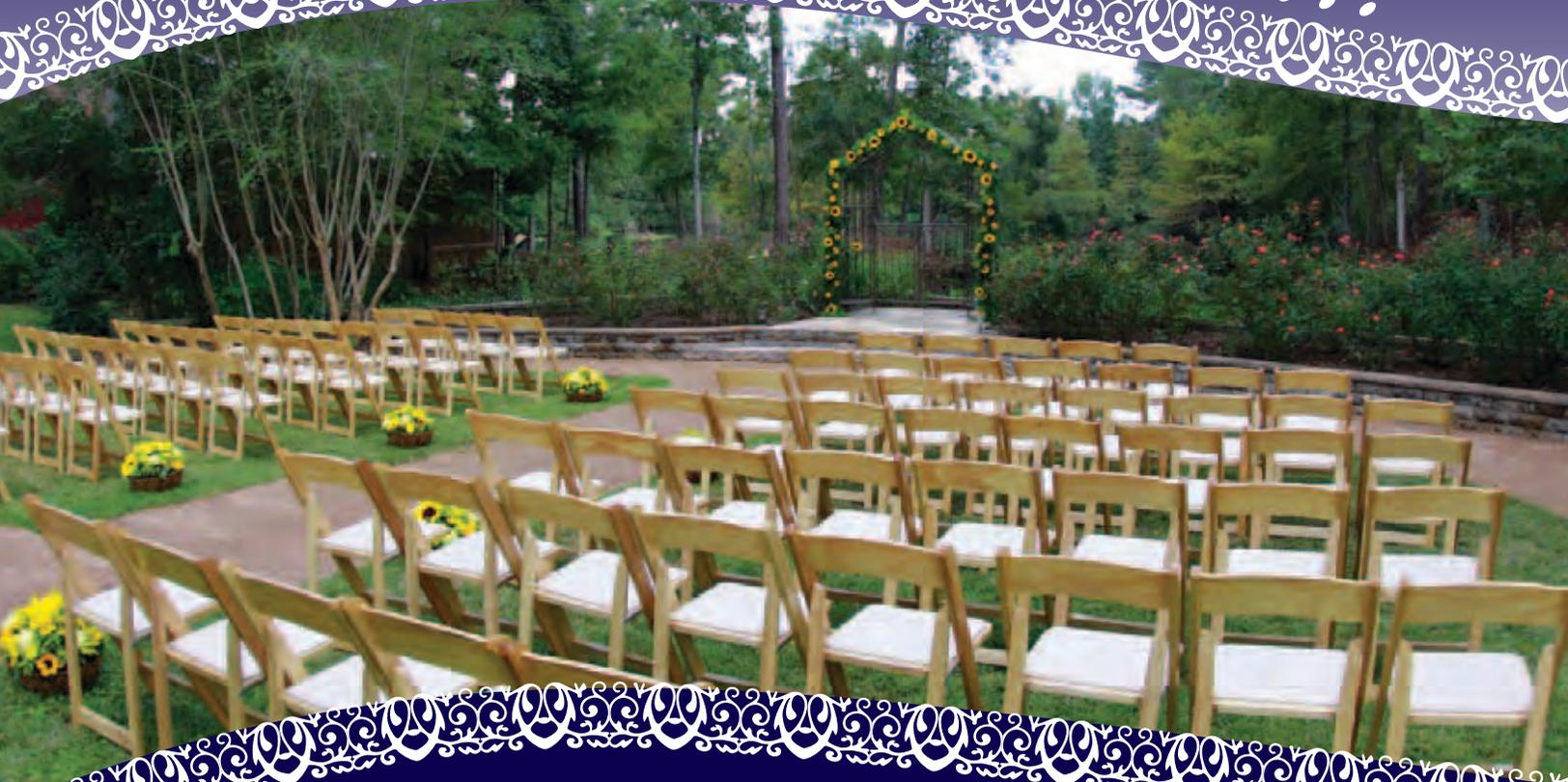


THE
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Two shall become one...



Weddings



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The Retreat at Artesian Lakes, located only an hour from downtown Houston off Highway 59, is an ideal venue for regular and "Destination Weddings" and can comfortably accommodate parties of up to 150 guests.

Quietly nestled in over 500 acres of East Texas pines and surrounded by interconnected Artesian water lakes, the retreat offers several breath-taking backdrops for those interested in incorporating nature into their special day.

We offer a variety of outdoor venues for your ceremony, exquisite menus for your rehearsal dinner and reception alongside amenities like a secluded bridal room and horse-drawn carriages. While some couples choose a quiet lakeside ceremony, others celebrate with their guests all weekend long! Offering customizable packages that fit every budget and desire, the Retreat at Artesian Lakes is a truly unique location for your wedding!

