



CROWN LODGE

KENT

WEDDINGS







Woodland. Cosy. Rustic.

Welcome to Crown Lodge, Kent.

Our venue offers breathtaking views over the Kent Downs National Landscape, extending into Sussex. Nestled in the peaceful countryside near Ashford, Kent, the venue is surrounded by ancient woodland and vibrant wildflower meadows, providing a secluded, intimate space for weddings.

The Lodge is a versatile, perfectly sized venue with all wedding elements accommodated in a single room. It comfortably hosts up to 90 guests for the day, with an additional 50 guests welcomed for the evening reception. Upon entering Crown Lodge, couples are greeted by a rustic, romantic cabin that shines during summer weddings and offers a warm, inviting atmosphere for winter celebrations.



Stress Free Wedding Planning

From the moment you arrive for your first viewing, our team is here to make planning your wedding effortless and enjoyable.

We take the time to talk you through every option, tailoring each detail to suit your individual requirements so you can create a wedding day that truly reflects you both.

Once you book with us, you'll be allocated a dedicated and experienced Wedding Coordinator who will support you from start to finish — right through to collecting your belongings the day after your wedding.

You'll be invited in for regular planning meetings, where your coordinator will guide you through table plans, trusted suppliers, timings and all those finer details that bring your vision to life.

Our warm and cosy venue provides the perfect backdrop for creating a day that feels personal, relaxed, and beautifully organised. Between planning meetings, you're always welcome to visit with friends or family to share the excitement, or attend one of our wedding open days for inspiration and ideas.

With expert guidance, thoughtful support, and a genuine passion for your special day, we're here to ensure your wedding journey is as joyful and stress-free as the wedding itself.







What's included

at a glance

Exclusive use of our beautiful Lodge with panoramic views

Charming Woodland Gazebo and Gardens

Your very own Wedding Coordinator from your initial viewing through to the end of your first dance

An onsite Shepherd's Hut for peaceful moments together

A fully licensed, stocked and staffed bar from guests' arrival until the end of the evening

Choice of round Ivory clothed tables or rustic farmhouse trestle tables

Chiavari chairs to compliment your chosen table layout

Dance floor area lit with a fairy light canopy

The Lodge beautifully styled with festoon lighting.

Wireless microphone for speeches

Wooden log slice cake stand and silver cake knife

Wooden easels for displaying your welcome sign and table plan

Two wooden highchairs

Wooden Garden Games

Free onsite car parking,
with vehicles welcome to be left overnight



Ceremony

Say 'I do' in a way that suits you, whether it's a civil ceremony or a blessing.

At Crown Lodge we have two licensed ceremony spaces.

For outdoor ceremonies, our gazebo nestled in the woodland is an idyllic spot. It offers a serene and romantic setting.

For an indoor ceremony a warm space awaits offering ceiling to floor windows bringing in the natural light.







Key Moments

Setup

If there is no wedding or event taking place the day before your celebration, you are welcome to visit the venue to set up your personal touches, such as place cards, table décor, and signage.

Should there be an event the day prior, we will instead arrange a convenient decoration drop-off with you.

Our experienced team will carefully go through every detail with you in advance and will set everything up exactly as instructed, allowing you to relax in the knowledge that your venue will be beautifully prepared on the morning of your wedding.

Prior to Ceremony

Before your guests arrive, we ensure tables are perfect, the venue is polished, and liaise with all suppliers so everything runs smoothly and your wedding day unfolds exactly as planned.

Ceremony

Your Wedding Coordinator, together with the Crown Lodge team, will manage all music throughout your ceremony—from your guests' arrival to your exit song—ensuring every moment flows seamlessly.

Just before the ceremony begins, your coordinator will guide you into position, making sure your dress is perfectly fluffed and you're ready to wow as you walk down the aisle.

Post Ceremony

Once you are officially married, it's time for a magical confetti shower along our beautiful avenue of trees! Afterwards, your guests will be guided to the front of the Lodge, where your chosen drinks and canapés will be waiting, served.

While this celebration unfolds, our team will carefully move any décor from the ceremony and set it up for your wedding breakfast.



Wedding Breakfast

As the reception drinks flow, it's time for your first meal together as newlyweds. You will be introduced into the room (unless you prefer a private entrance), giving your guests the perfect moment to cheer and celebrate.

Once seated, our team will liaise with your caterers to ensure a smooth service throughout the meal, topping up drinks as needed so everyone stays refreshed.

Speeches

Whether you choose to have speeches before or after your Wedding Breakfast, we'll ensure the right people are prompted at the right time. A wireless microphone will be provided. Our team is also on hand to assist with distributing any gifts you've provided.

Evening Photos

Once the meal and speeches are complete, it's time to relax before the evening reception begins. Whether you choose to step away for those perfect golden sunset photos or simply sit back and enjoy more conversation with your loved ones, this is your moment to pause and soak it all in.

Cake Cutting & First Dance

Once your evening guests have arrived and settled in with a drink, your Wedding Coordinator will guide the flow of the evening by organising your cake cutting and first dance. Working closely with your chosen DJ or Band, these special moments will be perfectly timed.

