



CHERRY BASKET FARM

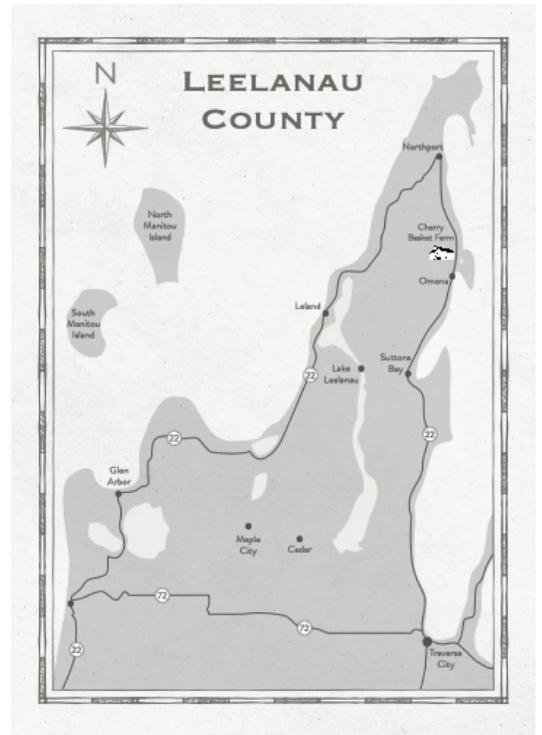
WEDDINGS | 2024 - 2025

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in Cherry Basket Farm, an exquisite wedding and event venue that encourages you to curate your celebration, your way.

OUR LOCATION

- 📍 30 minutes north of Traverse City, Michigan
- 📍 Expertly updated historic ten-acre property
- 📍 Voted “Barn of the Year” by the Michigan Barn Restoration Network
- 📍 Exclusively yours during your celebration



WHO WE ARE

HISTORY

Cherry Basket Farm has been an iconic property in Omena, Michigan, for more than a hundred years. It has a storied history, starting as a horse farm, transforming into a producer of fresh cherries, and then becoming a place where locals gathered and celebrated in its historic barns. Our barns are on the National Registry of Historic Places.

CELEBRATION

Cherry Basket Farm is one of the area's most desired event venues. We host a select number of events each year, welcoming people who seek to create a wedding experience that allows them to express their love for each other and this special place.

CURATED EVENTS

We encourage building a team that can produce your special day and can guide you to the area's most talented chefs, cocktail masters, musicians, floral artists and event experts. Leelanau's talent pool is vast, our food and wine are local, and our people are kind.

NATURAL BEAUTY

Cherry Basket Farm is restoring the property's woodland areas with wildlife and climate resilience in mind. We want every couple to feel connected to our farm and its vision. By having your wedding here, you are helping us develop our farm and demonstrate practices that promote a healthy, local ecosystem and support nonprofits that do the same.





SITE FEE PRICING

Ceremony and Celebration \$6,500
Rehearsal Dinner Add-on \$1,500

2-hour Ceremony Rehearsal included
Native “wedding tree” planting included

DATES

Official season is Late May – Early October
We host only one wedding per weekend

Fall dates book early
Prime summer is generally July 15 - Aug 15

To help create a flawless day, we would love to help you put together the perfect vendor team. We welcome both local talent and planners who focus on destination events.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ✈ Maximum Guest Count 150
- ✈ Guests counts above 100 are required to tent the Main Lawn
- ✈ Event planner is required; day-of-event coordination only is *not* permitted
- ✈ Transportation shuttles are highly recommended
- ✈ Day prior and day after access included; event end time 10pm (local township regulation)

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CEREMONY SITES + EVENT SPACES

Cherry Basket Farm offers multiple ceremony sites, including new ones couples create when they find their own “perfect spot.” We encourage creative installations and dramatic entrances to make the most of our venue.

