

Emerald Hills

Southern Iowa Wedding Venue





Emerald Hills Events is an all-season, flexible, full-service venue. We specialize in weddings and enjoy hosting business events, showers, and family gatherings. Located just south of Des Moines and a stone's throw from Rathbun Lake State Wildlife Area. Emerald Hills overlooks the rolling hills of Southern Iowa. The wildflowers, wooded pathways, and meadows are a romantic backdrop for our skillfully designed venue space. Every detail has been carefully thought out to make your wedding seamless. It blends farmhouse charm, modern elegance, and Southern Iowa class.

Emerald Hills is owned by Travis and Abby Ewing. The couple designed the venue together. The journey began with co-founding the Heritage 1865 hunting lodge, Hosting hunters from around the globe. After years of experience, their passion for the hospitality industry bloomed into what Emerald Hills is today.

Emerald Hills' commitment to an effortless process, warm professionalism, and simplistic design makes it one of Iowa's most desired wedding venues.

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Event Spaces

The Grand Room

The Loft

The Main Lawn

The Veranda + West Lawn

The Bridal Experience

The Groom's Lounge



Photo: Alexa Karen

THE GRAND ROOM

With its two-story vaulted ceilings and spacious open air layout, the Grand Room accommodates up to 500 guests. With a simple flip of the space, courtesy of our staff, the room can be utilized for ceremony, dinner as well as entertainment all in one location if desired. The white walls and black accents echo a modern farmhouse design allowing Iowa's beauty to be seen. The space offers enough simplicity for the individual to create a dream aesthetic for any event. The Grand Room features a full serviced bar, fireplace feature, band + DJ specific power, and air conditioning.



Photo: Alexa Karen

THE LOFT

Our Loft offers a more intimate event experience or a welcoming indoor space for guests to relax between events. Providing the comfort of the indoors while maintaining an expansive view of the meadows and woods on property. The Loft features a stone fireplace, 180 degree window views, ceremony seating for up to 300, cocktail hour getaway or dining space seating up to 200 additional guests.



Photo: Kirstie Veatch

THE MAIN LAWN

Perfectly situated to behold grand views of the water or an enchanting backdrop of the timber, the lawn is perfect for guest counts at 500 or under. It is beautifully manicured, equipped with power, provided solid wood winery chairs, as well as additional bench seating as needed for larger events.



Photo: Nicole Laing Photo

THE FOREST LAWN

Our Forest Lawn ceremony location is a dreamy hideaway tucked between the trees just a few feet from the venue. Towering trees watch over couples and guests providing additional shade and privacy. The space seats up to 500 guests comfortably making this is a versatile space for extravagant or simple gatherings. The aisle is ribboned with mess free astroturf, equipped with power, provided solid wood winery chairs, as well as additional bench seating for larger events.



Photo: Kirstie Veatch

VERANDA + WEST LAWN

Our classic veranda patio offers another intimate ceremony space for 300 or fewer guests. Many couples opt to enjoy post-ceremony cocktails here, an ideal place to savor the sunset colors reflecting from the pond.

The West lawn, located directly off the covered veranda space, offers a sunset ceremony view. The lawn and patio space is complete with direct bar access, six cocktail tables, two fire pits, bistro lighting, and three heaters for colder weather.



Photo: Alexa Karen

BRIDAL EXPERIENCE & AMENITIES

The Bridal Suite is a serene getaway created for the bridal party to relax and pamper themselves. Designed for the bridal party to prepare before the ceremony, the large south facing windows welcome morning light into the space for photos of the bride and her bridesmaids getting ready.

The expansive room includes a hair and make-up vanity seating six, a sitting area with plush couches and chairs, floor to ceiling mirror perfect for capturing bridal portraits, and an en-suite full private bathroom. The room's direct backdoor entrance offers drive-up access and parking for bridal parties and vendors. Our room-service style bar package offers an assortment of beverages and sparkling wines served by the breakfast and coffee bar nook.



