

NORTH ALABAMA'S

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WEDDING  
VENUES





# *Make Your Memories in Appalachia's Southern Foothills*

North Alabama marks the southern foothills of the Appalachian Mountain Range, with rocky peaks boldly cut by the rushing waters of the Tennessee River. It is a region of unsurpassed beauty and is renowned for its wooded bluffs and serene nature areas.

North Alabama boasts of many assets of interest to the engaged couple -- beautiful landscapes, sparkling lakes, abundant flora and fauna, internationally-acclaimed music and food facilities, a compelling selection of historic sites, and a vibrant array of unexpected destinations.

This guide will help you select your dream wedding location from dozens of stunning settings across North Alabama! We look forward to providing you with an exciting adventure.



Lake Guntersville, Guntersville, Ala.

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**Alabama Music Hall of Fame**

617 Highway 72 West, Tuscumbia, AL 35674  
(256) 381-4417  
info@alamhof.org  
www.alamhof.org/wedding

For those with a love for Alabama music, share your vows in front of the beautiful fountain located at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. After the ceremony, step inside to learn about the great performers hailing from the state and record your own song in the recording studio as a keepsake.



**Avalon Social**

400 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661  
(256) 274-5530  
www.birdysmuscleshoals.com

The Avalon Social accommodates up to 125 guests and is perfect for rehearsal dinners, weddings, receptions, birthday parties or any milestone celebration. This spacious room is elegantly furnished and located next to Birdy's. If interested in renting the venue call 256-274-5530 for more information.



**Burns Bluff at High Falls**

1262 High Falls Road, Albertville, AL 35763  
(256) 658-3244  
info@burnsbluffathighfalls.com  
www.burnsbluffweddings.com

Burns Bluff at High Falls is a premier wedding destination location on an amazing mountaintop in beautiful North Alabama. Unlike most wedding venue rentals, theirs includes 48 hour access to the venue and overnight lodging for up to 18 guests in the Burns Bluff lodge.



**Burritt on the Mountain**

3101 Burritt Drive SE, Huntsville, AL 35801  
(256) 650-4719  
noel.saunders@huntsvilleal.gov  
www.burrittonthemountain.com/rent/weddings

Situated on a 167-acre site overlooking the city of Huntsville, Burritt on the Mountain offers stunning views and spectacular sunsets for your romantic day. Whether you say, "I do" at the mountain top gazebo, in front of the historic mansion or inside the old country chapel, the team at Burritt will create a magical wedding experience.



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**Delano Park**

Barbara Kelly  
825 Gordon Drive SE, Decatur, AL 35601  
bkelly6769@gmail.com  
www.delanopark.org

The historic Rose Garden located within Decatur's beautiful Delano Park is an appropriate setting for a small, intimate wedding or gathering. Its natural beauty, with an extensive collection of flowers and shrubs that are in bloom from early spring to late fall, offers a romantic background and makes it unnecessary to bring in additional decorations.

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**DeSoto State Park**

7104 Desoto Parkway NE, Fort Payne, AL 35967  
(256) 845-5380  
josh.hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov  
www.alapark.com/parks/desoto-state-park

Nestled atop beautiful Lookout Mountain, DeSoto State Park offers indoor space with a rustic and historic décor and outdoor space surrounded by scenic views, lush woods, wildflowers, and picturesque waterfalls. For those with wedding bells during the autumn months, this resort park is considered a premier fall foliage destination for the state of Alabama.

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**Dismals Canyon**

901 Highway 8, Phil Campbell, AL 35581  
(205) 993-4559  
mail@dismalscanyon.com  
www.dismalscanyon.com

Imagine a magical setting for your once in a lifetime event—exchanging vows among towering boulders and ancient hemlock trees. Dismals Canyon, a National Natural Landmark nestled on 85 acres in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, offers a one-of-a-kind venue, ideal for any wedding but especially for a more intimate outdoor-inspired wedding weekend filled with fun activities like group hikes and s'mores around a campfire.