Our recommended sites include the Shade Lawn, a tree-lined area nestled in the cool, shady hub of the farm that offers a green backdrop and dappled light for ceremonies. A second Longview Lawn faces distant orchards and the former farmstand, providing a centralized, flat area with expansive views.

Ceremony Site Takeaways:

-  Outdoors
-  900-1,300 square feet
-  Accommodate up to 150
-  A former farmstand offers multiple uses, including for signing your marriage license

THE UPPER BARN

With its two-story vaulted ceiling and generous 1650 square feet, the Upper Barn beautifully accommodates up to 100 guests for dinner and entertainment or can be transformed into a large dance floor with room for lounges and stations for cake-cutting and dessert.

THE LOWER BARN

The farm’s original barn offers classic, stone-inspired rustic charm. With views overlooking the Main Lawn, farm fields and neighboring cherry orchard, it is an ideal place for observing the golden hour light over the farm fields and the perfect setting for a cocktail bar for large events or an intimate, family-style rehearsal dinner.

THE MAIN LAWN

Perfectly situated to link to the entry of the Lower Barn, our flat, grassy tenting site is the ideal location for meal service when guest counts exceed 100. Enabling three distinct gathering spaces to be seamlessly connected regardless of weather, couples often pair this outdoor experience with cocktails in the Lower Barn followed by dancing and revelry in the Upper Barn.



ADDITIONAL TAKEAWAYS

The Upper Barn

- ✦ Indoors
- ✦ The largest building on the property at 1650 square feet
- ✦ Accommodates up to 100 guests for a seated dinner
- ✦ Can be transformed into a large dance floor plus lounges
- ✦ Includes dedicated Band/DJ electric outlets

The Lower Barn

- ✦ Indoors
- ✦ 450 square feet
- ✦ Accommodates up to 30 guests for a seated dinner
- ✦ Can be transformed into a cocktail area or lounge
- ✦ Includes running water, power outlets for pendant lights, and two infrared heaters

The Main Lawn

- ✦ Outdoors
- ✦ Accommodates up to 150 guests
- ✦ Fantastic option for tenting site with orchard views
- ✦ Includes access to catering service areas, running water, and electricity



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WHAT IS INCLUDED

VENUE

- Exclusive use 10:00 am to 10:00 pm
- Day prior access 12:00 pm to 5:00pm
- Day after access 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- On-site accessible restrooms
- Parking
- Back-up generator
- Solo stove and patio heaters (2)
- Dedicated area for your event team
- Day-of venue coordinator and staff

DECOR

- Natural wood, cream-padded chairs for up to 150
- Ceremony arch
- Variety of lawn games
- High-tops for cocktail hour (5)
- 24" and 30" bistro tables (5)
- 60" round tables for reception (5)
- Wooden tables for cake cutting and gifts
- Cocktail bar in the for Lower Barn
- Silver or Ivory drapery for barn entrances
- Lanterns for evening lighting and walkways
- Hardwood floors in the Upper Barn
- Portable sound system for ceremony or tent speeches
- Ambient lighting in both Barns

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Tent rentals
- Reception tables, tabletop items and linens
- Additional lighting
- Food, alcohol, service, and bartending
- Alcohol service licenses
- Additional talent: floral, music
- Required insurance

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: HOW LONG IS OUR RENTAL? WHAT IS YOUR EVENT END TIME?

Your rental of Cherry Basket Farm begins at 10am and ends at 10pm on your ceremony day. Your rental is exclusive. The farm hosts one wedding per weekend. *(Please note: Our rental start and end times are regulated by Leelanau township. As such, event end times are not negotiable.)*

Q: WHAT IS THE TIMING FOR A CEREMONY REHEARSAL?

A two-hour ceremony rehearsal can be hosted the day prior to your wedding. All rehearsals must be completed by 5pm.

Q: WHAT IS THE RAIN PLAN?

The Upper Barn serves as an excellent ceremony site during inclement weather, especially when paired with a tented dinner that enables the barn to be reset for a reception.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY GUIDELINES CONCERNING OPEN FLAME?

