

WILLOW



FARM BERRY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To make things easier, we've put together a list of questions that we often get asked by Brides & Grooms looking to host their wedding at Willow Farm

CAN WE BRING IN A MARQUEE OR TENT?

Absolutely !

There are so many wonderful sites around the farm to set up a marquee or tent - and you can position the marquee either directly on to the grass or the pavement/hardstand, and built with or without a marquee wooden floor

CAN WE BRING IN OUR OWN CATERER?

You are welcome to bring in your own caterer or food van. Caterers are welcome to use the kitchen in the farmhouse, which is very spacious, lots of bench space, a large fridge (670L fridge/freezer), large 90cm-wide oven & a gas stove with five burners. Your caterer may also need additional equipment, such as extra ovens or coolroom.

DO WE NEED TO HIRE MOBILE EVENT PORTABLE TOILETS?

Definitely.

Willow Farm is on a Garden Master septic system which is only equipped to handle domestic usage per day, and relies on the strict observance of no foreign objects or chemicals being flushed down the loo. There is an array of mobile event toilets to choose from. We recommend at least 1 toilet per 40 guests.

WHAT POWER IS AVAILABLE FOR US TO USE?

Lots.

There is three phase power available from the house and the entertainment shed, plus several standard GPO 240V outlets. If you require additional power or power further afield, Coates Hire in Nowra (ph: 4422 4444) hires out towable diesel silenced generators.

DO WE NEED TO HIRE ALL OUR TABLES, CHAIRES, & TABLEWARE?

We have 15 trestle tables (each measuring 2.3m x 90cm) made from reclaimed timber to seat 120, plus mismatched vintage-style dinner plates for 120. You will need to hire your dining chairs, glassware, cutlery and any further tableware you require. We also have a bar with a 190L drinks fridge, some tall bar tables, wooden pews/benches, and various props that you are welcome to use. Ask for our separate PROPS LIST for specifics.

DO YOU HAVE A SOUND SYSTEM?

Sure do...

We have two powered speakers mounted on stands (portable) capable of 1100 watts each, a wired microphone, and a control box which houses a small mixer and the audio processor. Owing to council requirements, your band/DJ/iPod must only ever go to a certain maximum decibel sound level, and all amplified music must cease by 11 pm and use our audio system

DO YOU HAVE A COOLROOM ?

No - we don't.

We have a 190L drinks fridge and a 670L kitchen fridge/freezer. We also have a variety of tubs for ice. If you require further refrigeration - either for the food menu or for beverages you will need to hire in a mobile coolroom.

DO YOU HAVE A NOISE CURFEW?

Yes we do.

As part of DA from the Council, on Fridays and Saturdays there is to be no amplified music after 11pm and the party has to wind up by 11.15pm. On other days the amplified music needs to end by 10pm and the party wound up by 10.15pm..

CAN YOU RECOMMEND LOCAL SUPPLIERS

Yes!

There is a great range of local suppliers for all your elements of your event - from caterers, to entertainment and music, beverage suppliers, and decor & styling - and many more.

Plus all the suppliers we recommend have worked at Willow Farm before.

ARE THERE OPTIONS TO ORGANISE MY WEDDING OR EVENT?

Yes there are.

You can "Do-it-yourself" and hire the venue only, or we can offer you a variety of value-for-money packages including all the essential elements for your event, taking the stress out you having to do all the legwork we've already done for you

HOW BIG IS THE ENTERTAINMENT SHED ?

The undercover area of the entertainment shed is 11.7 metres wide & 8.6 metres deep. The ceiling is 3.5m high at its peak and 2.7m at its lowest point. We can comfortably seat around 100 guests (no dancefloor) using our long banquet tables.

HOW BIG IS THE YOGA BARN?

The open space in the yoga barn is 11.7 metres wide and 9.6 metres deep. (ie not including the bathroom, storage and kitchenette)
The yoga barn is a great we weather space for your ceremony, and can be set up with seating for around 100 guests with a further 35 guests standing.

HOW MUCH PARKING IS AVAILABLE?

We have two parking areas. East side of the bridge along the main driveway, there is space for 15 cars. West side of the bridge next to the Yoga barn, there is parking for around 10 cars, which includes those of house guests and your caterers.

We recommend you use a shuttle service.

Berry Bus Service (ph: 0416 149 208),

Berry Taxi Service (ph: 0476 246 444)

Or contact one of the many other local bus services available: Shoalhaven Shuttle, Gerringong Buses, Kiama Coaches

IS THERE GUEST ACCOMMODATION NEAR BY?

Loads!

There is a range of hotel, B&B and holiday accommodation available in and around Berry. A quick internet search or scroll through AirBnB and Stayz will give your guests many options to explore. Please be aware there is only limited parking available at the farm, so we recommend your guests use the transport services listed.

HOW FAR IS WILLOW FARM FROM BERRY TOWN CENTRE?

Its very close by!

Willow Farm is 2.5km from the centre of Berry village, so approx 4 minute drive, or if you're up for it, a 10-15 min walk

HOW FAR IS THE BEACH FROM WILLOW FARM?

About a 7 minute drive.

The nearest beach is called Seven Mile Beach and is a quick drive along Beach Road. There is also lovely quiet inlet on the North end which is Gerroa, and a more rugged seaside beach towards the South at Shoalhaven Heads.

DO YOU HAVE ANY CEREMONY FURNITURE?

Yes!

We have a selection of two gorgeous Arbours that your florist can decorate easily, plus we have 6 Timber Benches, which are 2.7 m long, each seating 5-6 people.

There is a matching timber signing table and timber stool as well

CAN WE SUPPLY OUR OWN ALCOHOL?

Yes you can....

On the proviso that all alcohol must be served by Responsible Service of Alcohol (RA) trained and certified staff. You can provide your own staff or we can recommend a local supplier.

CAN WE BRING OUR DOG TO THE CEREMONY ?

Yes- on application

We are very animal friendly at Willow Farm. We do ask however, that you keep your dog on a lead at all times. We are working cattle farm, so we can not allow your dog to roam into any of the paddocks and upset the livestock. And we ask that your keep your dog within the confines of the house during the reception, or even better to go off site after the ceremony.

CAN WE HAVE A RECOVERY PARTY NEXT DAY?

No - not really.

We are only allowed to have the one event per booking. You are welcome to enjoy a brunch the next day as the 10 guests that stay in the Homestead & 10 friends or family, however no additional guests will be allowed to join you.

CAN OUR GUESTS CAMP ON THE FARM?

Unfortunately no.

Owing to noise restrictions and lack of bathroom facilities, we are unable to allow camping on the farm

CAN WE HAVE A FIRE?

Yes!

There is a large fixed firepit outside the Homestead, plus two portable small fire pits that can be used at your event. We will only request that you keep an eye on the fire when lit, and we will be guided by local authorities when fire restrictions will be in place.

Still have questions? No problem. Please email your questions to:
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