



RT LODGE

weddings

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Welcome to the Lodge

Concealed in a forest on a historic college campus, but just minutes from a regional airport, metropolitan Knoxville and the Great Smoky Mountains, RT Lodge is an ideal destination for your wedding weekend. Imagine one location for your guest accommodations, dinner, free time, wedding ceremony and reception.

From the moment you arrive after a peaceful drive down our winding country lane, you're welcomed into a world all your own—a haven that allows you and others to come together and connect, escape and celebrate.

It's an unforgettable experience. . .

and we think that's exactly what our guests are looking for.

DREAM IT

The Lodge is exclusively yours for the weekend of your celebration, from Friday through Sunday. Imagine one location for guest accommodations, rehearsal dinner, bridesmaid's brunch, a special ceremony and exquisite reception. We manage it all for you. With guest rooms, an array of dining rooms, elegant common areas, outdoor leisure space, a range of ceremony and reception options, including a spectacular custom-built Sperry Tent, we offer the ideal setting for your special time.

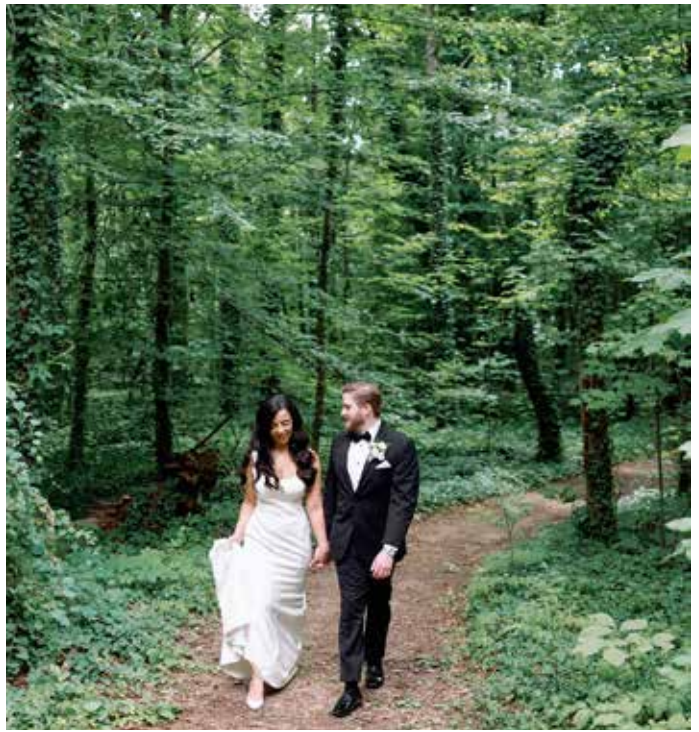
PLAN IT

The Lodge is the ideal backdrop for spending time with family and friends during this once-in-a-lifetime event, and our Weekend Wedding Package ensures that your wedding vision is brought to life seamlessly. Our team of hospitality, culinary, and event experts are prepared to execute every aspect of your weekend with precision and high-touch service. Our commitment to providing a luxury guest experience paired with the beauty of our historic property and innovative Southern cuisine sets us apart. Make your dreams a reality at RT Lodge.

ENJOY IT

When it comes to receptions, we help you create a party that's the perfect start to your new life. Our chef builds menus based on the best that the season has to offer, and we work with you to choose the perfect food to complement your festivities. After your ceremony, it's time to celebrate. Your group can start with cocktails on the Lodge Veranda before proceeding to our Custom Sperry Tent for the reception party.

spring weddings



Jamila & Stephen
Photography: Abigail Malone | Floral Design: Wither and Bloom Designs | Hair: Randi Lawrence
Makeup: Ali Johnson | Rentals: All Occasions Party Rentals, White Table



Robert & Anthony
Photography: Natalie Watson | Floral Design: Colby West Design | Draping: Luma Designs | Rentals: Please Be Seated
Stationery: Alpine Creative Group

