



CHERRY BASKET FARM

WEDDINGS | 2023

WELCOME TO



CHERRY BASKET FARM

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

Located on the Leelanau Peninsula just 30 minutes north of Traverse City, Michigan, the historic ten-acre property has been expertly updated for hosting events and is exclusively yours during your celebration.

Our barns are on the National Registry of Historic Places, our gardens have expansive views, and our woodland areas are being restored with wildlife and climate resilience in mind. These attributes make Cherry Basket Farm one of the area's most desired wedding venues.

We welcome people who seek to create a wedding experience that allows them to express their love for each other *and* this special place.

Each year, Cherry Basket Farm hosts a select number of unique celebrations that set the bar for elegance, beauty and meaning. The following pages describe the options that Cherry Basket Farm offers to express your creativity.

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.

We hope you are inspired to create an unforgettable event. We invite you to become part of the farm's storied history and its future as a model of abundance and sustainability.



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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. Our focus is blending beautiful aesthetics with shared values. We are a supportive space for all unions and all traditions. For events, we encourage partnerships with Leelanau’s talented creative community, which is filled with professionals able to craft and deliver memorable events in one of the peninsula’s most remarkable settings.”

— *Alena and Andrew*

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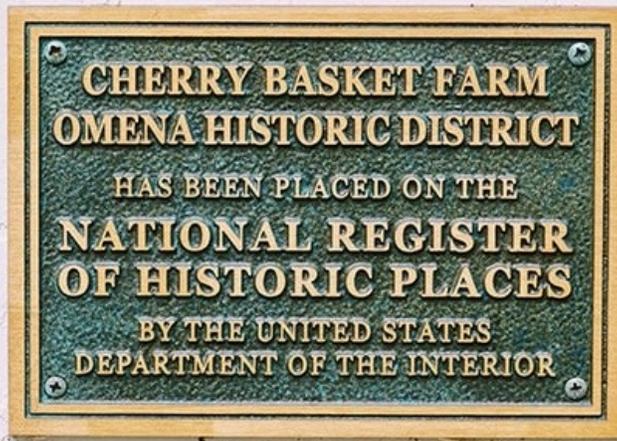


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Event & Ceremony Spaces





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. Reverberating with northern Michigan's proud heritage of cherry production, the barn's rooftop cupola, gorgeous restored floors and vintage signs capture the charm of a time past, while also featuring modern updates. Dedicated Band/DJ electric outlets and an interior stairwell lend themselves to seamless events.



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, many couples opt to style this as a pre- or post-ceremony cocktail area. It is an ideal place for observing the golden hour light over the farm fields and the perfect setting for an intimate, family-style celebration or rehearsal dinner. This 450-square-foot weather-protected space also makes a great ceremony spot for up to 75 guests. The space has running water, ambient string lighting and four power outlets for pendant lights, as well as two ceiling infrared heaters.



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 are 100 or more.

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. Catering teams have access to service areas, running water, and power.

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THE SHADE LAWN

Nestled in the cool, shady hub of the farm, our tree-lined 900-square-foot lawn offers a green backdrop and dappled light for ceremonies and al fresco dining.

We encourage creative installations and dramatic entrances to make the most of this site.

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THE LONG VIEW and THE POND VIEW

Starting in 2023, new ceremony sites are available for couples looking to further customize their experience. The Long View lawn offers expansive views from the heart of the farm towards meadows, orchards and woodlands. With the farm's central buildings nearby, it is highly accessible and convenient. Adventurous couples looking to make full use of the property may choose the Pond View ceremony site, which invites guests to fully experience the farm's fields, spring-fed pond and orchard views.



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A romantic wedding photograph of a bride and groom. The bride is wearing a white, sleeveless wedding dress with a long, flowing veil that extends to the ground. The groom is wearing a dark navy blue suit with a white shirt and a boutonniere. They are standing on a grassy lawn, embracing and looking at each other. In the background, there is a white wooden barn with a window, and lush green foliage and trees are visible. The scene is bathed in soft, natural light.

Your Wedding

SITE FEE PRICING

2023 Celebrations

	Shoulder Season Before June 15 & After September 30	High Season June 15 until September 30	Holidays Memorial Day, July Fourth & Labor Day Weekends
Ceremony and Celebration	\$4,750	\$6,000	\$6,500
Rehearsal Dinner Add-on	\$1,000	\$1,150	\$1,300
Ceremony Rehearsal	included	included	included

For elopement ceremonies and intimate weddings of 50 guests or fewer, please inquire about pricing.

Maximum Guest Count 150. Please note, guests counts above 100 are required to tent the Main Lawn. Guests counts above 150 must be approved.

