



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and LorienDell Policies

What are potential “hidden” costs?

Beyond “the basics” of the [Site cost](#), your expenses are dependant upon how much help you have from friends and relatives, what you want to include in your ceremony or reception, how elaborate those items are, how much time and effort you can devote to the preparation for Your Day and, of course, the limitations of your budget. Typical additional, variable or incremental costs are: decorations , hiring a DJ, hiring live music, providing a dance floor, professional photography, videography, generator (if necessary), catering (dependant upon menu and guest #s), and rental chairs, tables, linens, flatware.

Do you recommend rental agencies or caterers?

We have links to reliable wedding support people (Officiates, DJ, photographer, caterer) at <http://loriendell.com/images/Vendorlist.pdf>.

Do you support “Themed Weddings”

We have great fun with themed weddings. LorienDell is well-suited for Western-style themes or anything associated with “mystical” forest themes, e.g., “Middle-Earth”, “Renaissance” decorations and costumes. It’s easy and relatively inexpensive to rent a horse-drawn carriage or a white horse for the groom.

What about the wedding rehearsal?

Normally you schedule time for the rehearsal for the evening prior to the wedding.

When and how much can we decorate?

Typically, your decoration team will prepare before the wedding rehearsal. Decorations can range from little to lavish. Your only obligation is to coordinate your plans and intentions and schedule with George and Lynn.

What about re-arrangement of the canopies?

Final configuration of the movable canopies as well as setting up and arranging chairs and tables is your responsibility. You’ll need to coordinate movement of the canopies with George or Lynn.

What if we need or want more time at LorienDell?

Seven hours total are allocated for decorating, wedding rehearsal, photo shoots, ceremony time and cleanup. An additional five hours (total of twelve hours) are allocated if a reception is included. For example, you might have four hours for decorating and wedding rehearsal on Friday and eight hours for preparation, ceremony, reception and cleanup on Saturday. The clock starts at first arrival and ends with last departure for each day. Additional time is charged at \$30/hour.

Do you require a deposit?

A non-refundable \$350 reservation and damage deposit is required to confirm and hold your dates.

When is the Site Fee due? 50% of the fee is due 60 days prior to the wedding; the remainder is due 2 weeks before Your Day.

How many guests do you accommodate?

We limit the number of ceremonies at LorienDell to six per season – the season is from early June to late September. We are limited to a maximum of 150 guests because of the stress a great many people can put on the forest environment.

What about parking?

There is more than sufficient parking space at LorienDell. Parking around the house is reserved for the immediate wedding party. Your other guests park in the area east of the house and along the mowed west side of the driveway. For more than 70 guests, you'll need to assign someone to organize parking and to help avoid driving on unprepared areas.

What facilities to you provide for the bridal party?

We open our home for the use of the immediate wedding party: 3 bedrooms and two bathrooms upstairs. Please inform your other guests that access to the house is limited to the wedding party.

Forest etiquette

LorienDell has 10 acres of forest and 3 acres of fields with almost two miles of clear walking paths. Please welcome and strongly encourage your guests to explore the paths and enjoy the flowers and wildlife. However, please tell your guests to not approach the wildlife or pick wildflowers. Every summer a fawn is born in the forest. Its mother will protect her. Columbine are protected by Colorado law.

What about children?

There is nothing to fear in the LorienDell forest: There are no snakes -- no lions, tigers or bears, and children really can't get lost since the entire property is enclosed by fence. Parents, however, are responsible for the behavior of their children. Tell your children to stay on the paths so they won't run into fences, get tangled up in sticker-bushes or step in undesirable things! Children must not approach the deer or harass other creatures, pick flowers, break small trees or enter our home unaccompanied by an adult. Some wedding parties have taken very considerate measures to entertain their young guests, e.g., supervising outdoor games (we have horseshoes and mountain croquet), conducting treasure hunts, and even having a clown or face-painter.

Our photographer is concerned about light – the where and when of the wedding party photos.

The diffused light in the aspen forest provides for great photos any time of day. Pikes Peak background portraits are best in late afternoon. There are several especially nice spots on the forest paths for portraits. We will be happy to give you and your photographer a tour of the best photo locations.

I'm concerned about my Grandmother – she can't walk very far.

There is access to the Park by car where you can drop off and pick up people, equipment and supplies.

What if it rains (or snows!!)?

Summer afternoon thundershowers are common in Colorado. Even after our daughter's wedding it rained for about 30 minutes; guests sheltered under the canopies until it stopped. If the weather totally destroys a ceremony and reception, a viable "Plan B" might be The Little Chapel of the Hills in Divide (see photo on the webpage) which is about a mile from LorienDell. Little Chapel can be reserved as a contingency for a nominal fee. Another option is event insurance. See <http://www.wedsafe.com/event-liability-insurance.html>. In the case of an inclement weather change-of-venue, we will refund your venue cost minus the deposit.

Do you serve alcohol?

We do not serve alcohol. You may bring beer and wine *in moderation*. Positively no unauthorized liquor can be brought onto the grounds and no opened liquor containers are allowed to leave the grounds. We can allow ABSOLUTELY NO underage drinking. You are responsible for the behavior of your invited guests. Remember – there is no way you want Your Day to be marked by injury or worse *from an alcohol-related accident*. See <http://www.wedsafe.com/event-liability-insurance.html>.

What about smoking?

There is no smoking allowed in our house, even on the balcony or deck. Cigarette butts are not only a fire hazard, but are also a health hazard to our creatures. Smokers on the grounds must police their cigarette butts.

Cleanup and Takedown

Please leave the property as beautiful as it was when you arrived. Please coordinate with us if you need to arrange cleanup for the next day, and ensure that your valuable centerpieces, decorations and gifts are protected from weather. Please take out all litter and trash, including flower petals, party favors, cigarette butts, discarded cups, etc. Return the LorienDell tables and chairs to the storage shed and stack rented tables under shelter. (We recommend that you designate clean-up personnel from other than your immediate wedding party. You'll be a bit occupied!)

Do you have any other rules?

To the extent you can, we request that you encourage your guests to respect our home and the LorienDell Park, and that you ask your guests not to harass the animals, pick wildflowers or litter trash (especially cigarette butts!). Some couples have been kind enough to include this with their invitations and driving directions.

Can you recommend places to stay for our out-of-town guests?

Accommodations for out-of-towners in our area range from moderately priced motels and VRBOs (Vacation Rentals by Owners) to mountain campgrounds. We can accommodate up to 40 guests in our vacation homes in Woodland Park (18), Cascade (22) and Florissant (14).

See <http://www.loriendell.com/HappyTrails.html>

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Can you recommend good things to do in your area?

We strongly encourage you to encourage your out-of-town guests to take advantage of the great destinations and activities available in the Pikes Peak region. We've compiled some good links for things to do in our area. See

<http://www.loriendell.com/Activities.html>

We are so honored to share this precious time with you, your family and your friends. It is our sincere desire that your memories of this day include the peace and beauty of LorienDell and the hospitality of our family.

May God bless you and your new families with the peace and joy of His abiding presence.

*Thank you for considering LorienDell.
George & Lynn*