Photo: Alexa Karen

GROOM'S LOUNGE

The groom's lounge provides the perfect balance of comfort and ruggedness. Our grooms and groomsmen can prepare and relax before the festivities begin. Enjoy a spacious dressing room, roomy leather furniture, floor to length mirror, en-suite full bathroom, as well as a TV for a sneaky game update. The groom's lounge also features direct drive-up access and parking.

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Weddings

Spring Fling | Styled Shoot

Kristin + Bartek | Summer

Amber + Cole | Summer

Jessica + Jacob | Fall

Chelsea + Joey | Winter



Spring Fling

Spring Styled Shoot | Photos by Aly Carroll Photography









Bartek & Kristin

Summer Ceremony | Photos by Anna Elizabeth Photo









Cole & Amber

Summer Ceremony | Photos by Mara Mapes Photography









Jacob & Jessica

Fall Grand Room Ceremoy | Photos by Tammy Odell Photography









Joey & Chelsea

Winter Loft Ceremony | Photos by Nicole Laing Photography







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Amenities

Venue

Decor + Design

Guest Lodging



AMENITIES

Included in Your Venue Package

Venue

Accommodating up to 500 Guests

Exclusive use of The Grand Room, The Loft, The Main Lawn, and The Veranda + West Lawn

Early morning access to Bridal Suite and Groom's Lounge

Year-Round Climate Control

A/V System with Wireless Microphone Capabilities

One Bar and three bartenders included with Fee

Set Up and Tear Down of Reception Tables and Chairs

End of Event Cleaning Services

Designated Parking for all Guests



Decor & Design

30 (72") Round Tables - Seats 10

30 (30" x 96") Long Tables - Seats 10

8 (40" x 84") Harvest Tables - Seats 9

Foldable Bamboo Folding Chairs Available for Ceremony

500 Solid Wood Winery Chairs Available for Reception

Ceremony Seating for Up to 500

Choice of White or Black Linens



Guest Lodging

Heritage 1865 Lodge

The Heritage Lodge is located on the same property as Emerald Hills making it an ideal accommodation for family, close friends, or bridal party couples. Available for lodging rental or rehearsal dinner space. The lodge sleeps up to twelve guests comfortably including four twin-size beds and four queens. It offers a full commercial kitchen, three full bathrooms, a bar top area, a vaulted ceiling, and two common rooms with roomy leather furniture and pool table.



Investment

50% down at booking to reserve, 50% one month out

\$650 Per Night

\$250 Cleaning Fee

\$200 Refundable Damage Deposit



Guest Lodging

Tiny Home

The Tiny Home accomadation is perfect for a couple's wedding night getaway or a bridal party pre wedding night escape. With being on the same property, it is another convenient accomodation option. The bridal party can sleep in and walk to hair and makeup when the time arrives. The home can sleep up to seven and is available for rent all year.



Investment

Total due one month out

- \$300 Per Night
- \$100 Cleaning Fee
- \$100 Refundable Damage Deposit

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Investment



INVESTMENT

Venue

*Friday One Day Rental**

9:00 AM to 11:00 PM

\$6,500+

*Saturday One Day Rental**

9:00 AM to 11:00 PM

\$8,500+

*Weekend Rental**

Friday 12:00 PM to Sunday 12:00 PM

\$11,000+

Holiday Rental

Friday 12:00 PM to Sunday 12:00 PM

Prices vary, call for detail

*Excludes Holidays

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FAQ



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Facility

Q: HOW MUCH TIME IS ALLOWED FOR SET-UP AND TEAR-DOWN?

Emerald Hills takes care of the table and chair set up. For Weekend Rental, the facility opens Friday Noon to Sunday Noon. For One Day Rental, 9:00 am - 11:00 pm. All decor and personal items are to be removed by the end of the rental time listed.

Q: DOES THE BUILDING HAVE HVAC?

Yes! We will make sure your guests stay comfortable in our space for your wedding. The bridal suite and groom's lounge have their own heating/cooling unit as well.

Q: DO YOU ALLOW DECORATIONS?

