



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **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: hiring a DJ, live music, providing a dance floor, photography, videography, generator (if necessary), catering (dependant upon menu and guest #s), additional chairs, tables, linens, flatware and decorations.

### **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 in 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, a horse-drawn carriage, the groom riding in on a white horse, etc.

### **What about the wedding rehearsal?**

Normally you schedule time for the rehearsal for the prior 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 as they affect LorienDell with George and Lynn.

### **What about re-arrangement of the canopies?**

Final configuration of the canopies as well as setting up and arranging chairs and tables is your responsibility. You’ll need to coordinate movement of the structures 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 \$350 reservation and damage deposit is required to confirm your dates. This is refundable if you cancel your reservation 4 months prior to your event.

**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 per event by the stress a great many people can put on the forest environment (and us!).

**What about parking?**

There is more than sufficient parking space at LorienDell. However, for more than 70 guests, you'll need to assign an individual 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 Bridal Party: 3 bedrooms and two bathrooms upstairs. The living room and deck are also available for your adult parents and relatives.

**What about children?**

LorienDell has 10 acres of forest and 3 acres of fields with almost two miles of clear walking paths. We welcome and encourage everyone to explore the paths and enjoy the flowers and wildlife. For children, there is nothing to fear in the LorienDell woods: no snakes, no lions or tigers or bears and they really can't get lost since the entire property is enclosed by fence. Parents, however, are responsible for the behavior of their children. Children must not harass the deer or other creatures, pick columbine, break small trees or enter our home unaccompanied by an adult. Some wedding parties have taken very considerate measures for 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. 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 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 threatens to totally destroy a ceremony and reception, a viable "Plan B" is 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>.

### **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 deer, pick wildflowers or litter trash (especially cigarette butts!). Some couples have been kind enough to include this with their invitations and driving directions.

### **Cleanup**

The property must be left as it was found. Ensure that your centerpieces, decorations and gifts will be secured. (We recommend that you designate clean-up personnel from other than your wedding party. You'll be a bit occupied!)

### **Can you recommend good things to do and 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) and Cascade (22). See <http://www.loriendell.com/HappyTrails.html>

See <http://loriendell.com/images/Vendorlist.pdf> for some other suggestions.

### **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>

## LAST WORDS

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

*All the best for you, and  
Thank you for considering Lorien Dell.  
George & Lynn*