

A WEDDING WITH A VIEW IN THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS
High Hampton Inn & Country Club is the Ideal Destination Wedding Location

CASHIERS, NC – At 3,600 feet above sea level, tucked into the North Carolina Blue Ridge Mountains, High Hampton Inn & Country Club provides a breathtaking setting for a dream destination wedding. Surrounded by mountains, lush green landscapes, and towering forests, the Inn offers prestigious wedding services for bridal parties large or small. Whether a bride and her groom opt for a beautiful outdoor ceremony and reception or choose the newly refurbished Pavilion to host their soiree, no couple or guest will be disappointed. The peaceful mood, stunning vistas, and unique combination of Southern comfort and rustic charm make High Hampton the perfect location for every couple's biggest day.

One of the most popular wedding venues on the property is the Inn's spacious back lawn. Overlooking the 35-acre sparkling Hampton Lake and Rock Mountain, this area provides a picturesque backdrop for a loving couple to exchange their vows. In early 2008, the area was landscaped to include three levels of natural seating, giving guests a clearer view of the happy couple exchanging vows.

Another bridal favorite is the Inn's front lawn. Surrounded by the heirloom tree garden, which features a Ginkgo tree, Bottlebrush Buckeye, Bald Cypress, a fiery Copper Beech and one of America's tallest Fraser Firs that were all planted more than 100 years ago, many brides decide to wed their grooms in the shadows of these giant trees. This area can also be set up to host a tented reception complete with seated dining and a dance floor.

Couples who would like to celebrate indoors can choose The Pavilion for their reception. Decorated in warm earth tones, chandeliers, new window treatments, and wood-beamed ceilings, the airy room can accommodate up to 120 guests for a seated dinner. Outside, a cobblestone patio complete with a fire pit and a columned portico, surrounded by flowering gardens, is a beautiful setting for cocktail hour providing guests with stunning views of the estate.

Another important wedding component is the rehearsal and High Hampton's lakeside Picnic Area provides the perfect setting for a memorable dinner. Tucked away amongst the mountain laurels and rhododendrons and offering stunning views of Rock and Chimney Top Mountains and Hampton Lake, this cozy nook can accommodate 80 guests for a seated dinner. A large stone fireplace provides a romantic glow and warmth on colder mountain nights, while spotlights hidden in the trees give the area a magical feeling. The picnic area can also serve as a reception site for smaller weddings.

“Brides come to High Hampton because it is a comprehensive event venue—there's a unique spot for the rehearsal dinner, ceremony and reception, and each is equally charming,” says Caroline Meads, head of group sales at the Inn.

In addition to providing plenty of venue options, High Hampton Inn is also equipped to offer an assortment of activities for the bridal party, groomsmen and guests. The state-of-the-art spa facility features massage therapists specializing in Thai, Swedish, and therapeutic massages, perfect for combating pre-wedding jitters. The bride-to-be and her bridesmaids can be pampered with one of the spa's signature treatments: a warm stone massage, a clay body masque or a body polish, or relax before the big day with a group yoga session.

Not to be ignored, the groomsmen are presented with equally appealing activity options. Golf outings on High Hampton's rolling mountain course are a classic way to spend the morning before the ceremony. Group hikes and boating on the lake are also popular activities that banish pre-wedding nerves. Before the ceremony, the High Hampton staff opens the tavern as a place for the groomsmen to sit and relax while the bridal party readies for the ceremony.

After the excitement of their big day, couples need a special retreat to bask in their happiness. High Hampton offers romantic lodging options for newlyweds that include The Honeymoon Cottage and Room 40 in the Inn. As its name suggests, The Honeymoon Cottage is the ultimate escape. Situated on its own private lake away from the rest of the property, the rustic cottage features chic handmade mountain furnishings, inviting and plush down bedding, and a stone fireplace perfect for relaxing in front of. One of the larger rooms in the Inn, Room 40 has a private foyer that opens into the room, a Jacuzzi tub and walk-in shower, and a large patio offering views of Lake Hampton and Rock Mountain.

Pricing for weddings varies depending on the number of guests, the date, and the extensiveness of the set-ups. High Hampton Inn is willing to work with each bride and groom to customize a price package depending on desired services; larger parties can reserve the entire estate for their event. For additional information on hosting a wedding or to book a date, please contact Caroline Meads by e-mail at groupsales@highhamptoninn.com or by phone at (828) 743-1893.

About High Hampton:

The historic High Hampton Inn & Country Club, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a classically rustic stone-and-wood mountain inn overlooking the spectacular scenery of North Carolina's sliver of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Amenities at this 3,600-foot elevation, 1,400-acre, 117-room resort (with lodge rooms, cottages, and cabins, all with private bath) include seasonal events (children's programs, golf and tennis clinics, wildflower workshops), an 18-hole George W. Cobb-designed golf course, a full dining room with three sumptuous buffets daily, six tennis courts, and a 35-acre lake for swimming, boating, fishing, and other water-related activities. For more detailed information, contact the High Hampton Inn & Country Club at 1525 Highway 107 South, Post Office Box 338, Cashiers, North Carolina 28717. Visit the inn at www.highhamptoninn.com or contact reservations toll-free at (800) 334-2551.

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