured our ceremony locations and can provide you with a tent for back-up in the event of inclement weather (must be reserved a minimum of 10 days prior to the wedding). At the Barn, for weddings that are 100 guests or smaller, our indoor Loft space inside the barn is a perfect rain back-up plan, while larger ceremonies can be hosted on the main floor. For the Homestead, ceremonies can be held inside the Tent. Some couples provide their guests with clear umbrellas, sunscreen, hand-held fans, sunglasses, and blankets, depending on what their weather concerns may be. You may also rent our fire pits, or Event Rents has other options for outdoor heating, as well as tables with umbrellas if you want to have your cocktail hour in a meadow, and are concerned about shade.

Wedding Planner: The unsung heroes of the wedding day... Our large venue has many logistics and details, and the vendors need to be coordinated to ensure a smooth and successful wedding. This is why we provide a professional full-service planner to ensure a fantastic and stress-free day. A well-planned and well-executed wedding day is truly the best gift you can give yourself!

We look forward to hosting your wedding! As always, contact us with any questions!