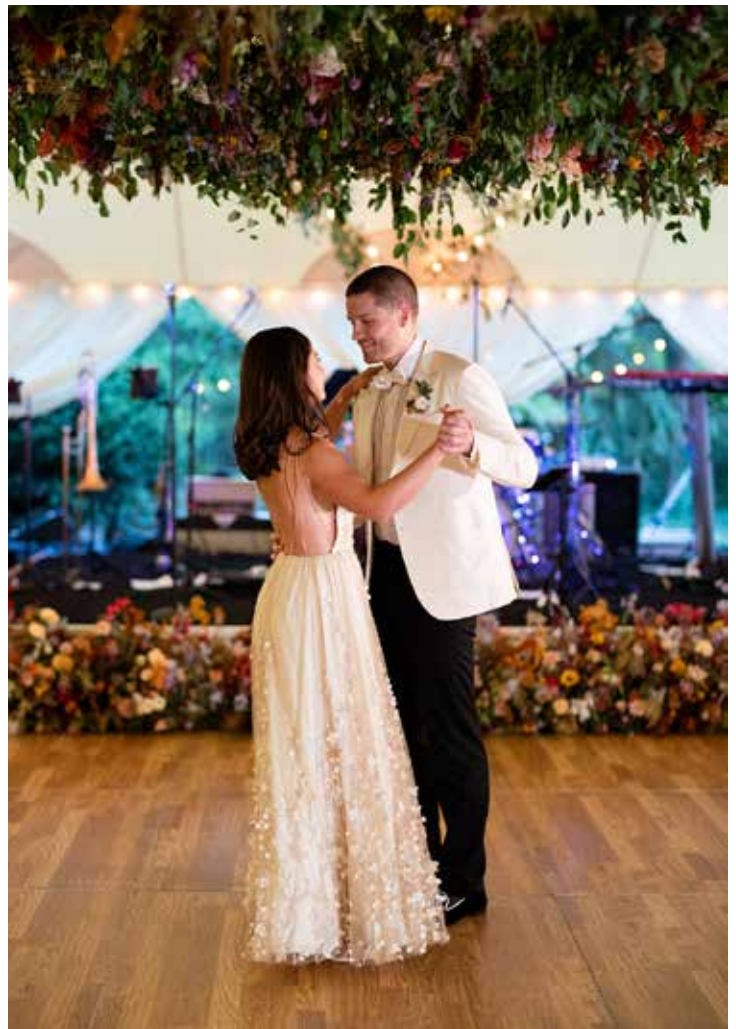


Liz & Jake
Photography: Ben Finch | Floral Design: Sassafra's | Beauty: Grow Salon | Rentals: McCabe Company, White Table
Draping: Luma Designs



Blair & Kevin
Photography: Ben Finch | Floral Design: Colby West Design | Beauty: Grow Salon
Rentals: McCabe Company, All Occasions Party Rentals

summer weddings



Zoë & Ben
Photography: Clark Brewer | Floral Design: Rosemary & Finch Floral Design | Beauty: Claire Balest



Ellie & Chandler

Photography: Meredith Benton | Floral & Event Design, Stationery: Rachele Youd Design | Beauty: Abby Moorer
Rentals: McCabe Company, All Occasions Party Rentals



Paula & Jonathan
Photography: Natalie Watson | Floral Design: Alexandra Stockton



Alex & Colin
 Photography: Ben Finch | Floral Design: Colby West Design | Beauty: Grow Salon | Rentals: McCabe Company
 Stationery: The Happy Envelope

Fall weddings



Cassie & Chris
Photography: Jeremy Harwell | Floral Design: Colby West Design | Beauty: Lydia Sellers
Rentals: McCabe Company, All Occasions Party Rentals | Stationery & Calligraphy: The Happy Envelope



Liz & Zach

Planner: Jessica Sloane | Photography: Kyle John | Floral Design: Colby West Design | Beauty: Amanda Gros
 Stationery: Katherine & Shelby | Draping: Luma Designs | Rentals: McCabe Company, All Occasions Party Rentals

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Elaina & Mike
Photography: Clark Brewer | Floral Design & Paper Goods: Colby West Design | Beauty: Claire Balest
Rentals: McCabe Company



Desi & Sam
Photography: Clark Brewer | Floral Design: Beauty by Megan Floral Events