**Earlyworks Venue  
Constitution Hall Park**

109 Gates Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35801  
(256) 564-8113  
ewrentals@huntsvilleal.gov  
www.earlyworks.com/rental

Constitution Hall provides a rich historic backdrop as couples begin their lifetime together. Located in the heart of downtown Huntsville, the historic location takes guests back in time to when Alabama became the country's 22nd state in 1819.





**Earlyworks Venue  
Grand Hall**

404 Madison Street, Huntsville, AL 35801  
(256) 564-8113  
ewrentals@huntsvilleal.gov  
www.earlyworks.com/rental

Located in the heart of historic downtown Huntsville at the EarlyWorks Children's Museum, the Grand Hall provides an elegant setting for weddings and receptions. Along with the indoor space, there is an adjoining patio and a tour of the museum that can be included, allowing guests to see more of Huntsville's hands-on history.



**Earlyworks Venue  
Round House**

398 Monroe Street, Huntsville, AL 35801  
(256) 564-8113  
ewrentals@huntsvilleal.gov  
www.earlyworks.com/rental

Situated on the grounds of the Historic Huntsville Depot, the Roundhouse adds charm and character to wedding celebrations of all sizes. The historic building features exposed brick, giant windows, and a tall ceiling offering endless decorating possibilities.



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**Fernwood**

517 South Scott Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768  
(256) 912-0315  
fernwoodonscott@gmail.com  
www.fernwoodonscott.com

Just a few blocks from historic Scottsboro Town Square rests Fernwood, a beautiful Southern Plantation home. This two-story home was built by Claude and Veda Spivey in 1924 and is included on the Alabama Historical Commission's Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. The two acre lot offers beautiful landscaping and a lovely veranda for all gala affairs.



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**The Fruithurst Winery Co.**

27091 County Road 49, Fruithurst, AL 36262  
(256) 463-1003  
thefruithurstwineryco@gmail.com  
www.thefruithurstwineryco.com

The Fruithurst Winery is nestled just north of the town of Fruithurst, Alabama. Its name comes from one of the original wineries in the state. Surrounded by fifteen acres of muscadine vineyards, now owned and operated by two cousins, it carries the elegance and culture of what was then and will forever be the vineyard village.



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**Goose Pond Colony Resort**

417 Ed Hembree Drive Scottsboro, AL 35769  
(256) 912-0595  
sheryl@goosepond.org  
www.goosepond.org

Goose Pond Colony offers three indoor venues accommodating ceremonies of varying sizes, or for a more natural setting, the amphitheater and pavilion with picturesque views of Lake Guntersville provide beautiful locations for tying the knot. An onsite restaurant, two golf courses, and cottages complete the package.



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**Gorham's Bluff**

101 Gorham's Drive, Pisgah, AL 35765  
(256) 451-8439  
reservations@gorhamsbluff.com  
www.gorhamsbluff.com

Gorham's Bluff is a splendid place with spectacular sights to take in. The Lodge at Gorham's Bluff sits high atop Sand Mountain with a long back porch opening onto a spectacular view that spans the Tennessee River. With each suite boasting a stone fireplace, down pillows, and a whirlpool tub, it is a must for your wedding day stay.



**Huntsville Botanical Garden**

4747 Bob Wallace Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35805  
(256) 430-3572 Ext 251  
jdesaulniers@hsvbg.org  
www.hsvbg.org/garden-weddings

Whether an intimate gathering or a grand elegant affair, the Huntsville Botanical Garden offers multiple indoor and outdoor spaces that can be rented for your special day. Set your celebration among stunning blooms, lush greenery, and more; each season brings a different charm.

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**Hurricane Creek Lodge**

Dee Murphy  
10640 AL-24, Vina, AL 35593  
(256) 366-7910  
hdmhcl@gmail.com  
www.hurricanecreeklodge.com/weddings

Nestled among nearly 700 acres of picturesque countryside, Hurricane Creek Lodge is a premier location for your wedding and reception. This venue combines the beauty of the outdoors with romance, elegance, and relaxed fun. Featuring an arbor overlooking the lake and a large observation deck plus a 120-foot babbling brook with multiple waterfalls, the views are simply breathtaking and the setting for your wedding is truly unique. You will also love the spacious, well-appointed lodge with a pre-wedding space for the groom plus a separate lodge that serves as bride pre-wedding space. The outdoor reception features outdoor lighting, comfortable seating, huge fireplace, 3 big screen TV's, covered band stage and a large dance floor.

