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YOUR WEDDING DESTINATION

“To Have and To Hold”

Congratulations on your engagement! Thank you for considering Whispering Pines Bed and Breakfast for your special day. I’m excited to meet you and provide you with a tour of our property and have you capture the beauty of Whispering Pines as your potential wedding venue.

Until we can connect, it’s our hope this FAQ will provide you with information to help you determine if our facility is a fit for you.

Our 6 pastoral acres offer the ideal setting for an outdoor wedding, reception, or vow renewal. We are located just on the edge of Nebraska City surrounded by 100 year old pines. Our 1878 Victorian farmhouse offers all of the most up to date amenities while surrounding you in a classical Victorian atmosphere. The bed and breakfast includes five uniquely themed rooms with private baths which would be perfect to house guests for your event.

The grounds provide ample space to set up and host most any event, and our 400 year old award winning Burr Oak tree offers the perfect backdrop for your photos. Our waterfall, ponds, and flower gardens present a tranquil and picturesque scene for any occasion.

The dining room and parlor along with a seasonal wraparound porch are great spots to hold an intimate gathering such as a bridal shower, rehearsal dinner or gift opening brunch. The Whispering Pines staff enjoys providing hospitality to make you feel at ease while you create memories and build relationships that will last a lifetime.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the pricing? How much does it cost?

Our wedding and event pricing varies based on the season, the number of guests, and your chosen package, whether you choose a package with lodging or just the ceremony. Once we have your date and estimated number of guests, we’ll recommend packages with pricing. Add-ons and extras not included in your package will also contribute to your rate.

We prefer to meet with you and show off our facility, or at least have a phone conversation, to discuss your specific needs and desires prior to providing you with a quote, but our typical weddings range from \$250 to \$2000.

A 50% deposit of the facility rental fee is due to reserve Whispering Pines for the date of your event and is applied to your total due. The remaining balance is due 14 days prior to the event.

A refundable \$250 security deposit may be required and due 14 days prior to the event (along with remaining balance of facility rental fee). The security deposit will be refunded 7-10 days after function date if no damage has occurred to Whispering Pines property and all clean-up of rented spaces is satisfactory.

How many people can we have?

For an indoor wedding or event, our common public space can accommodate up to 20 people.

For an outdoor wedding or event, our 6 acres provide ample space for many. We've only experienced events of about 200, but capacity is based on your creativity with the space. In season, we have many options for set up.

Are children allowed on property for our event? Yes, but if children will be in attendance, they must be attended to at ALL times. For an onsite reception, someone must be designated to baby-sit and/or we recommend a children's table or play area be set up. Children shall not be left unattended or allowed to play in or around the ponds, waterfall, or cellar areas.

Can we have a rehearsal? There is no additional charge for this time although day/time and parking (if not overnight guests) must be discussed and agreed upon in advance with the innkeeper.

Can we have a rehearsal dinner? Whispering Pines can certainly host your rehearsal dinner and cater up to 50, or it can be self catered. Pricing depends on the package of your choosing.

What if it rains? Can we set up a tent to provide shelter? Yes, we allow tents to be erected. For our outdoor weddings and events, we always pray for good weather. But, we do live in Nebraska where we all know the weather can change in a matter of minutes. If you're nervous about the weather or just want your guests to be shielded from the elements no matter the weather, you are welcome to put up a tent. There are many areas available with plenty of space for tents. We're happy to show you locations during our tour and mention where previous guests have placed them. Tents must be erected within the existing space allotted. Trimming our trees to make the tent fit is NOT allowed. We do require knowing in advance when the tent will arrive and also be removed.

Can we bring decorations? Yes. All decorations brought on property must be removed from Whispering Pines at the conclusion of the function unless other arrangements have been made. There can be nothing hung, nailed or taped to the inside walls, ceilings or floors of Whispering Pines. For outside events, please respect our natural setting if hanging lights, do not nail anything to our trees. We recommend real rose petals, as silk rose petals are not allowed. If you want to throw something to celebrate, we recommend bird seed or blowing bubbles.

