# Weddings at The Barn at Black Walnut Farm

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# Welcome to 275 Years of Joy

**Black Walnut Farm**, est. 1747, is a hidden gem in Saugerties, New York-- nestled between the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains in the picturesque Hudson Valley.

We specialize in magical, long-weekend weddings and events. The Farm includes the renovated 1747 Dutch-built stone farmhouse, the meticulously-restored 1891 barn, and 34 acres of open meadows, forested woodland, lush gardens, and the Mudderkill creek. We offer onsite accommodations for 8 guests for a true relaxing immersion into our lovely little corner of the Hudson Valley.

Our barn, circa 1891, can accommodate dinner seating for up to 100 (with multiple options on the grounds to place tents for larger group dinners), and standing room for up to 200 guests for dancing and cocktails. The barn was renovated, restored, and reimagined in 2023 with character and eclectic charm-- and features heating, air conditioning, and a 4-foot disco ball. Our grounds feature private nature trails through the woods along our charming creek, whimsical touches like a hidden bar tucked inside an Amish garden shed, a wildflower meadow, a secret garden with stone benches and antique garden furniture, fire pits and lawn games, and our 1934 green Chevrolet truck. We offer three ceremony site opportunities: the Lawn, the Forest, and the Meadow.

There are endless options for customizations that tell your unique love story. Why settle for a cookie-cutter event space when you can create the personalized soirée of your wildest dreams at Black Walnut Farm? Get ready to make epic memories that will last a lifetime!

We specialize in creating unforgettable celebrations filled with heart. Read on for more information about your gathering at **The Barn at Black Walnut Farm**— we can't wait to host you.



# History

If you love the romance of a bygone era, you've come to the right place: Black Walnut Farm was established in 1747 as one of New York's first farms and stop houses. Guests have described the Dutch stone farmhouse as 'like walking though the most magical antique shop crossed with a real-life Pinterest board'.

When you have your wedding at Black Walnut Farm, you're a part of over 275 years of history. Your new beginning will forever be a part of the story of the farm– we plant a tree for every couple that ties the knot here; so your love story will be commemorated for future generations.

# Creativity

From elegant farm-to-table soirées under the stars, to casual weekends of food trucks and lawn games, there really is no limit to the creative ways you can utilize all of our different spaces. Black Walnut Farm is a versatile venue and we encourage our couples to think outside the box and create a celebration that reflects their uniqueness! We are the furthest thing from a 'wedding mill' you can imagine,

We provide all of our couples with our incredible network of fantastic, creative vendors eager to bring your ideas to life-- and we're happy to advise on the right vendor team to bring your vision to reality. Our couples are like family to us and we are there to help every step of the way.



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# Convenience

### Your own 'Destination Wedding'-- just 100 miles from New York City

### LOCATION

Black Walnut Farm is a convenient 2-hour drive from NYC, and is easily accessible by Amtrak train (from Penn Station) and Trailways bus (from Port Authority).

Our property feels secluded and remote- but the farm is only 5 minutes from the Village of Saugerties, close to all local amenities and conveniences, and the fun of antique shops, bars, galleries, and restaurants to explore in town.

Black Walnut Farm is just 45 minutes from the Albany airport.

### **GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS**

In addition to the onsite lodging we provide for 8, there are nine national hotel brands within a 15 minute drive of the farm (including three options just two miles up the road), as well as numerous boutique hotels, inns, and vacation rentals for guests to stay in the area. Ask us for our lodging list!

### THE FARMHOUSE

Overnight accommodations in our renovated and fully air-conditioned Dutch stone farmhouse are included in long weekend rentals for a resort-style feel– you truly never need to leave the grounds. We provide amenities like stocking the fridge in advance of your weekend, a welcome cheese and charcuterie spread when you check in, and local wines for the bridal suite. There are numerous picturesque locations throughout the house for your getting-ready photos, and we include the use of our private fire pit and hot tub for instant stress relief.

Imagine a cozy, relaxing 'home base' just steps from the festivities! The property is available for you to check in on Thursday, and then depart Monday following your wedding weekend, so get ready to settle in and enjoy your own private Hudson Valley Bed and Breakfast experience.



# **Ceremony Opportunities**

Take your pick from three different ceremony sites on property, each with a distinct feel (and all within an easy walk of the barn). Included in your rental is a portable PA system and microphone, with capability to amplify vows, live musicians, or broadcast a playlist.