Hilltop Restaurant & Herb Garden

The Hilltop complex features two meeting rooms, a private dining room and an outdoor terrace. The main dining room has a breathtaking view of an Artesian fed lake and the woods beyond. The adjacent Herb Garden features elegant stone retaining walls, water fountain, grassy lawn, and wrought iron ceremony arch making it the premiere location for outdoor weddings.

The Resort

Our secluded log cabins are nestled between the tall pine woods and feature plush king-size beds, fireplaces, double Jacuzzi tubs, loveseats, mini bars, and decks with beautiful lake views. Activities abound at the Resort, like our saltwater swimming pool and its grotto hot tub, massage and spa services, horseback riding, hiking, biking, canoeing, fishing and much more! The abundance of wildlife amidst a peaceful, serene environment sets us apart from other locations.

For the wedding of your dreams, the natural choice is The Retreat at Artesian Lakes! Please contact us to schedule a tour of our facilities by calling (832) 397-4007. We look forward to serving you soon!



Ceremony & Reception

Ceremony Sites

We offer several outdoor ceremony sites with capacity for 20 to 150 guests. Rental fees include one "set-up," according to your written specifications and using natural wood chairs*. Bridal parties may bring their own decorations. A "rain plan" must be submitted one week prior.

*Up to 100 guests. Additional seating provided according to rental availability.

Hilltop Deck – up to 150 guests; available from noon to 4:00p.m. on Saturdays	\$1500
Hilltop Gazebo – up to 20 guests for 2 hrs.	\$600
Hilltop Herb Garden – up to 150 guests	\$1500
Swimming Pool Deck – up to 100 guests; available Sunday afternoons, off-season	\$1000
Hospitality House Terrace – up to 50 guests	\$750

All rentals are subject to 6.75% sales tax. Additional set-ups are \$50 to \$100 depending on number of guests. Excessive site clean-up incurs additional charges.

Reception Rooms

We offer reception for small weddings—ranging from our cozy and elegant lobby to a private dining room with capacity for a maximum of 100 guests – or up to 150 with Hilltop rental.

Reception Rooms include one "set-up," according to your written specifications. We offer your choice of: a) rectangular 6' X 2-1/2' tables sitting six guests or b) 72" round tables seating 8-10 guests clothed in white. The chairs are standard banquet chairs upholstered in pale green, ideal for chair covers. Room rental also includes up to three special-purpose (i.e. gifts, cake, and registry) rectangular tables clothed and skirted in white.

The Hilltop Dining Room is always set up with its regular furnishings: country-style wood tables and chairs.

A/V equipment included with room rental where equipment is already set up. Additional fees incurred if setting up in a different location.

Hospitality House Lobby – up to 50 guests; available Sun – Thu, from 5 to 9 p.m.	\$1500
Hilltop Dining Room – 70 guests; available from Noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays	\$650
Hilltop's Sassafras/Loblolly Room – 100 guests; 8 hours rental	\$1000
Maple Room at Hilltop – 26 guests maximum	\$150
Hilltop Restaurant – 150 guests	\$2500

Additional set-ups are \$50 to \$100 depending on number of guests. Excessive reception room clean-up incurs additional charges.



Catering

Hilltop Restaurant and Herb Garden, a famous East Texas landmark founded by renowned herbalist and cook, Madalene Hill, has been part of The Retreat at Artesian Lakes for over twenty years. Hilltop's cuisine is based on the herbs grown in the adjacent herb garden. The herbs also provide the basis for the variety of jellies, chutneys, relishes, teas and other specialty items which are featured in our Gift Shop.

Rehearsal & Reception Dinners

Host your rehearsal dinner or reception in one of the private rooms at Hilltop Herb Farm Restaurant (Maple Room accommodates up to 30; Sassafras Room up to 70) with the menu of your choice. Hilltop Restaurant offers a variety of catering menus starting at \$20 per person, plus tax and gratuity. All menu selections include salad, entrée with side dish, seasonal vegetable, fresh baked rolls, Tranquilitea (Hilltop's trademark iced tea) and Coffee. Please see our **Menu Selector** for options.

For a truly unique experience, our Executive Chef, Jim Condra, will sit down with you to design a menu customized to your exact specifications. Using the freshest seasonal ingredients from our herb garden and our certified organic vegetable farm we can prepare an exquisite meal for your guests.

Menu Choice
Chef Customized Menu

Starting at \$20 pp ++
Starting at \$22 pp ++

Other Meals

Rent one of our private rooms at Hilltop Herb Farm Restaurant and dine from either our Friday Night Seafood Buffet or our Sunday Brunch Buffet.