Yes! We welcome decorations such as flowers, candles, and lighting. We do not allow anything to be applied to the walls or building that will cause damage such as nailing into the walls or floating flame. If you choose to use candles, we require that they are in containers or on a stand to prevent damage to our surfaces and linens.

Q: WHAT TYPE OF SOUND SYSTEM IS PERMITTED?

The Grand Room is designed to work with DJs and full jazz bands. The sound and mic system is designed to heighten the guest experience and is heard throughout the space.

Q: WHEN DO I HAVE ACCESS TO THE BRIDAL LOFT?

Access to the bridal suite can begin as early as seven in the morning upon request.

Q: IS A COORDINATOR INCLUDED IN THE WEDDING PACKAGE?

A coordinator is not included, but available for hire.



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Events

Q: WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING THE VENUE AFTER THE EVENT?

Cleaning services are included with your rental fee! The only thing you are responsible for is getting all of the personal belongings you bring into the space for the weekend. We will take care of the rest so you can enjoy the time with your family and friends.

Q: WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE DAY AND WEEKEND VENUE RENTAL PACKAGE?

Both the day and weekend rental include exclusive use of The Grand Room, The Loft, The Main Lawn, and The Patio + East Lawn, Prep Kitchen Access and Equipment, Food Warmers, Work Space and Commercial Grade Kitchen Appliances, Access to Bridal Suite, and Groom's Lounge, One Bartender, Set Up and Tear Down of Reception Tables and Chairs, End of Event Cleaning Services, 30 (72") Round Tables, 30 (30" x 96") Long Tables - Seats 10, 8 (40" x 84") Harvest Tables, 240 Foldable Bamboo Folding Chairs Available for Ceremony, 42 Solid Wood Winery Chairs Available for Ceremony Reception, Choice of White or Black Linens.

Q: CAN YOU RECOMMEND ANY LOCAL VENDORS?

Yes! There are so many vendors we love working with. We can provide this to you upon request.



FAQ

Events

Q: WHERE IS THE CLOSEST LODGING?

We offer the option to rent out our on-property hunting lodge or tiny home. The lodge holds twelve and the tiny home holds seven. We are located just 13 miles west of Honey Creek Resort which sits on Lake Rathbun. We encourage our couples to inform their guests about the resort to make a weekend out of their visit down to Southern Iowa. Honey Creek offers private cabins or hotel suites. They also have a golf course where guests may enjoy a game of morning golf, an indoor water park with the kids, and a morning paddleboard on Iowa's second-largest lake. Foxtail cabins are just 12 miles away and on the same route as Honey Creek. Other options for your guests are in Centerville, IA. We can also provide a few different shuttle companies you may use to transport your guests to and from the venue.



FAQ

Food + Beverage

Q: MAY WE BRING IN AN OUTSIDE CATERER?

We welcome any and all caterers. They must be insured! We do of course have recommendations of caterers who have been to Emerald Hills many times.

Q: CAN WE BRING IN OUR OWN ALCOHOL?

We want to make sure you have a fun and safe party; we will take care of creating your own custom bar package. One bartender is included with your rental fee. You are required to have one bartender per 150 guests.

Q: WHEN DO YOU NEED THE FINAL HEADCOUNT?

Your final guest count will be finalized at your design consultation which will be held two weeks prior to your wedding. We will also create and finalize your bar package and collect any outstanding payments at this consultation.

Q: IS THE BAR PACKAGE CHARGED PER PERSON?

Bar packages are customized to meet your needs. All packages require 18% gratuity.



FAQ

Contracts + Payments

Q: DO YOU HOLD OUR DATE?

We do not require payment to hold a date, but if another couple shows interest in the date we've pencilled in we reach out to give you 24 hours to decide if you want the date or we release it.

Q: WHAT IS THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE?

We require 50% payment due at booking, 25% due six months out and 25% due one month out.

Q: WHAT IS THE SECURITY DEPOSIT?

We do not request to pay a security deposit.



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