The Forest Our romantic woodland site, tucked away amidst our nature trails





**The Lawn** Just steps from the barn, The Lawn is a convenient option with the woods as a dramatic backdrop

**The Meadow** A vast, sweeping open meadow surrounded by wildflowers and a backdrop of trees



# 2025 Pricing: Single Day Rental

OFF SEASON (November-April): \$9,500 PRIME SEASON: (May-August): \$15,500 Includes access to the property from 8am-midnight The Single Day Package is not offered In September, October, or Holiday Weekends



The Restored 1891 Barn Unique spaces including the bar, dance hall, mezzanine-level lounge, parlor and restrooms



Choice of 3 Ceremony Sites The Lawn. The Meadow. or The Forest

est. rental value

\$1200



Outdoor Cocktail & Reception Areas Including the Shed Bar, Rosé Garden with seating area, and private nature trails



The Stone Farmhouse With 4 bedrooms and ample getting-ready space for the glam team to spread out



Venue Staff To assist in setup and breakdown, provide services like coat check, and assist guests

At Black Walnut Farm, we believe the best events are filled with eclectic touches to surprise and delight your guests. We offer our curated collection of furniture, decor, and curiosities- all included in your venue fee! Our venue fee includes over \$20K worth of specialty rentals, decor, and treats-- and here's a few things couples love:



10 Farmhouse Tables est. rental value \$1450



250 Chairs 100 mismatched, est. rental value \$1500, + 150 willow. est, rental value \$2100



Classic 1934 Truck est, rental value \$1600



Photo Booth est. rental value \$2000



4-ft Disco Ball with motor and lighting, est. rental value \$1000



Vintage Lounge Sets

est. rental value

\$1125



Audio Guestbook est. rental value \$400



# 2025 Pricing: Full Weekend Package

OFF SEASON (November-April): \$13,000 PRIME SEASON (May-October): \$19,000

### The Weekend Package includes everything in the Single-Day Rental, PLUS:



**4 Days on the Farm** Check-in 3pm Thursday, Check Out 11am Monday



Accommodations for 8 Enjoy 4 bedrooms, 2 woodburning fireplaces, our hot tub and outdoor fire pit



Amenity Package Fridge stocked by our chef, welcome wine and cheese spread upon check in, lots of surprises!



S'mores Service Around the bonfire at your reception (weather permitting)



Wedding Weekend Events Host a welcome dinner or send-off brunch at the farm for no additional fees



Mixology Session With Sarah-- to design your signature cocktails! You may even include your family or wedding party



**Custom Flag** Flying on the flagpole all weekend with your names or logo, yours as a souvenir



Half-Day of Photography Access On a date of your choice for your engagement session



**Extended Setup and Load-Out time** Access to the barn to set up the day before or load out your personal items the next day- at no additional charge



Concierge Services We can arrange a group yoga class, spa services, or wine tasting on property upon request

Day-Of Coordination Services may be added onto your package for an additional fee, please inquire for availability.

# **Hosted with Heart**

### MEET THE OWNERS

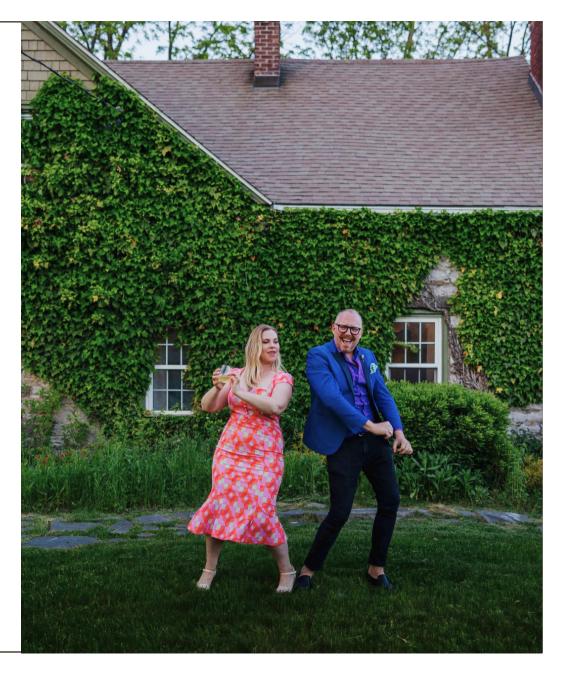
The two of us, Sarah and Jim, are longtime besties (a modern-day Will & Grace!)-- and in 2021 we pooled our savings to follow a big, crazy dream: buying this historic property! Neither of us had any experience renovating nearly 300-year-old stone houses or historic barns (HGTV, why don't we have our own show yet??), but we've made it our own, with thought and care poured into every last detail. We run the property ourselves with a true passion for genuine hospitality and most of all, fun!