	Recommended For	And for...	Inclusion in Site Fee
Upper Barn	dinner for up to 100 dancing & revelry	ceremonies in inclement weather	included
Lower Barn	bar & lounge area	dinners for 24-40	included
Main Lawn	tented dinner for up to 150	lawn games	included
Shade Lawn	ceremonies	al fresco dining	included
Long View	ceremonies	cocktails	included
Pond View	ceremonies	photo sessions	set up fees apply

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PLANT A TREE



We want every couple to feel connected to our farm and its vision. As part of our climate-informed conservation efforts, we are planting native trees and shrubs to create thriving wildlife habitats. For each couple, we offer the option to plant a small, seedling tree either the day of the ceremony rehearsal or as part of your celebration or photo session.

This offering is included with hopes that planting a tree for the future will enhance your ties to northern Michigan and bring additional meaning to your day. Thanks to your choice to be married at Cherry Basket Farm, we are also able to support local and national land conservation efforts.

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Included For Your Special Day

Facilities and Team

- Day before: 3pm-5pm rehearsal access
- Day of: 10am-10pm exclusive farm use
- Day after: 9am -12pm for pick up

- Historic Upper Barn and Lower Barn
- Various ceremony sites
- “Love Shack” for marriage certificate signing or dressing quarters
- Storage area for planners
- Restrooms: one single, one double
- Parking for guests (70) and vendors (10)

- Property coordinator to assist vendors
- Farm staff to assist with guest parking



Equipment

- Chairs, natural wood, cream-padded, (150) for ceremony, includes set up/breakdown
- Up to (200) additional chairs for reception, set up *not* included
- Ceremony arch, choice of two (2)
- Variety of lawn games
- High-tops for cocktail hour (5)
- Wooden bar, Lower Barn only
- Tables, 60” round, Upper Barn (5)
- Table for cake cutting
- Table for gifts
- Ambient lighting in both Barns
- Coat racks
- Garment steamer

Photo: (Left) Carrie House Photography (Right) Dan Stewart Photography

Celebrations





Late Spring

Jenna & Brandon

Photos: Alicia Frances Photography

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Summer

Kate & Kevin

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Early Fall

Tiange & Jake

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Creative Partners



To help create a flawless day, we would love to help you put together the perfect vendor team. Please begin with finding an event planner. Day-of-event coordination only is not permitted; vendors not listed below require pre-approval.

Event Planners

Conradie Event Design
Juniper and Lace Events
Orchestrated Grace
Sarah Rhodes Boyce Weddings

Photographers

Alicia Frances Photography
Allen-Kent Photo
Carrie House Photography
Josh Hartman Photography
Kyle John Photography
Meg Van Kampen Studios

Catering & Bar

(approved for commercial kitchen use)
Island Thyme Catering
Forrest, A Food Studio *(smaller events)*
Sugar2Salt
Bubbles and Brews
Tonic and Lime

Local Florists

(able to provide foam-free floral)
Bittersweet & Co.
Field of Flowers North
Forget Me Not Florist
Sweetwater Floral

Local Cider & Wine

(wineries supporting farmland conservation)
45 North Vineyard & Winery
Mawby Vineyards & Winery
Green Bird Organic Cellars
Tandem Ciders

Table Décor & Tenting

Event Theory
307 Events

Transportation

Blue Lakes by the Bay
Magic Shuttle Bus

Additional Decor & Styling

Ampersand Lettering Lab
Serradella Styling

Food Trucks & Treats

The Northport Union
Aunt B's Cakes and Desserts
The Flour Shop

Livestreaming

LoveStream

Waste Management

Bay Area Recycling for Charities



Guidelines

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.

Ceremony start times generally range from 3pm-5pm. We welcome consideration of morning and daytime celebrations. 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 TRADITIONS MAY WE ADD TO OUR CEREMONY?

We are a supportive space for all unions and all couples. Additionally, we encourage celebrations that express diverse traditions and encourage you to kiss, jump the broom, break glass, have a tea ceremony or add other meaningful moments.

Q: DO YOU REQUIRE A WEDDING PLANNER?

Yes, we require clients to hire a professional event planner. The need for full or partial coordination will depend on the size and complexity of your event. The planner must be among our Creative Partners or otherwise be pre-approved. All planners are required to conduct two calls with farm staff prior to your event.

Q: IS STAFF INCLUDED IN THE WEDDING RENTAL?

As venue owners and operators, we focus on preparing the property for your wedding and assisting vendors the day of your event. Your event planner will serve as the primary problem-solver, but we will be on site and available to brainstorm situations from beginning to end.

Q: DO YOU HAVE RESTROOMS?

