

WEDDINGS

The Retreat at Artesian Lakes, located only an hour from downtown Houston off Highway 59, is an ideal venue for weddings of up to 130 guests. Nestled in over 100 acres of towering pines and other hardwoods and surrounded by interconnected Artesian water lakes, the retreat offers several breathtaking backdrops for those interested in incorporating nature into their special day.

We offer a variety of outdoor venues for your ceremony, exquisite menus, and amenities such as a Romance Cabins and horse-drawn carriages. Whether couples choose a quiet lakeside ceremony or wish to celebrate with their guests all weekend long, we offer custom packages to fit every budget.

Ceremony Sites

We offer several outdoor ceremony sites with capacity for 20 to 130 guests:

Hilltop Deck – maximum 75 guests; available from noon to 4:00p.m. on Saturdays	\$1,000
Hilltop Gazebo –maximum 20 guests	\$600
Hilltop Garden – up to 130 guests	\$1,500
Swimming Pool Deck–up to 100 guests; available Sunday afternoons, off-season	\$1,000
Hospitality House Deck – 50 guests	\$750

Rentals are subject to 6.75% sales tax. Fees include one “set-up” according to your written specifications and using natural wood chairs. Additional set-ups incur charges of up to \$100. Excessive site clean-up incurs additional charges. **A “rain plan” must be submitted one week prior.**

Reception Rooms

We offer reception sites for up to 130 guests—ranging from a private dining room to our elegant lobby:

Hospitality House Lobby – up to 50 guests; available Sun – Thu, from 5 to 9 p.m.	\$1,500
Hilltop Dining Room – 70 guests; available from Noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays	\$650
Hilltop’s Sassafras/Loblolly Room – 100 guests	\$1,000
Hilltop’s Maple Room – 26 guests maximum	\$150
Hilltop Restaurant (closing it to the public) – 130 guests	\$2,500

We offer your choice of a) rectangular 6’ X 2-1/2’ tables sitting six guests, or b) 72” round tables seating 8 to 10 guests. We offer only white tablecloths; guests are welcome to bring linens and decorations. We also provide standard banquet chairs ideal for customized covers. Room rental includes up to three special-purpose rectangular tables clothed and skirted in white. The Hilltop Dining Room is always set up with country-style wood tables and chairs. A/V Equipment is included with room rental where equipment is already set up. Additional fees apply if you need it set-up in a different location. A Dance Floor is available for an additional \$500

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Rehearsal & Reception Dinners

Chef Chris Uphoff will meet with you and/or your wedding planners to design customized rehearsal and reception menus.

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.

Horsedrawn Carriage Ride \$250

Make a grand entrance, take photographs, or simply get away together for a few minutes between the ceremony and the reception.

Accommodations

Our “Romance Cabins” are ideal wedding night and/or honeymoon accommodations. The FA is the most secluded but all three feature double Jacuzzi tubs, fireplaces (operable only in winter), king-size beds, love seats, antique furnishings, and decks overlooking lakes. CAP, DAJ and FA: \$200 to \$230/night

We also offer a variety of log cabins, log suites, and large homes for your guests.

Additional Accommodations: \$170 to \$460/night

Policies

Alcohol—All weddings serving alcohol must hire two licensed, uniformed Security Guards. We retain these guards for your event.

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 do not provide children pricing for catering events—we simply adjust the number of meals provided.

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 set time to implement said plan on the day of the event.

Additional Equipment—you must inform us a month in advance of any special equipment requirements; whether you will bring it or we’ll need to provide it.

Contact person—we must have only ONE official contact person for your event.

Consultation and Tour Guidelines

Consultation and site evaluation tours are limited to one hour and four guests. We require advanced reservations and request you use this information packet to prepare questions prior to arrival.

For the wedding of your dreams, the natural choice is The Retreat at Artesian Lakes! Please contact us at (832) 397-4008 to schedule a tour. We look forward to serving you soon!