



Weddings: Helpful Information

Folly Farm is a wonderful place to celebrate your wedding, and we'd like to take this opportunity to explain a little bit about what you can expect when if you choose Folly Farm for your magical day.

How long do you have the venue?

Exclusive use of the venue from 2pm on a Friday until 11am on the Sunday.

What does that include?

- A choice of six spaces in which to hold your wedding ceremony:
The converted-barn Oak Room (100 people), The Atrium (60 people), The traditional Old Dairy (40 people), The Orchard (60 people), The Old Dairy Terrace (60 people) and The Courtyard with views over Chew Valley Lake (100 people)
- A choice of four spaces in which to have your wedding breakfast:
The Oak Room (70 people), The Oak and Willow Rooms (100 people on split level), The Old Dairy (40 people), a marquee (can hold 150*)
- 20 bedrooms, sleeping up to 45 people in a mix of double, twin and bunk accommodation. In the summer, guests can camp* in the paddock too!
- Fully equipped kitchen and dining room, enabling you to self-cater for informal supper on Friday night, and breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday morning.
- Fully staffed licensed bar which will be open for the duration of your wedding celebration

Who will provide the wedding meal?

We have three caterers for you to choose from, Thymechef, Topline and Pie Minister. All three have worked with us for a number of years and will be able to provide a range of menu ideas to suit your taste and budget.

What about reception drinks and wine with the meal?

Reception drinks and wine lists will be provided for you, with an excellent range of ideas and drinks to compliment your meal, and budget.

How does your weekend wedding work?

Your bedrooms will be ready from 2pm on the Friday afternoon, with exclusive use of the function rooms from 5pm. Once on site, you can really enjoy your preparations! Decorate the rooms how you wish, settle in, take delivery of any food, and welcome your guests. Saturday is usually a leisurely morning, with everyone enjoying breakfast together, exploring the 250 -acre nature reserve, before beginning the wedding preparations? Your chosen caterer will take care of the finer detail of your celebrations, so everyone can relax into the evening party, finishing up with a gathering around the fire pit* and a gentle wind down after midnight (Because we are located at the heart of 250 acres of a wildlife rich nature reserve, amplified music and licensed bar cease at midnight - but you don't have to!). Sunday is a morning of catching up on the night before, breakfast and departure by 11am.

How to book?

The best place to start is to come and see us, as our unique venue is best seen in person! Choose a date, provide us with a 25% non-refundable, non-transferable deposit, and then plan the rest! We

recognise that this is a sizeable commitment at the outset, and we would encourage you to consider taking out event insurance at this stage which should give you peace of mind. Stella, our Front of House Manager, will guide you through the coming months, ensuring your wedding preparation are as stress-free as possible.

How much will this cost?

2017/2018 Weekends

April - Sept	£9,000
March and October	£8,000
November - Feb	£6,500

2017/2018 Mid-week (July and August only)

Mon-Thurs	£6500
(Mon-Wed or Tues-Thurs)	

Where does the money from my wedding go?

Folly Farm Centre is a green venue owned and managed by Avon Wildlife Trust. This means three things for you...

Firstly, the Trust manages the 250-acre nature reserve around the Centre, meaning they conserve the bluebells woods and wildflower meadows that will make your wedding photographs so memorable.

Secondly, all the profits from your wedding fee are ploughed back into the Trust, to conserve wildlife and inspire people about the natural environment.

Thirdly, as a 'thank you', when you book your wedding at Folly Farm Centre, you will receive a one year free membership of Avon Wildlife Trust.

How do I get in touch?

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**For an additional fee*