

2020 Picks for Best Hudson Valley Wedding Venues

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Brimming with a broad range of possibilities for brides and grooms to be, the Catskills and Hudson Valley are home to myriad highly desired wedding destinations that are designed to accommodate city dwellers and upstate residents alike. Featuring betrothals that bask in waterfront beauty, nostalgic nuptials held on historic sites, working farm festivities, and locally sourced seasonal spreads, a comprehensive collection of local destinations that dot the Hudson River region are highlighted below to illustrate a variety of visions for vow-exchange ceremonies and celebrations.

Each distinctly equipped with bespoke offerings, amenities, and accommodations, the venerable upstate venues that follow are distinguished by time-honored historic heritages, verdant vistas, bucolic backdrops, and carefully considered culinary contributions to enable an exquisite wedding day that won't soon be forgotten.

WATERFRONT VENUES

Hutton Brickyards in Kingston

A sprawling site that sets an exposed industrial aesthetic against sweeping waterfront views, the historic Hutton Brickyards hugs the Hudson River in Kingston. In a testament to its legacy as a former brick works factory, the vast venue attains a raw minimalist milieu with century-old brick edifices and wrought iron accents. Transformed to accommodate both indoor and outdoor occasions with modern event production infrastructure, couples can choose from a trio of covered pavilions with towering truss ceilings and poured concrete floors, as well as an enclosed hall that has been restored to pay homage to the site's honored heritage.



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The Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring

Cold Spring's Chapel Restoration—a cultural and historic landmark that lines the Hudson River—was built in 1833 as the first Catholic church north of Manhattan. A restoration in the 1970s repaired the Greek Revival-style structure's fire-ravaged ruins, transforming it into an ecumenical site set against the rural backdrop of the Highlands. The Chapel currently serves as a serene setting for special occasions and is available for weddings from April to November. With an intimate interior adorned by a colossal candelabrum overhead and double doors opening out onto a portico overlooking the river, the chapel accommodates approximately 100 people while an adjacent chancery offers a changing area, restrooms, and kitchen facilities.

Villa Vosilla in Tannersville

Perched high atop the Catskill mountain peaks, Villa Vosilla is a boutique 75-room hotel that accommodates overnight and weekend weddings year-round. Offering amenities such as a bedecked ballroom that boasts the capacity to seat up to 200 guests, an indoor pool, and an in-house restaurant, the family-run resort has been honing its Italian-inspired hospitality know-how for more than half a century. From the ceremony to cocktails and cuisine, the touted Tannersville venue is committed to creating a classic Catskills-centric, customized celebration for couples.

The Spruceton Inn in West Kill

The Spruceton Inn is set atop eight acres of rolling farmland swathed by streams and meadows in the forested foothills of West Kill Mountain. With a recently restored post-and-beam barn, an onsite bar, and nine rooms rendered in minimalist decor, the intimate and inviting inn conjures a contemporary yet rustic atmosphere that is ideal for woodsy weddings. Built in the 1860s with hand hewn hemlock beams and no-nail construction, Spruceton's seasonally operated 1,200-square-foot barn is open for use from May through October and can host up to 125 guests who are invited to soak up the surrounding pastoral premises from its adjoining patio.

