



Tips & Ideas for Outdoor Weddings

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Make Your Outdoor Wedding Event Outstanding!

An Outdoor Wedding is a wonderful opportunity to create an elegant, dream wedding. To ensure a smooth event, couples who desire an outdoor wedding must consider specific event details. Please use the following tips and ideas listed as a starting point to plan your Outdoor Wedding Event.

Décor

- Lighting
 - Time of Day—how late will there be light?
 - If using string lighting, use multiple outlets so that the lights remain lit
- Table Cloths
 - Have extra on hand in case of spills while decorating or for extra tables as needed
- Table Centerpieces
 - Height of centerpieces is important due to wind and other weather-related factors
 - Weight in the bottom of vases will help keep them upright
- Candle Scents
 - Use scents that repel bugs such as citronella

Bride & Groom Strategies

- Drink plenty of water
- Build short breaks into the plan to enjoy your wedding
- Brides are encouraged to have a change of shoes such as flip-flops or flats to be more comfortable in the evening
- Wedding Favors are a tradition—how will your favor be affected by the heat & sun?

Events & Selections

- The Ceremony
 - What audio options are appropriate?
- Cocktail Hour
 - Have an area with shade
 - Background music
- Dinner
 - Served or Buffet?
- Festivities & Open Dancing
 - Use a planning guide

Planning Your Dream Outdoor Wedding

Complimentary Items

- Guests may need items during the wedding—provide items in/near the bathrooms including:
 - Tylenol and Ibuprofen
 - Band-Aids
 - Benadryl
 - Bug Spray
 - Safety Pins
 - Several types of tape

Layout & Design

- Parking
 - Mark stalls
 - Lighting in the evening
- Bathrooms
 - Have enough for the number of guests
 - Lighting in the evening
 - Hand-washing station
- Trash Receptacles
 - Have many available for the entire evening
- Dance Floor
 - Providing a wood-floor encourages dancing
- Beverage Area
 - Locate the bar where it best fits your style
- Smoking Instructions
 - Will you allow smoking? If so, provide a smoking area with cigarette caddies
- Seating Charts
 - Secure from wind
- Power & Generators
 - Ask providers about their power needs

Facility & Catering Corner

- Many facilities & caterers also offer rentals of items including:
 - Tent with side options
 - Chairs and covers
 - Tables and linens
 - Glassware and silverware
 - Dance floors
 - Bars

**Ask about included set-up options and requirements*



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Picture of the Priestley-Savidge House, Northumberland, PA