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**Infinity Event Venue**

Aubrey Barnwell  
6348 County Road 44, Section, AL 35771  
(256) 630-1046  
infinityeventvenue@gmail.com  
www.infinityeventvenue.com

Launch your forever love story from atop the scenic mountainside overlooking Lake Guntersville while witnessing a stunning sunset. This beautiful French Chateau-style mansion offers many unique ceremony locations both indoors and outdoors on 50 acres of land, a luxurious and spacious bridal suite, and the ultimate “man cave” groom’s lounge.



**Joe Wheeler State Park**

4401 McLean Drive, Rogersville, AL 35652  
1-800-544-5639  
felicia.turner@dcnr.alabama.gov  
www.alapark.com/parks/joe-wheeler-state-park

Whether your wedding party arrives by land or water, there’s no mistaking the beauty and serenity of this 2,550-acre resort park located on the shores of Wheeler Lake. Stunning views from the rustic waterfront lodge are certain to create memories to last a lifetime.



**LaGrange College Site**

1491 LaGrange College Road, Leighton, AL 35646  
(256) 446-9324  
louiselenz9324@gmail.com  
www.facebook.com/LaGrange.Collegesite.Park  
www.lagrangehistoricsite.com

LaGrange College Site was listed on The Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage in 1976. The pioneer village also includes a picnic pavilion, a memorial monument, several historic markers, log barn, smoke house, bed & breakfast inn, wedding chapel, barber shop, out house, slave log kitchen, post office, country store, black smith shop and a caretaker's house.

A mountain wedding at Historic Site LaGrange College include: log chapel or outdoor setting, ceremony by ordained minister, one night lodging in B & B Inn, reception, tables, chairs & ferns, photography/flowers (available), and music.

The 1880, two bedroom log cabin, B&B Inn, is located on the crest of LaGrange Mountain, inside the pioneer village of the LaGrange College Site Park. It is discreetly modernized with electricity and air conditioning for comfort. The sleeping quarters will accommodate five people.



**Lake Guntersville State Park**

1155 Lodge Drive, Guntersville, AL 35976  
(256) 505-6601  
maggie.barnes@dcnr.alabama.gov  
www.alapark.com/parks/lake-guntersville-state-park

Lake Guntersville State Park provides the perfect location for wedding ceremonies and receptions. The terraces provide a panoramic view of Lake Guntersville and a beautiful backdrop for a romantic ceremony. With two terraces and two ballrooms, accommodations can be made for groups of up to 250. Majestic views, stone fireplace, and elegant decor are just a few of the many features to be found at Lake Guntersville State Park.



**The Magnolia House at Weiss Lake**

1120 County Road 165, Cedar Bluff, Alabama 35959  
(770) 778-1547  
info@themagnoliahouseonweisslake.com  
Look for us on Facebook

Surrounded by stunning magnolia trees, double porches and lake-front views, this historic venue acts as the picture-perfect backdrop for wedding day celebrations. With several site options available, such as the Lakeside Terrace, a wrought iron gazebo-style arbor or the Magnolia Terrace, the Magnolia House on Weiss Lake is a dream location for weddings and receptions.



**Monte Sano State Park**

5105 Nolen Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35801  
(256) 534-3757 / (256) 534-6589  
april.patten@dcnr.alabama.gov  
www.alapark.com/parks.com/monte-sano-state-park

A first class lodge in a serene mountain setting and spectacular views of Huntsville are the perfect combination for a couple to start a lifetime together. Also found in the 2,140-acre park are rustic cabins, hiking trails, and plenty of fresh air.



