

A photograph of a wedding couple standing in a lush, green forest. The groom, on the left, is wearing a white shirt, a dark vest, and a light pink tie. The bride, on the right, is wearing a white lace wedding dress with a low back. They are looking at each other. The background is filled with dense foliage and trees, with sunlight filtering through the leaves.

DEER'S LEAP

Weddings



Welcome to Deer's Leap

Situated in the unique and varied landscape of North Devon, which enjoys some of the country's most stunning coastline and breath-taking scenery. Those who discover us, find they want to return again and again.

Deer's Leap is nestled on the edge of Exmoor National Park, one of England's hidden treasures. A traditional country farmhouse with all the cosy home comforts and modern conveniences you could wish for – beamed ceilings and inglenook fireplaces, beautiful countryside views, wildflowers and sunsets by the lake with Champagne in hand.

We have an abundance of wild birds, woodland animals, and domestic pets too. Poppy, our friendly Beagle keeps company with Tinkerbelle our little Exmoor pony. We also keep a small herd of Dexter cows, a couple of jersey milking cows, a flock of mixed breed sheep, chickens and a few large whites & their piglets.



We got married here in July 2018. What a hidden gem, such a perfect stop for our weekend wedding. All our guests and us (aka the bride and groom) came away beaming! Heather and the gang couldn't have done enough to make sure everything went smoothly and to ensure most importantly everyone was having fun. Such a magical, special place that will stay with us forever!"

Nicola McGerty-Dean

Your Unique Wedding

Licensed for weddings and civil ceremonies, Deer's Leap is the perfect location for a personalised wedding, with close friends and family able to stay and share the whole event with you. Our weddings have exclusive hire of the estate, including our farmhouse which sleeps 19 in 9 bedrooms, plus an extra double sofa bed in the Snug, should you need it. We also have glamping bell tents for guest to hire, and our honeymoon suite Hartford Cottage.

Deer's Leap is perfect for the couple who want to create their own, very personal wedding ceremony and reception. For the nuptials the lakeside Gazebo for most people is the popular choice. Handcrafted from our own trees, it has a wonderful whimsical, romantic feel. Whether it's dappled in sunlight filtering through the trees, or as the sun sets over the water, bathed in the golden evening hues, you and your guest will find yourself enveloped in nature's majestic ambience.

The lakeside does not hold the monopoly on atmosphere however, anywhere you choose for your ceremony at Deer's Leap has its own way of surrounding you with a feeling of love and friendship. For some people the day begins by the lake, for a morning ceremony, followed by a full sit-down wedding breakfast and speeches in the traditional stone barn. Many prefer a later wedding followed by afternoon tea and then cocktails by the lake with fireworks. Or maybe a hot roast on the large outdoor patio with plenty of comfortable seating, family and friends chatting, looking up and star gazing together by the warmth of the fire pits.

For more intimate gatherings the farmhouse offers space for up to 40 at a sit-down dinner, and works equally well in warm weather with doors which open onto the farmhouse garden. Perfect for the boho couple, you might like to consider holding your wedding reception inside a traditional Tipi or Bedouin Tent. With lighting, seating and planting all bespoke, creating a unique atmosphere for your wedding. Both tipis and tents can accommodate from 50 to 100 guests and can be hired from World Inspired Tents & The Beautiful Tent Company. Deer's Leap is equally suited for a traditional wedding, a more informal rustic ceremony or alternative wedding.



The Lakeside Gazebo Licensed for 100 guests
The Stone Barn Licensed for 100 guests
Main House Dining Room Licenced for 55 guests
Main House Lounge Licenced for 50 guests
Main House Snug Licensed for 28 guests

NB. All venue numbers must allow for the wedding couple, 2 for the registrar party & any photographer, videographer or musicians.



Looking after your guests



Weddings are often multi-generational occasions and trying to accommodate everyone's needs, so that all your family can relax and enjoy themselves can be tricky. The beauty of Deer's Leap is that we are a family business, we understand family dynamics and are happy to provide for the needs of all abilities, generations and personality types. Weddings are very exciting occasions, and can make a long day for children (and adults) especially with lots of grown up activities. We understand this can be stressful for families, but with a little forethought it's possible to make it a fun, relaxed day for everyone. Just having a couple of people to entertain the children during the speeches for example, can make that important part of your wedding more enjoyable for everyone. Having babysitters in the house means that family with small children can put them to bed and then join the evening reception. We can help with planning how and when support may be needed, and allow you to focus on enjoying your festivities.



Catering can be tailored to your exact requirements. We can help you plan your wedding breakfast, sit down dinners, buffets, cocktails and canopies, afternoon teas, or a Hog Roast, whatever fits with your vision for your day. We can recommend a number of local and national caterers with lots of experience, who cover a wide range of budgets and tastes. Alternatively, you may have your own preferred caterers that you want to use, which is fine. And of course, if you want to self-cater the whole wedding then you are welcome to do so. You might even want to do a blend of both. When it comes to beverages for the day and evening, we can provide everything from table wine and champagne to a full bar, or again, if you prefer you can provide your own, there is no corkage charge. You may wish to bring your favourite champagne for the toast but leave the rest to us, it's completely flexible.

Something Extra



At Deer's Leap we believe that for most people, getting married is a rare opportunity to be surrounded by loving family and friends, perhaps some you haven't seen for years. So, having the space to slow down and enjoy the build up to your wedding, some time to immerse yourselves in the love and friendship of those around you and, of course special moments together as a couple is what's most important. Love and kinship is at the heart of everything we endeavour to achieve for your very special occasion.

We can recommend the services of wedding stylists, photographers, videographers, florists, cars or horse and cart, hair stylists and beauticians, which makes planning those little extra touches so much easier. However, no wedding is complete without all those little extras that come together to make the perfect day. At Deer's Leap, not only do you have the exclusive use of the Hot Tub and Sauna, you can also enjoy total relaxation with Spa Treatments, before the big day or during your stay. We offer, Luxury Hot Lava Shell Massage, Aromatherapy Massage, Swedish Massage, Deep Tissue Massage, couples' massages and Indian Head Massage. These are available either in the house or in our treatment room.



"This is a stunning venue, where we got married in September 2016. From the first visit, I had Goosebumps! Heather, James and their whole team were 100% fantastic throughout the planning and on the day itself. Deer's Leap is truly a magical place and all our guest loved it. I cried when we had to leave, you will want to stay forever!"

Bruce Dianne Lathbury



Arrange a Visit

We hope this brochure has given you a taste of Deer's Leap. If there's anything specific you'd like to ask, do please feel free to email us any questions and we'll do our best to answer them. Of course, with such a big decision you'll most likely want to come and see if Deer's Leap is the right place for your Wedding. You are welcome to arrange a visit to talk through all the possibilities here and have a good look around.

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