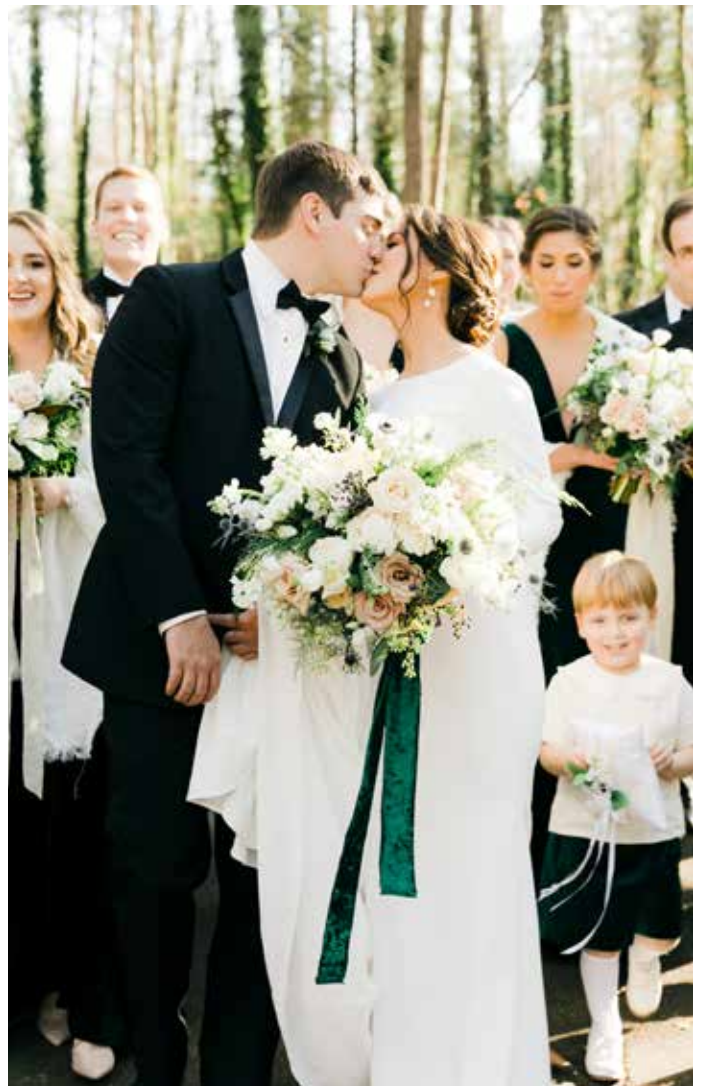
winter weddings



Mary & Brian
Coordinator: Jennifer Laria | Photography: Natalie Watson | Floral & Design: Amy Osaba Design
Beauty: Claudia Majerle | Rentals: McCabe Company, All Occasions Party Rentals | Draping: Unique Drapery



Rachel & Burton
Photography: Amanda May Photography | Floral Design: Samuel Franklin | Beauty: Bangs & Blush



Kelsey & Jim
 Photography: Ben Finch | Floral Design: Sassafra's | Beauty: Bangs & Blush
 Rentals: Honeybee Events | Draping: Luma Designs



Shannon & Bo
Photography: Angie Zhang | Floral Design: Colby West Design | Beauty: Grow Salon
Rentals: McCabe Company, All Occasions Party Rentals | Draping: Luma Designs

wedding ceremonies



THE MEADOW

ON THE WINDING ROAD | Seats 200

Your guests will enjoy the walk down our forest lane to the lush meadow surrounded by trees.

THE WINDING ROAD | Seats 150

Gather your guests for a short walk down the forest-lined road for a romantic and unique wedding ceremony location among the trees. Our Winding Road allows for a dramatic aisle while maintaining an intimate feeling for your guests.



THE MAIN CEREMONY LAWN | Seats 200

Located adjacent to our guest houses, the Main Ceremony Lawn is a grassy meadow surrounded by enchanting woods that provide a beautiful backdrop for your ceremony. A flagstone aisle leads you down the manicured lawn to a flagstone patio.





the sperry tent

Walk down a lantern lit pathway to discover our breathtaking tent illuminated with bistro lights.

Resplendent peaks. Dramatic lines.

Signature pennants.

A wedding or reception under the tent is a visual and sensory experience, immersing guests in a once-in-a-lifetime environment.

Host your guests under our custom Sperry Tent for a truly memorable event.