**Muscle Shoals Sound Studio**

3614 Jackson Highway, Sheffield, AL 35660  
(256) 978-5151  
ana.hyde@muscleshoalssoundstudio.org  
www.muscleshoalssoundstudio.org

For music lovers with dreams of a unique, funky evening wedding, this active recording studio features a retro décor from the 70s and offers a one of a kind experience on the site where hundreds of hit records were recorded by artists including The Rolling Stones, Paul Simon, Bob Seger, Rod Stewart, and scores of others.



**Natural Bridge**

314 County Road 3500, Natural Bridge, AL 35577  
(205) 486-5330  
dpascalenton@aol.com

Exchange vows in a forest setting below a scenic 148-foot sandstone bridge. Towering 60 feet above winding pathways, Natural Bridge is the longest natural bridge east of the Rockies. Nature trails and natural gardens provide additional beauty for guests to explore.





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**Noccalula Falls**

1600 Noccalula Road, Gadsden, AL 35904  
(256) 549-4663  
noccalulafalls@cityofgadsden.com  
www.noccalulafallspark.com/wedding-chapel

Located just steps away from the beautiful 90-foot cascading waterfall, the wedding chapel at Noccalula Falls is a small, rustic, cedar-and-stone chapel that can accommodate 65 guests comfortably for small intimate ceremonies. After vows are exchanged, step out into the park and enjoy all that Mother Nature has to offer.



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**Oakville Indian Mounds**

1219 County Road 187, Danville, AL 35619  
(256) 905-2499  
amullican@lawrenceal.org  
www.OakvilleIndianMounds.com

The Oakville Indian Mounds Education Center is a park and museum site encompassing 122 acres of woodlands, meadows and a large lake. Couples can choose from several outdoor sites with stunning vistas of the lake and Indian Mounds. With over 20,000 artifacts on display, the Cherokee Council House Museum serves as a unique venue for indoor weddings.



**The Old Greenhouse**

909 N Brindlee Mountain Parkway, Arab, AL 35016  
(256) 886-8511  
info@oldgreenhouse.com  
www.oldgreenhouse.com

The Old Greenhouse is a repurposed nursery turned into an event facility. There is The Sunroom for intimate events, and the big reception room for weddings and events up to 300 guests. Additionally, the six acres of landscaped grounds include an arbor, pergola covered patio, lighted rustic barn, and pond.



**Rickwood Caverns State Park**

370 Rickwood Park Road, Warrior, AL 35180  
(205) 647-9692  
rickwoodcaverns.stpk@dcnr.alabama.gov  
www.alapark.com/parks/rickwood-caverns-state-park/  
cave-weddings

If you are looking for a unique wedding venue, why not get married 175 feet underground? Rickwood Caverns offers two options for cave rooms to satisfy a bride's quirkier side. If couples prefer to have a wedding above ground, the picturesque miniature Blount County Covered Bridge is available for a ceremony.



**Robert Trent Jones - Hampton Cove**

450 Old Highway 431, Owens Crossroads, AL 35763  
(256) 551-1818  
snelson@rtjgolf.com  
www.rtjgolf.com/hamptoncove

The rolling greens of Hampton Cove will captivate your heart and eyes. Surrounded by tall oak, pine, and maple trees with mountains cresting every horizon, the view is enthralling and will surely make any event enchanting. The clubhouse features a dining room, bar, and meeting rooms with a panoramic view of Hampton Cove.

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**Robert Trent Jones - The Shoals**

990 Sunbelt Parkway, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661  
(256) 446-5111  
cminor@rtjgolf.com  
www.rtjgolf.com/theshoals

Robert Trent Jones at Muscle Shoals is a beautiful location to say "I do." The spacious Shoals Ballroom can accommodate up to 2,000 guests. The Singing River Terrace boasts a scenic view of the river paired with a refreshing breeze. And a no stress wedding ceremony can be organized by the professional certified planners of The Shoals, so relax and enjoy the big day.

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**Robert Trent Jones - Silver Lakes**

1 Sunbelt Parkway, Gadsden, AL 35905  
(256) 892-3268  
cbowman@rtjgolf.com  
www.rtjgolf.com/silverlakes

Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Silver Lakes is an exceptional site for a wide array of special celebrations and events. Our clubhouse is set on rolling terrain with stunning sunset views of Lee's Lake and the Appalachian foothills. Our event space includes features such as a cozy fireplace, bar area with flat screen TVs, and a character that is truly unique to The Trail.