Cedar Lakes Estate in Port Jervis

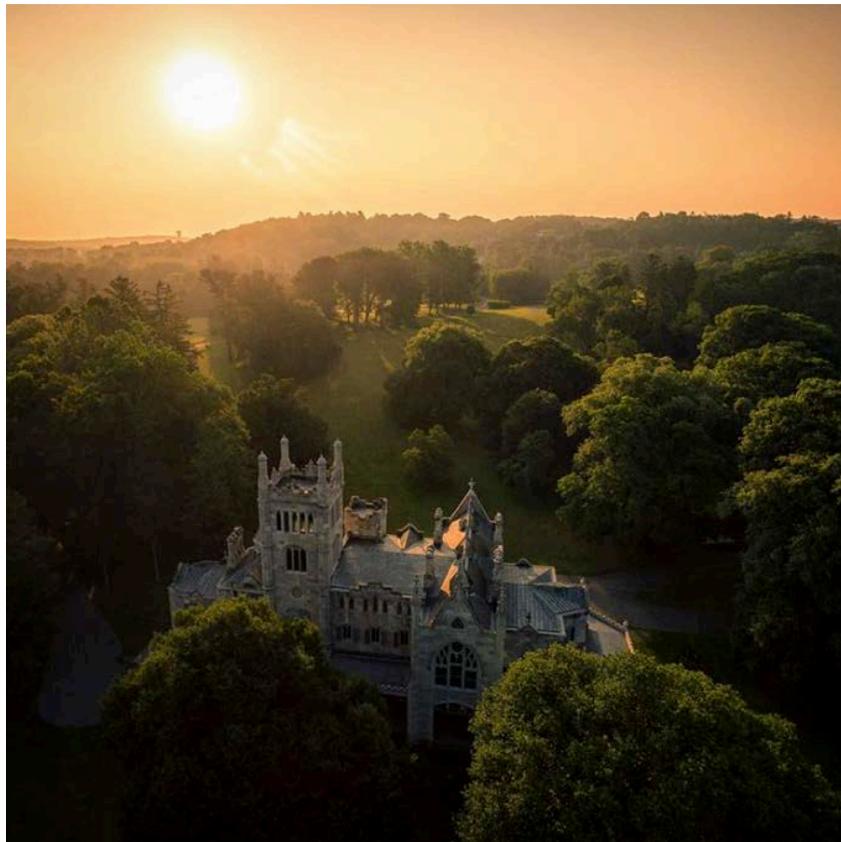


The former address of an archetypal 1970s summer camp has been revamped into Cedar Lakes Estate: an upscale wedding retreat resting on 500 acres of winding woodlands in Port Jervis. The pastoral premises are peppered with wispy, pine tree-lined lakes and rolling green hills that offer verdant views of the bordering Shawangunk Mountains. Alongside an array of luxury lodging cottages and cabins, the rural estate—whose campy characteristics unfold across its bunkhouses, tennis courts, and rope courses—hosts roaring receptions inside its 5,400-square-foot barn, which overlooks the site's series of sparkling lakes.

HISTORIC VENUES

Lyndhurst Mansion in Tarrytown

Upon crossing the gates of the 19th-century Lyndhurst Mansion estate, wedding guests are immersed in a romantic respite set on its own 67-acre park beside the Hudson River in Tarrytown. With the capacity to host up to 300 guests, Lyndhurst's limestone Gothic Revival castle features fanciful turrets as well as an asymmetrical outline, and is flanked by gorgeous grounds with flower gardens and lively lawns that unfold beneath weeping Beech tree branches. Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1966, the estate is augmented by individual accommodations across its grounds—including a carriage house, courtyard, and open-air veranda—that can be conjoined or enjoyed independently for intimate gatherings.



Mount Gulian in Beacon



Tucked away on a quiet tract of land measuring 48 acres and overlooking the Hudson River in Beacon, Mount Gulian is a reconstructed 18th-century Dutch Colonial homestead that is distinguished by its revered role as Revolutionary War headquarters. A landscape of historic trees, vibrant lawns, and blooming flower gardens borders a restored barn from the 1720s, which presently possesses original wood plank floors underfoot and hand-hewn beams that hover along its steeply pitched, open-raftered ceiling. Mount Gulian can accommodate weddings with up to 135 guests from the months of May through October.

Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck

Cloistered in the quaint town of Rhinebeck, the Beekman Arms is billed as the oldest operating inn in America, celebrated for its time-honored hospitality as a historic wedding host since its inception in the 1700s. Centuries-old edifices embellish the experience of the venerated venue, which comprises a collection of distinct backdrops for the big day, and is poised to provide overnight accommodations with 80 guest suites and rooms spread across several historic houses. A traditional tavern is located onsite, while the Beekman's culinary team handcrafts a menu inspired by seasonal produce from local Hudson Valley farms.



A Private Estate in Germantown



Photo: Julie Skarrat Photography

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Heralded as a historic property where invitees can immerse themselves in the nostalgia of 19th-century celebrations, A Private Estate features the landmarked Livingston Mansion set against a hidden haven of lush lawns and grand old oaks overlooking the Hudson River in Germantown. The venue encompasses three distinct regions that diversify the landscape of any special occasion: A half-mile-long ribbon of lawn is anchored by the momentous mansion, which surveys the streaming river below, while a fully modernized barn complex was conceived to host receptions, and a charming carriage house is available to accommodate couples on their special day.