After the cake cutting, our team will take the cake away, slice it, and display it for your guests to enjoy—while saving a portion for you to savour the following day.

Evening Food

Your Evening Duty Manager will coordinate with your caterer to ensure the evening food is served on time and runs smoothly, making sure all guests are happy and well-fed throughout the celebrations.

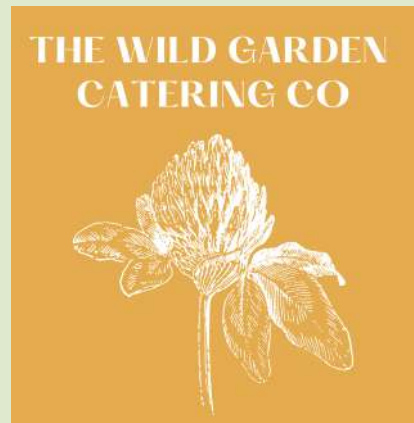
All that's left to do is Party the night away





Lets Eat

We have chosen to work along side Kents best Caterers, giving you a large trusted range of food options for your special day. Each caterer has unique specialities perfect for rustic weddings.



The Wild Garden Catering Co's concept is simple: use locally sourced ingredients that produce a carefully curated menu. Choose from one of the variety set menus or choose to have a personalised menu.

Alternatively, if you would like to make use of another caterer from our recommended caterer list you are more than welcome to.

We'll help you choose the right caterer for your event and provide all the information you need before starting the planning process.





Lets Drink



Drinks Packages

When planning your wedding with us, we'll guide you through the different drinks packages available.

From all-inclusive options covering those key moments of the day to pay as you go bar arrangements, our packages are designed to suit every couple's needs and budget.

With such a huge collection of drinks, you're guaranteed to please all your guests.



The Bar



Our fully stocked, licensed rustic bar is perfect for your guests to relax and enjoy a drink.

Open an hour before the ceremony, we work with a variety of suppliers to offer all the popular drinks along with a selection of locally made Kent wines, beers, ciders and ales.

Our bar is also equipped with spirits, hot drinks and a fantastic selection of cocktails and mocktails ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.





Through the seasons

Spring

Fresh, green & blooming

The Woodland awakens. As trees and woodland floor plants start to leaf out and bloom, the approach through the tree-lined avenue feels fresh and vibrant.

Surrounding meadows and woodland edges come alive with pops of colour from early wildflowers. Perfect for outdoor ceremony photos. As light becomes softer, longer days and gentler sunlight bring a romantic glow to both outdoor and indoor celebrations.

Summer

Lush, warm & vibrant

Meadows are in full bloom: Wildflower meadows and greenery around the venue are at their peak colour and texture, adding beauty to photos.

The Golden light & long days: Sunsets stretch late, giving spectacular golden light for portraits against the rolling fields and forever Kent Downs. Outdoor celebration with the warm weather makes the woodland gazebo and lawn areas ideal for ceremonies, drinks and garden style receptions. The vibe: Bright, celebratory and alive. Perfect for open-air romance and big group photos in natural surroundings.

Autumn

Rich, warm & textured

The Turning colours: Woodlands and hedgerows slowly shift into deep golds, russets and browns, giving a classic English autumn palette that looks beautiful on camera.

Some meadows and wild areas retain late-season blooms and grasses that add soft texture and depth to landscapes.

As temperatures dip, our indoor space with festoon lights and warm décor feel extra inviting — great for twilight celebrations.



Winter

Crisp, atmospheric & cosy

The Bare branches: Without leaves, the woodland takes on a minimalist, architectural beauty. If there's frost or light mist, it can be incredibly atmospheric. The warm interior glow: Inside the lodge, lighting, logs and decorative warmth take centre stage — giving a cosy, intimate feel perfect for winter weddings.

Stay Local

Within just a very short drive of our venue, there's a wide selection of local accommodation recommended by us. For larger family and friend groups there are nearby chain hotels, while those seeking something more intimate can enjoy charming Airbnb options such as cottages or shepherd's huts.

These accommodations are perfect for staying the night before, getting ready on the morning of your wedding, and relaxing after your celebrations.

Why not make a mini getaway out of it and enjoy more than just your wedding day?



Wedding Props

We have a popular prop hire service providing trending decor items. This sustainable initiative allows couples to rent rather than buy, reducing waste and offering affordable alternatives.

Including:

Wooden Table Numbers

Wicker Table Lamps

Coloured Table Runners

Milk Churns

Vintage Rugs

Table plan boards

We are constantly adding new items. For more information of what we offer please bring up the full list on the wedding page.





Saying Goodbye

Sadly once we come to the end of your magical day and we have said goodbye to your family and friends we will help you depart to your chosen accommodation.

At the end of the evening all your belongings are carefully gathered, packed and prepared for you to collect the following morning.

The following morning we are on hand to assist you. Any food that needs to be kept chilled will be kept refrigerated over night.

All cars left in the car park are to be collected the following morning.



Our Service

Nothing is too much and we love going above and beyond. You will be looked after by our dedicated team that only have one mission:-

To make your day the best day of your life!

So come along, have a tour, ask us lots of questions and receive a personal quote for your dream day.

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