

WELCOME TO YOUR RANCH WEDDING PLANNING GUIDE

A Simple, Elegant Overview for Your Wedding Weekend

Congratulations on booking your wedding at the ranch! This guide will help you understand the key decisions and planning steps for a typical wedding weekend, including your rehearsal dinner and wedding day. Every couple is different, so use this as a starting point — we'll customize everything together as your vision becomes clear.

1. Your Wedding Weekend at a Glance

Rehearsal Dinner (Optional but Common – check with the ranch if this has been added to your contract)

Most couples choose to host a rehearsal dinner the evening before the wedding.
This can be:

- A casual gathering
- A catered dinner
- A simple welcome reception

Spaces available:

- Barn
- Hall
- Lawn
- Patio

Wedding Day

Your wedding day typically includes:

- Getting ready
 - Ceremony
 - Cocktail hour
 - Reception
 - Send-off
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2. Ceremony Planning

Choose Your Ceremony Location

- Ceremony Lawn
- Barn Interior
- Barn Porch
- Hall (indoor backup)

Ceremony Details to Plan

- Seating layout
 - Décor (arch, aisle markers, signage)
 - Music (live or playlist)
 - Processional order
 - Officiant
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3. Reception Planning

Choose Your Reception Location

- Hall
- Barn
- Outdoor Lawn
- Tent (optional)

Reception Details to Plan

- Dinner style (buffet or plated)
 - Bar service
 - DJ or band
 - Dance floor placement
 - Toasts & speeches
 - Cake or dessert display
 - Décor style & color palette
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4. Rentals & Linens

Most couples will need:

- Tables (round or farm)
- Chairs
- Linens (tablecloths, runners, napkins)
- Cocktail tables
- Buffet tables
- Bar setup
- Lighting (string lights, lanterns)

We'll help you determine exactly what you need based on your rental.

5. Décor & Styling

Ceremony Décor

- Arch or backdrop
- Aisle décor
- Welcome sign

Reception Décor

- Centerpieces
- Table numbers
- Menu cards
- Place cards
- Sweetheart table décor
- Cake table styling
- Guestbook setup

Lighting Options

- String lights
 - LED candles
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6. Photography & Videography

- First look (optional)

- Family photo list
 - Golden hour timing
 - Photo locations around the ranch
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7. Vendor Checklist

You'll need to book:

- Catering
- Bar service
- Photographer
- Videographer (optional)
- DJ or band
- Florist
- Officiant
- Hair & makeup
- Cake/desserts
- Rentals company

We can provide recommendations if needed.

8. Ranch Logistics

Load-In & Load-Out

- Vendor arrival times
- Staging area
- Parking instructions

Guest Parking

- House parking – 12 parking spaces
- Event parking - Overflow lot

Weather Backup

- Indoor ceremony option

- Indoor cocktail hour option
 - Tent rental
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9. Suggested Wedding Day Timeline

8:00 AM — Hair & makeup begins
1:00 PM — First look (optional)
2:00 PM — Family photos
4:30 PM — Guests arrive
5:00 PM — Ceremony
5:15 PM — Cocktail hour
6:10 PM — Dinner
7:00 PM — Toasts
7:30 PM — First dances
8:00 PM — Dancing
8:30 PM — Cake cutting
9:30 PM — Send-off

10. Final Notes

This guide is meant to help you begin thinking about your wedding day. We're here to make your wedding weekend beautiful, seamless, and unforgettable.

Contact

For anything you need during your stay: **(480) 442-5353**