**The Secret Bed and Breakfast**

2356 AL Highway 68 West, Leesburg, AL 35983  
(256) 523-3825  
secret@tds.net  
www.secretbedandbreakfastlodge.com/weddings-events

Perched atop Lookout Mountain, the Secret Bed and Breakfast offers 180-degree panoramic view of the foothills, valleys and beautiful Weiss Lake for a breathtaking backdrop for your dreamy nuptial affair. There are four unique guest cottages, including a lofted cottage designed with a tree house in mind, along with guest rooms in the main lodge.



**Spring Park**

1 Spring Park Road, Tuscumbia, AL 35674  
(256) 389-1357  
www.cityoftuscumbia.org

Located in historic downtown Tuscumbia, Spring Park features a beautiful cascading waterfall that stretches 80 feet wide and 48 feet tall. A spectacular display of dancing waters, choreographed to lights and music, is presented most nights at dusk in the lake.



**Stone Bridge Farms**

281 County Road 717, Cullman, AL 35055  
(256) 734-9765  
stonebridgefarms@gmail.com  
www.stonebridgewedding.com

If your wedding dreams include rolling hills, a beautiful reflective pond, trees, vibrant Southern sunsets and perfectly manicured lawns as a backdrop for your ceremony, Stone Bridge Farms is your place. Located on 136 acres, Stone Bridge Farms is an all-inclusive venue offering ten breathtaking venues.



**The Stricklin Hotel**

317 North Court Street, Florence, Al 35630

(256) 274-5530

reservations@thestricklin.com

www.thestricklin.com/eventsandcatering/Stricklin-Social

The Stricklin Social accommodates up to 125 guests and is perfect for corporate parties, rehearsal dinners, wedding receptions, birthday parties, or any milestone celebration. This spacious room is elegantly furnished and located on the second floor of The Stricklin Hotel. It is perfect for hosting your next special event in a place that will set a welcoming and impressive tone for your gathering.

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**Tigers for Tomorrow  
at Untamed Mountain**

708 County Road 345, Attalla, AL 35954

(256) 524-4150

untamedmountain@gmail.com

www.tigersfortomorrow.org

A unique destination for everything from an elegant wedding to an old fashioned tie the knot ceremony, Tigers for Tomorrow offers two separate pavilions that can be themed for your wedding. Our staff director of animals is also an ordained minister, and they work very hard to make your event one that will always be remembered with the backdrop of wild animals and nature's flora and fauna. (No big cats will ever be taken out of their enclosures for pictures for the wedding party.) Call 256-524-4150 to inquire about a wedding or reception at Tigers for Tomorrow Untamed Mountain.

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**U.S. Space and Rocket Center**

1 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL 35805  
(256) 721-7183 / 800-637-7223  
spevents@spacecamp.com  
www.rocketcenter.com

For a wedding out-of-this-world, exchange vows surrounded by historic artifacts and interactive exhibits from space exploration. Whether you dream of a wedding on a grand scale by an authentic Saturn V rocket (a National Historic Landmark) or a small, intimate gathering under the space shuttle, the professional events staff is prepared to make your vision come to life.



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**Whistle Hollow**

701 Lofton Hall Road, Ardmore, TN 38449  
(256) 497-5168  
whistlehollow@hotmail.com  
www.whistlehollow.com

Whistle Hollow Farms is a 36-acre farm boasting Tennessee mountain views in a serene setting. Brides can choose from indoor or outdoor, rustic or elegant, with several ceremony sites available including The Barn, The Pines, and The Meadow. Planning is easy and affordable with the all-inclusive package.



