



Gravel Farm Weddings & Events

FAQs 2022 / 23

Where would I hold my event?

We have a beautiful and secluded pondside area, within a small woodland and next to the river. Here there is space for a marquee or tipi, plus an outdoor drink's reception, entertainment and your ceremony.

When can I hold my event?

Our weddings venue space is available only between April & October on any day during the week or over the weekend. Please note that certain months are more expensive than others.

How close are the properties to the 'event location'?

The pond is approx. 800m from the properties. We have a special 'wedding walk' that leads you from the cottages up to the pond – we often see kingfishers darting up the stream here, as well as hares, deer and all types of wild birds, all adding a certain charm to your day!

Can you accommodate (sleep) more than 18 people?

Yes, included in the venue hire price is 5 tent pitches and guests are free to bring tents in which to camp.

After that, there is a charge of £20 / tent, which can be charged direct to your guests on a 'first come, first served basis' with a maximum of 20 pitches. You will be required to hire your own shower & toilet block for your wedding and camping guests.

We can also help you with finding other local hotels and self-catering accommodation.

Can I get married at Gravel Farm?

Not yet (but watch this space!). We can hold a ceremony for you, but we're not licensed to marry you. There are loads of local churches or registration offices nearby. If you wanted to get married in Ely, you could all come back by boat! We have links with local celebrants.

For more information, have a look here - <https://www.cambridgeshireceremonies.co.uk/>

Do you manage our wedding day?

This is a blank canvas venue where you create and manage your own event. We don't provide a wedding planning service, but we are on the end of the phone if you have any queries and we include 2hrs consultation within the venue hire charge to help get your party started. We can also provide you with a co-ordinator on the day, at an extra cost.

Can we choose our own suppliers?

Yes, you can choose your own suppliers or likewise, we can help you get started with our own 'black book' of suppliers – many of whom we've known a long time and who live locally.

We will need to meet / talk to all suppliers (unless we've met them previously) before the event and receive their risk assessments and insurances (any suppliers will need public liability insurance).

Are there lots of photography location options?

Yes, lots of places to have photos. Gravel Farm sits alongside about a mile of river, so you can choose anywhere along there. There is also a large reservoir, a pond, gardens, grass, farm & woodland.



What is the most amount of people I can have at the event?

200

Can we bring children and dogs?

Yes and yes! Children are very welcome here; in fact the owners have three (all under 10). If you would like children to stay in addition to the 18 guests in our cottages, there may be an extra charge for mattresses, bedding etc. You must keep an eye on children & dogs, at all times.

Dogs are allowed in the properties, but you must keep them under control on the farm, due to wild birds & animals (that need conserving) and farm machinery.

Can I hire the venue space only?

In theory, yes. There is no pressure to take any of the properties, but in terms of getting and making the most of your weekend, staying onsite not only helps with the organisation, but it also enables you to create those really special memories with your friends and family, and help you become part of your Gravel Farm wedding!

Can we use the firepit?

Yes, hire of the firepit and logs is included in the event space hire.

Is there plenty of parking?

Yes, lots. Plenty near your event location and in front of all properties.

Is there water etc at the event 'space'?

The pondside area is rural and secluded, so does not have services. However, generators can be hired for power and water can be brought in. Please note that you will also be required to bring a mobile toilet and shower unit in, as we currently do not have one.

Do you charge corkage?

No, we don't charge corkage. You can bring your own drink, but we expect you to take responsibility with it, tidy up & recycle your bottles after use.

Do you allow candles?

We do not allow candles in our properties or in the land around our properties. If you would like to use candles in the marquee, you will need to discuss this with your suppliers.

Can we have fireworks, confetti, sky lanterns or balloons?

Fireworks could be accommodated if discussed beforehand. Confetti must be dried petals / flowers only. Sky lanterns are not allowed, sorry, neither are helium balloons.

Can we decorate the woodland area?

Yes, but preferably with solar lights and other 'natural' type things – flowers, leaves, wooded items etc. Preferably not plastic banners etc. There will be logs for seating within the woodland areas, and we provide fairy lights for 10 trees and around the pond.

Can we bring canoes, paddleboards etc and use the river?

Absolutely. We are right next to the River Great Ouse and you have instant access from Gravel Farm. As mentioned above, you could even get married in Ely & boat back (please note that you would need to organise your own boat!!)

What's the booking / payment & cancellation policy?

Please ask to see our terms & conditions.