WEDDING VENUES ON WORKING FARMS

Red Maple Vineyard in West Park



A boutique farm-to-table wedding venue and vineyard, Red Maple Vineyard in West Park is a picturesque farm that provides a pastoral setting for celebrations. Sprinkled with quintessential countryside accents such as a horse paddock, chicken coop, stone foundation ruins, and floral gardens, 143-acres of vibrant land surrounds a renovated cow barn from the 1800s, which has been thoughtfully renovated to include amenities that comprise a bridal suite, grand piano, bar, and lounge area, as well as a recently added reception pavilion. The vineyard venue aims to source produce primarily from their property and is able to hold up to 300 guests.

Seminary Hill in Callicoon



With sweeping vistas and views of the winding Delaware River in all directions, Seminary Hill is a family-run cider orchard, tasting room, and wedding venue nestled in the Catskills town of Callicoon. With multiple backdrops to choose from, vows can be exchanged alongside a unique landscape depending on the season. Delicate pink and white flowers bloom in spring, while the orchard's colorful yields pop against deep green leaves in summer, and crisp fall foliage is peppered with pears and apples that are ripe for the picking in autumn. The venue includes just over a dozen onsite lodging arrangements and can accommodate up to 200 wedding guests.

Blooming Hill Farm in Blooming Grove



Photo: Kate Edwards Photography

Restaurant as Dining Room

Bounded by rolling hills and mossy meadows, Blooming Hill Farm boasts a bucolic backdrop for weddings with bountiful bunches of organically grown greens and carefully cultivated crops that coalesce to form creative culinary offerings. The seasonally inspired menu features handpicked yields fresh from the farm's 100-acre fields as it abounds with eclectic ingredients both harvested and wild. An old oak tree stands as an arborous anchor for outdoor ceremonies while receptions for up to 200 guests can be held beneath pearly white pitched tents illuminated by twinkling strings of light at night.

VENUES WITH LOCALLY SOURCED FOOD & DRINK

Foxfire Mountain House in Mount Tremper



With a bohemian home in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Foxfire Mountain House holds 10 private acres bounded by forests, mountains, and meadows. In addition to a carefully crafted menu of locally sourced supplies, wedding weekends include exclusive use of the entire grounds, and perusing the property prompts encounters with a picturesque pond, bonfire pit, lily pool, glass pavilion, and Moroccan-tiled veranda. Designed with a decidedly wayfaring and worldly aesthetic that is accented by moody, historic touches, the vintage-inspired inn features 11 fashionable guest rooms, as well as a bar, restaurant, and lounge that lend cozy nooks for guests to gather.

The Arnold House in Livingston Manor



Setting the stage for a rustic country wedding complete with locally sourced food and drink, the Arnold House in Livingston Manor is an acclaimed venue for year-round festivities. Multiple backdrops and locations are available for all occasions. Up to 200 guests can gather alongside meadows and gardens during open-air ceremonies with tented receptions in the spring, summer, and fall, while the site's pole barn and greenhouse—complete with a built-in bar and bandstand—provides a more intimate place for up to 125 guests to gather for cozy celebrations during winter months. Overnight accommodations are available onsite for up to 28 guests across three buildings.

The Kaaterskill



A wedding at the Kaaterskill comprises a calming Catskills retreat that is replete with sweeping mountaintop vistas, abounding acres of lush wooded lands, and scenic footpaths lined by lazy winding rivers. Couples can choose from a collection of charming ceremony sites, while a picturesque pond house provides the perfect spot for a cocktail hour. Receptions for up to 150 guests are held within the Kaaterskill's rustic red barn, while larger parties can be accommodated beneath tents pitched atop the freshly cut lawn. Located onsite, a restored Dutch Barn Inn is brimming with spacious quarters and modern luxuries that include in-suite fireplaces and private patios.

Valley Rock Inn and Mountain Club in Sloatsburg



A secluded Sloatsburg sanctuary surrounded by acres of wild reserves, the Valley Rock Inn and Mountain Club is a rustic refuge that arouses the intimate atmosphere of a far-off village. Anchored by acres of preserved wildlands across Harriman State Park and Sterling Forest, the luxurious expanse of cloistered quarters offers an idyllic outdoor weekend wedding retreat fueled by fresh farm-to-table produce. With access to an array of amenities onsite, friends and family can gather inside historic dwellings, barns, and meeting houses that date back to the early 19th century, while an assortment of accommodations for up to 400 guests are available.