Yes. Cherry Basket Farm has two public restrooms that can be labeled as gender neutral upon request. Vendors and event staff have access to a separate restroom facility.

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 Upper Barn to be reset for a reception.

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Q: DO YOU ALLOW DECORATIONS?

Of course. We are all about creating a customized experience. We welcome decorations, flowers, draping and lighting. We do not allow anything permanent to be applied to the walls or buildings, or that will cause damage such as nailing into the walls or drilling into the driveway, furniture or floors. We suggest zip ties to secure decor items.

We permit loose flower petals and seeds. We do not permit rice, confetti, released balloons or any other item that may be damaging to wildlife or the environment.

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 lanterns lit with flameless battery-powered candles. We do not permit wish lanterns, fireworks, sparklers or any other item that may jeopardize our historic buildings. If you choose to use candles outdoors, we require that they are in votives, hurricanes or lanterns.

Q: ARE TENTS INCLUDED IN YOUR PRICING?

Your tent is a major design element. Rather than restrict you, we can direct you to the area's top vendors able to provide a wide variety of tenting options and sizes so that your vision is customized. Our list of Creative Partners includes vendors who know the farm; other rental companies require pre-approval and must make a pre-event site visit to Cherry Basket Farm to learn safety and installation protocols.

Q: ARE PETS PERMITTED?

We love pets, but we will need to have a conversation about any animal you want to include in your ceremony. 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.

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: WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC IS PERMITTED?

The Upper Barn accommodates dance bands, acoustic musicians and DJs. Amplified music is restricted to inside the barns; however, wedding ceremonies held outdoors may use small speaker systems to project voices and appropriate musical accompaniments.

Music must end at 9:45pm.



Q: DOES CHERRY BASKET FARM PROVIDE A STAGE FOR THE BAND, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AND A/V EQUIPMENT?

We do not have a stage, nor do we have A/V equipment or additional lighting. While occasionally preferred, a stage is generally not required. In the Upper Barn, we provide four (4) dedicated outlets for entertainment. We can provide DJs with an undraped table.

Q: MAY CATERERS USE THE COMMERCIAL KITCHEN?

Caterers who are approved Creative Partners may use Cherry Basket Farm's commercial kitchen and scullery. All other caterers must use a cook tent beside the Main Lawn. 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 commercial kitchen requires a cleaning fee.

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.

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 first business day following your event, which is most often a Monday.

Q: DO YOU HAVE PARKING?

We can accommodate 70 guest cars and 10 vendor vehicles in our field parking area. Although parking is available, we highly encourage shuttles; this added hospitality touch provides an elevated guest experience, post-revelry safety and a lower carbon footprint.

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. We are happy to provide the form contract after you make a verbal commitment to reserve a preferred date for your event.

All vendors must be licensed and insured. Alcohol must be served by a licensed caterer with bartending service or by a separate, licensed insured bartending service. Your event planner must agree to collect and 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 alcoholic beverages, event hosts and guests may not pour or serve alcohol.



Contract & Payment FAQ

You will have ten (10) days from the date the contract is finalized to sign and return it with the initial payment. We will protect your preferred date during this period.

Q: WHAT IS THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE?

INITIAL PAYMENT: 50% of the venue rental fee is required along with the signed contract to secure your date. This payment is non-refundable.

SECOND PAYMENT: Sixty (60) days prior to your event, the remaining 50% venue rental fee is required. At this time, all other security deposits and fees are also due.

ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS: Additional events, such as a rehearsal dinner, will be added to your venue rental cost. Full payment will be required sixty (60) days prior to your event.

Q: WHAT IS THE SECURITY DEPOSIT?

FARM: A \$1,000 damage security deposit is required sixty (60) days prior to your event. This deposit will be applied to repair damage to the facilities and on-site equipment, with the balance refunded within thirty (30) days of your event.

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN: A second \$1,500 payment is required for use of the commercial kitchen (\$1,000 refundable security deposit and \$500 cleaning fee). This deposit will be applied to repair damage to the kitchen and on-site equipment, with the balance refunded within thirty (30) days of your event.

Q: WHAT FORMS OF PAYMENT DO YOU ACCEPT?

We accept payments by check and bank-to-bank transfers via Zelle. Credit cards are accepted; applicable service charges are applied.

Q: WHAT IF MY EVENT DATE CHANGES?

If you want to change the date of your event, we will be happy to discuss an alternate date (based on availability). If we are unable to mutually agree on an alternate date, all fees and deposits will be returned to you other than the initial payment.

Q: WHY IS YOUR MAILING ADDRESS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR STREET ADDRESS?

We are located in the village of Omena, which has a quaint post office and no local delivery. All mail must be sent to: P.O. Box 22, Omena, Michigan 49674.

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