**Willow Oak**

311 Hallow Drive  
Spruce Pine, Alabama 35585  
(256) 810-5946

With a breath-taking view atop a mountain in Franklin County, Alabama, Willow Oak Lodge is where your fairytale wedding can take place. The gated property is a whitetail deer preserve, with a beautiful main lodge, and several buildings and cabins. The main lodge has two kitchens, ample event space, and gorgeous views for your special day. The honeymoon suite has a vaulted ceiling with floor-to-ceiling windows providing perfect lighting for photos of the bride. The property can house the entire wedding party or even family and friends who are traveling from out of town. Call us today for more information.



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*Robert Trent Jones at the Shoals, Muscle Shoals, AL*

### Elite Travel

Faye McWhorter  
215 Grant Street, Decatur, AL 35601  
www.elitetravelco.com  
(256) 340-1234

Elite Travel will help you scout locations, book venues, and connect you with the right team to help you accomplish your dream destination wedding. Elite Travel Team is committed to ensuring you have an amazing and stress-free wedding. They help you book air, hotel, hotel transfers, and just about anything else you need. Not only do they take care of you, but they also take care of your guests by booking their air, hotel, hotel excursion, and anything else they need.



### Endless Catering

701 Lofton Hall Road  
Unit B  
Ardmore, Alabama 38449  
(256) 497-5168  
Endlesscatering.com

Endless Catering specializes in providing catering services in the Huntsville, Madison, Athens, Decatur, Ardmore, Fayetteville, Pulaski, and surrounding areas for corporate events, birthdays, weddings, anniversary celebrations, and other private events.



Table Top Mountain, Cape Town, South Africa.



**Jimmy Smith Jewelers**

2306 6th Avenue SE, Decatur, AL 35601  
(256) 353-2512  
jewels@hiwaay.net  
www.jsmithjewelers.com

Family owned and operated since 1973, Jimmy Smith Jewelers Inc pride themselves on providing brides-to-be with a unique experience and special individual attention. They specialize in wedding and bridal registries in Decatur and Alabama. Design your own ring, or let them host your registry. They have many years of experience in making brides and their families happy.

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**Morgan Price Candy Company LLC**

1735 6th Avenue SE, Decatur, AL 35601  
(256) 306-0910  
info@morganpricecandy.com  
www.morganpricecandy.com

Nostalgic for "old-fashioned" quality and service? Years ago Morgan Price Candy Company started making candy, using old family recipes, for their special friends. Now they will send this same candy for your special gifts. Their candy is always made by hand in small batches to give you the best quality possible. A quaint shop that abounds with seasonal treats and scores of baskets, ribbons, and novelty containers, the friendly employees are helpful in finding the right gift or treat for you.

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**White Oak Vineyards**

1484 Dry Hollow Road, Anniston, AL 36207  
(256) 231-7998  
www.whiteoakal.com

White Oak's premium Alabama wines include organically grown fruit wines, dry red and white wines, muscadine wines, and sparkling muscadine wine. Their beautiful green eco-friendly vineyards are surrounded by inspiring mountain views located in scenic and historic Choccolocco Valley. They're situated only minutes from Anniston, Alabama and only about 5 minutes from I-20, halfway between Birmingham, Alabama and Atlanta, Georgia.



PLANNING  
YOUR WEDDING



# My Wedding Checklist

Congratulations! Becoming engaged is a special moment that you and your fiancée will treasure for years to come. After the initial excitement of being engaged wears off, it's time to begin planning a wedding that reflects you and your fiancée.

The first order of business for you and your fiancée is determining a range of dates. The exact date will be determined once the venue is secured. North Alabama's Guide to Stunning Wedding Venues will help in your search in finding your dream wedding location. Does a small intimate ceremony or a large bash better suit your and your fiancée's personalities? Is there a particular season that you both enjoy and would you prefer an indoor or outdoor ceremony? Other factors to take into consideration to avoid any potential conflicts are holidays, sporting events, or other family activities.

While planning a wedding should be fun, it can be stressful, and we hope this checklist will help guide you through the process of planning your perfect day.