Due to the historic nature of our barns, absolutely no open flame is permitted in, or near, any buildings. We permit flameless battery-powered candles. Outdoors, you may use candles, and will need them to be in votives, hurricanes or lanterns. We do not permit wish lanterns, fireworks, sparklers or any other item that may jeopardize our historic buildings.

Q: ARE PETS PERMITTED?

We love pets, but we will need to have a conversation about any animal you want to include. All pets require pre-approval before being permitted on the farm and arrangements must be made to ensure your pet's safety before and after the ceremony. Please note, dogs must remain accompanied and leashed at all times and are not permitted inside buildings unattended. Pets are permitted on site for a maximum of two (2) hours.

Q: ARE WE ABLE TO LIVESTREAM OUR WEDDING?

Yes. We have strong Internet service at the farm with upload speeds generally over thirty (30) Mbps. We provide one tripod and highly recommend investing in a professional livestreaming service that can produce your event remotely. Cherry Basket Farm does not guarantee Internet connectivity during your event.

Q: WHERE DOES THE CATERER SET UP?

Caterers use a cook tent area beside the Main Lawn and may use a portion of the Lower Barn for plating and service. New caterers are approved on a case-by-case basis and must make a required pre-event site visit to the farm. Any use of the site by the caterer is covered by the event security deposit.

Q: WHEN CAN WE START SETTING UP? WHEN DOES EVERYTHING NEED TO BE REMOVED?

You and your event planner will have access to Cherry Basket Farm starting at 12pm the day prior to your event; if vendors are making deliveries that day, your event planner must be on site to direct them. Tents may be installed up to 2 days prior to your event. The day of your event, your wedding planner has early access, starting at 8am.

After your event, décor and personal items must be removed / picked-up by 12pm the day after your event. Additional fees may be applied against the security deposit for late pick-ups. Tents must be removed the next business day following your event, ideally Sunday, occasionally a Monday.

Q: DO YOU HAVE PARKING?

Yes, we have parking for up to 80 vehicles in the farm field south of the farm. Guests must then walk to barns (about 5 minutes). We reserve 10 parking spaces for vendors. For all events, we highly encourage shuttles for both safety and out of town guests unfamiliar with Leelanau's roads.

Q: HOW WILL MY WEDDING HELP CONSERVATION?

We want every couple to feel connected to our farm and its vision. As part of our climate-informed conservation efforts, we offer the option to plant a young native tree either during your ceremony rehearsal or first look photo session. We prepare everything, then tag your tree with your names and date. Cherry Basket Farm couples are welcome back in the years ahead to visit "their tree."

On the hillside rolling down from M-22, we have installed a new orchard where we are testing the viability of hazelnuts, a new Midwest crop, that should thrive in our climate – even as it changes – and does not require spraying. We otherwise model wildlife friendly and regenerative land management.

Q: WHAT ELSE IS REQUIRED?

Clients enter into a venue rental agreement with Cherry Basket Partners, LLC, which sets forth insurance requirements, fees, security deposits and other terms.

All vendors must be licensed and insured. Alcohol must be served by a licensed caterer with bartending service or by a separate, licensed and insured bartending service. Your event planner must provide us with proof of insurance for all vendors sixty (60) days prior to your event.

While clients may supply caterers and bartending services with purchased alcohol, event hosts and guests may not pour or serve alcohol.



A NOTE FROM THE OWNERS

We are privileged to steward Cherry Basket Farm and share it with others. We always wanted to “get married on land that we loved” but didn’t think it would happen until, in a twist of fate, we found the farm and live-streamed our own exchange of vows here in October 2020.

We share a deep passion for protecting natural areas, wildlife habitat, and working lands for future generations. For us, Cherry Basket Farm is a place to build community, host celebrations, and support land conservation.

We welcome couples looking for a venue that shares their values. Together, let’s create a day filled with memories that exceed your expectations.

— Alena and Andrew

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