What time can we setup? Setup time is dependent upon the availability of the facility and will need to be discussed based on your package.

What about restroom facilities? There is one public restroom available in the house. If you are renting the rooms in the house, you may also allow event guests to use those facilities. Otherwise, outdoor temporary toilets must be provided by the host group if the crowd size is over 25. Location of these port-a-potties must be approved by Whispering Pines. We can provide you a name of our suggested local partner.

Can we have a DJ or live music? Musicians must provide all necessary electrical cords and equipment. There are two outdoor outlets available in the garden. Whispering Pines is in a residential area inside the city limits and therefore, due to city ordinance and consideration of the neighbors, music can only be played until **11 pm**. Whispering Pines reserves the right to request the music be turned down if, in their opinion, it is too loud.

Where do the guests park? Event parking is available to the West of the garage and additional backup East of the Barn. It is recommended the 4 guest parking spaces near the house be reserved for the wedding party and /or the disabled. Parking attendants must be identified and available to assist and direct guests to appropriate parking upon arrival. **THE CIRCLE DRIVE CANNOT BE BLOCKED DUE TO EMERGENCY SERVICE ACCESS.** Driving on the property to deliver handicap or elderly to the event location is allowed.

What type of lodging is available? Is lodging room rental required?

Whispering Pines B&B has five themed guest rooms with full private baths can and sleep 10 people (double occupancy). We have additional beds and pull-outs and a ½ bath to accommodate up to 7 additional adults.

Renting the lodging rooms is not required if you're hosting a wedding ceremony only, without a reception. Setup times and access to the property will need to be discussed with the innkeeper and realize there may be bed and breakfast guests watching from afar.

If you're hosting a reception with us, most often, rental of all 5 rooms is required. We believe it takes away the peaceful experience we offer to B&B guests not involved in an event if there is a big party going on. But we feel it won't be hard for you to entice a few of your guests to enjoy lodging on site allowing them to get ready for the event here and then slip away from the festivities to their rooms when they are ready to retire for the evening. They'll also enjoy our tasty breakfast the next morning. Max capacity for the 5 rooms is 17 overnight guests.

Room rental is not included in the wedding packages. Room rates vary seasonally. Rental options include our full bed and breakfast services for overnight guests or renting the facility as a vacation rental.

Event hosts may choose to cover lodging expenses for all overnight guests or they can block the rooms and have guests call to reserve and pay individually. See our [Group Rental page](#) for more details on vacation rental.

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Can we bring our own food? Does Whispering Pines B&B provide onsite catering?

Whispering Pines B&B has the ability to cater to up to 50 guests buffet or family style dining. You can browse sample menus on our [group dining page](#). Inquire about our latest menu creations or special requests.

You may also choose to bring your own food onsite. Our kitchen can be available to licensed caterers for a fee, or should you choose the vacation rental option, our kitchen use is included. Food trucks are allowed with discussion and approval on location and electric requirements.

You are responsible for arrangements for additional tables, dinnerware, utensils or any other needs related to third party catering, including trash receptacles and removal. Trash receptacles and removal can be provided by Whispering Pines B&B for a fee.

Can we bring alcohol onsite? Whispering Pines does not maintain an Alcoholic Beverage License; however Host may supply their own alcohol. If alcohol is to be served, an additional Alcohol Addendum must be signed releasing liability from Whispering Pines Bed and Breakfast. For large groups, you may want to consider a bartender. Inquire for local recommendations on caterers or bartenders.

Can we smoke on property? Smoking is only permitted outside. Proper disposal of products is required and should not be littered about the grounds.

Where are you located? Whispering Pines B&B is located in the Northwest corner of Nebraska City on 6 acres. Our location is unique and set in a residential area. Please direct your guests to our website for directions to make arrival easy: <https://bbwhisperingpines.com/directions/>.

Photographers: Whispering Pines may choose to take photos during your event and if professional photographers are hired, we will receive photographer contact information and access to digital photos and be given rights to use in print and online marketing. Photographer credit will be given.

We appreciate your business and welcome the opportunity to host your event in one of the most unique and intimate settings in Southeast Nebraska.