



If you are searching for the perfect venue for the most significant day of your life, what better place than in the sanctity of nature. While vows are whispered on the island gazebo, the trees and skies surrounding the pond reflect their colors in the water. What better symphony than the birds singing, the leaves rustling, and the soft gurgle of the waterfall on the near shore. We invite you to spend this special time with us.

### **SCHEDULING**

You may schedule your wedding/reception anytime from April through August; we do not schedule any weddings/receptions in September and October so that our busy season crowds will not interfere with your day. Most people prefer a Saturday at 5 pm or 6 pm when it is still light, and when parking is more available. If you schedule a rehearsal, consider the evening before; parking is more available after 5 pm.

Please keep in mind that the work and business of the orchard continues even when a wedding/reception occurs. You may hear the drone of a tractor and people coming and going in the background. Apple Works staff will be respectful of you during the ceremony, and we have found our customers are also respectful of your special day. However, work and business at the orchard will continue during your wedding.

### **AREAS AVAILABLE**

You may use the 32' x 48' shelter area, the island gazebo, the stage, and the garden areas immediately surrounding these facilities. The wedding ceremony itself may take place in any of these areas. Most have taken place on the island gazebo, with chairs for guests set up facing the gazebo. After the ceremony, chairs are usually moved to the tables set up in the shelter area.

### **COST**

The cost of rental of the grounds is \$1500; we offer the use of our commercial kitchen to you or your wedding caterer for an additional \$150 fee. Rehearsal dinners may be added by reserving the shelter for \$150 with the option to use our commercial kitchen for an additional \$150 fee. A non-refundable deposit of \$750 (part of the \$1500 total) is due at the time you reserve the date.

## **CHAIRS/TABLES/DECORATIONS**

The Apple Works has available 10 picnic tables and various small benches which you may move as you wish. Please return them immediately after the wedding/reception to where they were originally placed since they are part of our park.

Common practice is to rent tables and chairs from a rental company as we do not supply these; please stack these items in a corner of the shelter after they are used. Ask the rental company to pick up them as soon as possible after the wedding.

You may start arranging tables and chairs at or after 12 Noon the day before and at or after 8am the day of the wedding.

You may provide **centerpieces** and **table cloths** for **tables, decorations, flowers, food,** and **table settings**. We can provide suggestions of businesses nearby the orchard that have proved to be helpful and professional in the past.

## **MUSIC**

You may choose to use a DJ or have a sound system set up at the northwest end of the shelter or on the stage. You will need to keep the music at a tasteful level for country living with speakers facing the retail barn.

## **THE CEREMONY**

You will need to secure your own minister/priest/person to perform the wedding and lead the ceremony. Most commonly, the bride and her party gather on the side porch and walk through an elegant wrought iron arch down an aisle between chairs to the island gazebo where the groom and his party are waiting. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bridal party leads everyone to the shelter area for the next phase of the celebration.

## **WEDDING CAKE, FLOWERS & RECEPTION FOOD**

You can store your wedding cake, flowers and other reception food on a bakery cart in our spacious chill room.

## **APPLE WORKS STAFF**

A staff person from Apple Works will be present 2 hours before, during and after your wedding, as well as the rehearsal, if you have one.

## **LIGHTING**

Tasteful lighting creates a softly lit atmosphere to the garden paths and the cathedral-like shelter. Both the shelter and stage have electricity; please remember to bring extension cords.

## **WEATHER**

In case of inclement weather you may bring propane powered space heaters. In case of rain, you may move your ceremony to the shelter area. There is no refund for bad weather.

## **PARKING**

Invite your guests to park at the front of the orchard in the grassy area by the first row of apple trees.

## DRESSING

The storage area on the 2nd floor above the store is available for the bride and her party a few hours prior to your wedding. A bathroom and floor length mirror is available upstairs. The groom and his party may wish to use it first, since this is the only private area closed to the public. The bride makes these arrangements with others in the party.

## RESTROOMS

The orchard has portable toilets adjacent to the store that are serviced prior to your wedding, just east of the front porch for use by your guests and the public. There are outside hand-washing facilities with soap and paper towels next to the restrooms and in the picnic area.

## GUESTS

The maximum capacity for the number of guests you invite is 200. While your guests are at the orchard, they may enjoy the nature trails, playground, farm animals and shopping in the store. We invite your guests to be our guests as well, and enjoy the facility.

## ALCOHOL

Regulations concerning the serving of beer, wine or liquor at your wedding are established by the State of Indiana and not by The Apple Works. We strongly advise that you consult with your insurance agent.

If you wish to serve liquor in addition to beer or wine, the State of Indiana requires you to hire a caterer with a liquor license. Direct all questions to your licensed caterer and not the The Apple Works.

If you wish to serve only beer or wine but not liquor you are not required to hire a licensed caterer. However, State of Indiana regulations for *two temporary permits* must be followed:

*Two permits* from the State of Indiana are required if you serve beer and/or wine: a **BEER/ WINE AUTHORITY/TYPE 118** (Form 35494) and a **APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE PERMIT** (Form 54632 for the person responsible for how much and to whom drinks are served). Contact Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, 302 West Washington--Room #114, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-2430. Forms and information may be obtained at <https://www.in.gov/atc/2409.htm>. Search for 'Temporary Beer and Wine Permit' for forms and instructions. You can simplify the process by contracting with a licensed bartender who can assist you in acquiring the 'Temporary Beer and Wine Permit'. Licensed bartender options are also listed. The Temporary Beer and Wine Permit will require a layout which you can plot on the map that follows.

All questions regarding these permits should be directed to the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission and not The Apple Works.

Obtaining the necessary permits for beer and wine from the State of Indiana will take some weeks. We encourage you to begin this process early. When securing the two permits, payment to the State of Indiana is by cashier's check.

Copies of the two permits must be submitted to The Apple Works one week prior to the wedding. Apple Works staff will verify that you have posted these two permits at the serving location prior to the wedding.

The Temporary Beer and Wine permit is issued to the person responsible for the wedding and not to The Apple Works. The Temporary Bartenders Permit is issued directly to the person responsible for all beer and wine served. (This person may be a member of your family or a friend. They do not need to be a licensed bartender. However, your insurance agent would probably advise you that is prudent to use an unrelated licensed bartender.)

### **TO RESERVE YOUR WEDDING/RECEPTION DATE**

To reserve your wedding/reception date, phone Sandy Pavey at 317-435-9016 or email: [appleworksevents@gmail.com](mailto:appleworksevents@gmail.com).

A non-refundable deposit of \$750 (part of the \$1500 total) is due at the time you reserve the date.

The entire amount of your wedding/reception fee is due two weeks prior to your wedding. Make your check payable to The Apple Works. Mail to:

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