Bistro Lighting

Bamboo Garden Chairs

Custom Wooden Farmhouse Tables

Round Tables

Fine Ivory Linens & Napkins

White China, Hammered Flatware, & Glassware
for Dinner Service

Custom Wood Bars

Buffet Tables & Serveware

Optional Clear Siding

Cake Table

Seating for up to 200 Guests





preparing for your wedding day

Gather, relax and enjoy every moment of your wedding day in the comfort of one of our luxury dressing rooms. Take all the time you need getting ready for the day in Room 301 or the Ruby Room. We recommend adding on a lunch by Chef Trevor Stockton with mimosas or local craft beer to leisurely enjoy as you prep for your big day.

ROOM 301 is complete with a changing area, mirrors, makeup and hair stations, a steamer and comfortable seating. This suite is the perfect spot to relax and savor a glass of champagne while getting ready with your wedding party.

THE RUBY ROOM is tucked away in the Main Lodge, with ample seating and generous room for dressing. Draw the curtains for a private experience and enjoy catching a ballgame on the large screen television.

our cuisine



The Chef's vision at the Lodge is "to bring the bounty of the farmhouse table into the refined rusticity of RT Lodge, creating a cuisine that celebrates the bounty of East Tennessee and preserves the traditions and simple reverence of country cooking." Expect something you won't see many other places—even at the most sophisticated hospitality destinations in the world. Your meals at the Lodge are uniquely your own.

Every aspect of your meal is important to us. That's why we make our own bread, pickles, mayonnaise, pimento cheese, and scores of other hand-crafted ingredients and dishes. We shape our menus on the changing bounty of each season, with the freshest ingredients sourced from local farms and the best providers. Experience favorites such as our Proper Southern BBQ with hickory smoked ribs, beef brisket and beer brined chicken. Enjoy passed hors d'oeuvres before your reception with choices that include caviar on a buttermilk biscuit, crispy phyllo with country ham and asparagus and green tomato thin pie plus stations featuring our house cured charcuterie, artisan cheeses and fresh seafood.

We also work with you to develop custom menus for your group that offer down-home comfort and great taste explorations. You'll be delighted—and so will your guests.



meet our chef

Born into a family of farmers and chefs, Trevor Stockton was raised to have a great respect for quality locally grown and raised products from an early age. Memories on his great-grandfather's farm in Gainesboro, Tennessee instilled an appreciation for agriculture, and time spent in the kitchen with his father, a professional chef, solidified a passion for cooking and learning to preserve, pickle and can homegrown ingredients the old school way for use year-round.

Chef Trevor trained under Chef Rick Mace and also honed his craft at renowned Blackberry Farm before taking the sous chef position at the Lodge in 2013. Today, as executive chef, Chef Stockton provides guests expertly crafted dishes inspired by the region, and he finds great joy in working with local farmers and purveyors, including his own family's farm, Stockton Farms.

Chef Stockton uses his platform to instill the same respect and passion for cooking in his staff, and to educate the community about food preservation and learning to live off the land. When not in the restaurant, Chef Stockton enjoys fly fishing in the Smoky Mountains, exploring new cultures and culinary traditions in other countries while traveling with his wife, and collaborating with like-minded Knoxville-area chefs about improving the local food scene. He's also an active member of Southern Foodways Alliance and Slow Food Tennessee Valley.

frequently asked questions



AMENITIES

Are we required to use certain vendors for flowers, music, etc?

You can use any vendors you would like (with the exception of food and alcohol). We are happy to work with you to source vendors and offer recommendations. All third party vendors must be approved by Lodge management and must provide proof of insurance and sign a Vendor agreement. Additionally, we can assist you with finding vendors that best fit your needs. We have a wonderful selection of local vendors we know and love to recommend! This list will be provided to you upon booking.

What time does the Main Lodge close during weddings?

The Lodge will remain open for guest access in the common areas 24/7. Please note that the bar and restaurant are not staffed after hours or outside of regular hours of operation. The bar closes to guests at 12am on wedding weekends and 11pm on weekdays. There is an attendant on duty at all times to assist with guest needs and emergencies.

What is the payment schedule?

- \$15,000 deposit required at booking to secure your wedding date
- Remaining Facility Rental Fee and Food & Beverage minimum due before wedding. Custom payment schedules available.
- Final invoice for remaining balance due 7 days after wedding

What is the tax rate?