Jim is a recognized leader in innovative marketing, social media, web design, and video production for live entertainment and the arts-- he's worked on over fifty Broadway shows, and brings his show-stopping creative flair to everything he touches.

Sarah's a certified sommelier, globally-recognized lifestyle expert, and contributor for Martha Stewart. With 15 years of hospitality and event management expertise under her belt and an eye for detail that can spot a smudge on a Champagne flute from a mile away, she's a veteran of creating flawless events.

We'll be supporting you every step of the way, and we genuinely care about the success of each event like it's our own. What sets us apart is that we're not a big corporation or 'wedding factory'. We'll make sure you feel at home here with our highly personalized, inclusive, warm service.

We are dedicated to creating a stunning, festive, celebratory space for all persons, backgrounds, orientations, and presentations. Diversity makes us better and stronger. Let's have fun!





### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### How do we reserve a date?

We require initial payment for 50% of the venue rental site fee and a signed event contract. Additional payments will be made in two installments of 25% leading up to your event (payment schedule TBD according to your event lead time).

#### Do you have in-house catering?

We have several local catering partners that we love to work with-we're happy to help match you to the caterer that's the best fit for your style and budget, and even help guide your menu selections! Our partners offer full service, including staff and bar packages. If you'd like to use a caterer that's not on our shortlist of go-tos, we can approve them to work in our venue as long as they are professional, licensed/insured, and are willing to agree to our house policies and codes of conduct.

#### Do you require event insurance?

Yes, we do- typical cost for this is \$125-\$150 and we can assist you in purchasing an event insurance policy through our insurance partner. We don't require event cancellation insurance, but we recommend it.

#### Do you have a minimum or maximum number of guests?

We don't have a minimum; we love your elopements and microweddings! The maximum that we are authorized to host on-property is 200 guests.

### Is there a curfew?

We don't have a noise ordinance in our area, but out of respect to our neighbors, we request events wrap up by midnight, and then we can recommend some fun options in town (5 minutes away) for afterparties!

### What happens if it rains?

We highly recommend you reserve a contingency tent rental. We can set up the ceremony theater-style in the barn, serve dinner in the tent, and bring guests back into the barn for dancing. You may also tent your ceremony site if you prefer that option.

If you reserve a tent but the weather looks perfect the week of the wedding, all of our local rental companies have flexible cancellation policies-- but, better to be safe than sorry.

### What parking do you have?

A parking lot for 100 cars is currently under construction and projected for completion in early Spring 2024. While you are welcome to offer parking for your guests onsite, we do recommend that a bus service be hired to shuttle guests for their safety and convenience, so they can relax and enjoy all the festivities without worrying about driving. Uber and Lyft aren't reliably available in our area.

### Will there be other events happening on the property at the same time as ours?

Nope! We only book one event per weekend.

### Are there any additional fees?

There are no additional fees or taxes.

### Do you include linens and table settings?

Table settings and linens are usually arranged via our catering partners — we do not maintain our own collection of tableware. Place settings can also be rented through a third party (we have recommended vendors we can introduce you to!).

Our farmhouse tables are gorgeous and intended to be used without tablecloths— although if you prefer that look, tablecloths can also be rented. Many couples just bring in their own runners and simple table decor.

#### Do require us to have a wedding planner?

We don't require you to hire a full-service wedding planner, however, to make your day the absolute best, we do require a professional Day-Of Coordinator be hired to run the schedule and timeline for the day, and be our venue manager's point of contact for any issues that arise. Then, we won't have to bother you or your parents on your wedding day with minor questions or small hiccups!

We have Day-of Coordinator services available through our venue via a package add-on (pending availability, please inquire). We can also refer you to our preferred list of coordinators.

### For our full list of FAQ's, click here.

# Schedule a Tour Today!

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Questions? Contact hello@thebarnatblackwalnutfarm.com