## Upon Engagement

- Set a wedding date
- Meet with family members to discuss financial responsibilities
- Establish a wedding budget and create a spreadsheet to track spending
- Decide on a wedding style
- Reserve ceremony and reception venues
- Choose your wedding party
- Book a wedding planner (if desired)
- Start on guest list

## 9 Months to 1 Year Before

- Register for gifts
- Secure your officiant
- Reserve caterer, cake baker, florist, ceremony musicians, reception band or DJ and photographer/videographer
- Shop for wedding gown, headpiece, veil, jewelry, and shoes
- Set appointments with makeup artist and hairstylist
- Book wedding night accommodation

## 6 Months Before

- Have engagement photos taken
- Select and order wedding bands
- Send save the date cards to guest list
- Reserve accommodations for guests
- Make reservations for honeymoon
- Shop for bridesmaids' attire including dresses, shoes, and accessories and men's formal wear
- Purchase thank you notes and maintain a list of all gifts received and acknowledged

## 4 Months Before

- Finalize the guest list
- Send engagement photo and announcement to local newspaper
- Select and order wedding stationery
- Select ceremony necessities such as unity ceremony, flower girl and ring bearer, aisle and altar décor
- Purchase reception necessities such as place cards, cocktail napkins, favors, cake top and toasting flutes, decorations and centerpieces

### 3 Months Before

- Address invitations
- Weigh invitation to determine proper postage and purchase postage
- Arrange for wedding day transportation to ceremony, reception and accommodations
- Plan the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Purchase rehearsal dinner invitations
- Finalize honeymoon plans and confirm all reservations and required paperwork

### 2 Months Before

- Finalize arrangements with vendors including caterer, baker, florist, ceremony musicians, reception band or DJ, photographer, and videographer
- Mail invitations to arrive six weeks before the wedding date
- Keep track of RSVP cards received
- Finalize ceremony order with officiant
- Order wedding programs
- Purchase gifts for members of the wedding party, parents, hostesses, etc.
- Purchase wedding gift for fiancé
- Determine reception seating arrangement and prepare place cards
- Mail rehearsal dinner invitations
- Write wedding vows, toasts, and speeches

### 1 Month Before

- Get marriage license
- Have final fitting for wedding gown and bridesmaids' gowns
- Confirm duties with helpers including personal attendant, day-of coordinators, setup crew and decorators, guest book attendant, gift table attendant, host and hostess, punch, cake and coffee servers, and cleanup crew
- Begin work on financial and legal details including **joint or new checking accounts**, insurance policies and beneficiaries, wills and prenuptial agreement (if desired)
- Gather forms for making official name change

### 2 Weeks Before

- Finalize playlist, including your first dance
- Confirm the pictures your photographer should capture
- Have a wedding hairstyle trial run

### 1 Week Before

- Confirm with all services and reservations
- Confirm arrangements and attendance with caterer and venues
- Pack for wedding night and honeymoon
- Pack items for the ceremony and reception sites
- Pick up wedding gown and groom's formal wear and check for fit
- Have attendants pick up attire and check for fit

### 1 Day Before

- Give marriage license to best man or maid of honor and ask they bring to ceremony
- Have all fees and gratuities ready for distribution
- Rehearse ceremony
- Enjoy rehearsal dinner
- Get a good night's sleep

**Enjoy your day!**

**WEDDING EXPENSES -- Who Pays for What**

With today's weddings, it is common for both families to contribute to the wedding. Have a heartfelt talk with both sets of parents to see what they are comfortable with financially.

Wedding costs, by tradition, are divided as follows:

The Bride (or family) Pays for:

- Invitations and announcements
- Wedding gown
- Photography/videography
- Reception
- Flowers for the church, attendants, and reception
- Music at the church and reception
- All rented equipment
- Limousine for the bride and cars for transportation
- Groom's wedding ring
- Groom's gift
- Gifts for the attendants, parents, and hostesses
- Lodging (if necessary) for out-of-town bridesmaids

The Groom (or family) Pays for:

- Bride's engagement and wedding rings
- Marriage license
- Officiant's fee
- Bride's bouquet
- Corsages for mothers and grandmothers
- Boutonnieres and ties for men of wedding party
- Wedding gift for the bride
- Honeymoon
- Gifts for best man and ushers
- Lodging (if necessary) for out-of-town ushers
- Rehearsal dinner

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