Local tax is 9.75%.

Is there a gratuity?

There is a 20% service charge that is added to all food and beverage sales.

Can we bring in our own caterer to use for our event?

All food and beverage for your event is provided by RT Lodge. Our event team will work with you and our culinary team to create a fabulous menu for your event. Food minimums may apply.

What time is breakfast?

Breakfast is served in the Main Lodge from 7-10am.

When do you need a final head count?

We will need a final count no later than 10 days before the event date. This is the number that we will base food production and rental orders on, and the number that will be on your final bill.

What do you charge for children?

Children ages 2-12 are \$25 for meals and children 2 and under are free.

Are non-alcoholic drinks included?

We provide coffee, sweet and unsweet tea, assorted juices, Coca Cola products and water.

Does RT Lodge provide wedding cakes?

Yes! Our pastry chef is happy to work with you to design your perfect wedding cake. You are also welcome to bring in a cake from another vendor. There is no additional plating charge or cutting fee to serve your cake to your guests.

Are you able to provide meals for guests who have allergies or special dietary restrictions?

We are happy to accommodate guests with any dietary restrictions or allergies.

Do you include a tasting?

Your wedding planner will schedule a time for you to meet with our culinary team for a consultation. Due to seasonality, some items from the menu you select may not be available at the time of your meeting for tasting. Our chef will provide a great selection of food items for you to taste and can discuss additional dishes and flavors with you as he works with you to design the perfect menus for your wedding weekend.

Do you provide bar packages?

The Lodge has an ABC license for alcohol sales and provides all alcohol for your weekend events. Pricing for all beer, wine, and spirits will be based on selections and consumption for hosted events.





RESERVATIONS AND LODGING

Is RT Lodge handicap accessible?

RT Lodge is ADA compliant. There is a ramp in the rear Lodge entrance and an elevator in the Main Lodge. We offer two accessible guest rooms – one has a roll-in shower; the other provides a step-in shower with rails. There are no elevators in the guest houses, but we can accommodate ADA guests on the first floor.

What time is Check-in and Check-out?

Check-in is at 3pm on Friday and 10am on Saturday. Check-out is 11am on Sunday.

Are dogs permitted at the Lodge or in the guest rooms?

Yes, we are a pet-friendly hotel. Additional fees apply, and there are a limited number of pet-friendly rooms.

Can my guests make Thursday or Sunday reservations?

Yes, we welcome your guests to come early or stay after your wedding weekend based on availability.

Can you suggest activities and places to visit for guests who are staying at the Lodge?

Absolutely! We are happy to send these options over to you in advance or our team at the front desk is happy to make day-of suggestions.

Do you have on-site accommodations for our guests?

Yes! We have 55 guest rooms with double occupancy for your guests to book starting at \$249 per night plus local and state taxes. Room rates include breakfast, parking and WiFi. Our guest rooms are set with either 2 twin beds or 1 king bed and your guests are able to reserve their room under your room block through our website or by calling the Lodge.

weekend wedding package

Our weekend wedding package fees for 2025:

January-March 15 \$27,500

March 15-June 30 \$35,000

July-August 30 \$30,000

September-December \$35,000

RT Lodge wedding weekends include the following:

Exclusive use of the Lodge property beginning at 3pm Friday and concluding at 11am Sunday

A variety of outdoor and indoor spaces for all of your weekend celebrations including

the use of our custom Sperry Tent

Multiple unique ceremony site options

Set up and break down at all events

Bamboo garden chairs

Custom wooden farmhouse tables

Round tables

Fine ivory linens & napkins

White china, hammered flatware & glassware for dinner service

Custom menu and alcohol selections with Lodge Culinary & Bar Team

Luxury Dressing Rooms for the Wedding Couple

Bartenders & Service Staff

Honeymoon Suite on the wedding night

Wedding Planner & full service Event Team

RT Lodge Wedding Planning services include:

Planning from booking through event completion

Coordinating & communicating with vendors

Managing wedding weekend timeline

Executing Lodge events including ceremony & reception coordination

Creating custom timelines & floorplans

The Lodge provides all food and beverage services and requires a \$20,000 food and beverage minimum in addition to the wedding weekend package fee.