Friday Night Seafood Buffet **\$22 pp ++ /; UqVW@ a` Z3^baZa 1U4VWwSYWfi**

Menu includes Seafood Gumbo, Lemon-Battered Shrimp, Catfish with Hilltop's Hot Pineapple Dipping Sauce, Peel-and-Eat Shrimp, Crawfish Etouffee, Chicken Piquant, Salad Bar, and Bread Pudding with Jack Daniels Sauce.

Sunday Brunch **\$19 pp ++ /; UqVW@ a` Z3^baZa 1U4VWwSYWfi**

Offered seasonally, traditional favorites like Belgian Waffles and custom Omelets are paired with Hilltop specialties and a delicious selection of desserts.

Alcohol

All weddings serving alcohol must hire one licensed, uniformed Security Guard per every 50 guests that must be chosen from our Trusted Vendor list. As we are a private club, all wedding parties must complete and submit one TABC form.

Bartender (per hour, minimum four hours)	\$25		
Champagne and Wine (depending on brand)	\$18 per bottle and up		
Lime Tarragon Margaritas	\$5.50 ea	Bottled Beer - Domestic	\$2.95 ea
Cocktails	\$6.50 ea and up	Bottled Beer - Imports/ Specialty	\$3.95 ea

All catering menus are subject to 6.75% sales tax and 20% service charge. Prices are subject to change without notice; only signed contracts with paid deposits hold quoted pricing.



Additional Services

Dance Floor \$500

A dance floor is available for rental which our staff assembles and disassembles.

Massage Therapy

Pamper yourself and get relaxed and rejuvenated with a professional massage. Massage therapy can be scheduled in or outside your cabin or in a massage room.

30 min: \$45 massage room; \$90 in cabin
 60 min: \$80 massage room; \$160 in cabin
 90 min: \$125 massage room; \$250 in cabin
 Hot Stone Treatments upon request; \$30

Accommodations

Our "Romance Cabins" are ideal wedding night accommodations for the bride and groom as well as for extended honeymoon stays. The FA is the most secluded but all three feature double Jacuzzi tubs, fireplaces, king-size beds, love seats, antique furnishings, and decks overlooking a lake. Additional accommodations in five different floor plans are available for wedding guests.

Romance Cabins (CAP, DAJ and FA)	\$200 to \$230
Additional Accommodations	\$170 to \$460 per night
Lovers' Packages (all inclusive two-night packages)	\$550 to \$650
Honeymoon Amenities Package	\$75

Bridal Room

Brides renting one of our venues have access to a bridal changing room featuring full-length mirror, hanging clothes rack, vanity table, and sitting area.

Parking

You will be designated (4) parking spaces in front of the "Garden Building" for vendors or handicapped guests. All other guests must park in the common parking area located in front of Hospitality House.

Wedding Coordination Services

These are offered at additional rates by several resident and visiting professional wedding coordinators. Please see our Trusted Vendors list provided.

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Policies

Alcohol

All weddings serving alcohol must hire one licensed, uniformed Security Guard per every 50 guests that must be chosen from our Trusted Vendor list. Your RAL coordinator can make these arrangements for you. All wedding parties must complete and submit one TABC form.

Set-up and Clean up

These services are included with your outdoor venues and banquet room rentals. However, we provide only ONE set-up for the ceremony and one for the reception. Changes to these set-ups will incur charges ranging from \$50 to \$100 per set-up. Excessive clean-up will incur additional charges to a maximum of \$250—photographs will be provided if this is the case.

Deposits

All bookings require a 50% deposit of the total including catering.

Catering Guarantee

We must have a guaranteed number of meal guests two weeks prior to the event. We don't provide children pricing for catering events—we simply adjust the number of meals provided.

You must provide us with a guest list at your two week prior deadline. RAL will assign a gate attendant and will check off the guests as they arrive.

Rain Plans

We must have a backup plan for all outdoor ceremonies in case of inclement weather. This backup plan must be provided to us in writing one week prior to the ceremony along with a time to implement this plan on the day of the event. We will follow this plan.

Additional Equipment

You must inform us a month in advance of any special equipment requirements; whether you are bringing it or we are providing it.

Contact Person

We must have only ONE official contact person for an event.

Tour Guidelines

For more information, or to make an appointment for a wedding tour, please call (832) 397-4007. Wedding tours are provided only under the following guidelines:

* Advanced reservations are required.

* Maximum four guests per tour.

* One hour per tour. Please use this information packet to prepare for your visit and bring a list of questions.

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