

Welcome to Minstead Lodge

On behalf of the team at Minstead Lodge we would like to congratulate you on your recent engagement.

Nestled in the heart of the New Forest National Park in Hampshire, the estate of Minstead Lodge offers a magical and elegant woodland retreat for a charming country house wedding. The magnificent Lodge and surrounding grounds provide the perfect backdrop for your special day.

Our experienced team of event and wedding coordinators will help guide you through the planning process and on the day itself, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. Allowing you to fully enjoy your special day.

A venue that is as unique as you

When you choose Minstead Lodge for your celebration, you are choosing a professional and personalised service from our dedicated wedding team.

We hold a limited amount of weddings per year and offer exclusive use of the venue to ensure that you and your loved ones feel at home here.

We believe your wedding should be unique and personal to you, so we provide you with the ultimate flexibility to build your perfect wedding day.



Set up

As part of your exclusive package, we invite you in one day prior to your big day to dress the venue to your liking. Working alongside the event managers, you will be able to set the mood to match your vision. This will ensure that everything is in place-exactly how you dreamed of!

Your wedding ceremony

We have a wide variety of beautiful rooms with oak panelled walls and stunning views over the grounds for you to choose from. The Long Hall even boasts an oak fireplace which holds a log fire during the winter.

Good things often come in small packages and if you are after a more intimate wedding, we have cosy and elegant rooms that are perfectly suited to this type of celebration.

Let romance blossom in our beautiful gardens. From the veranda to the middle terrace, you have a choice of spaces situated in our tranquil grounds where you can hold your outdoor ceremony.

We also have options where you can combine the use of the Lodge with a marquee in the Blade Garden for your celebration. We are flexible with options so do get in touch to find out how we can accommodate your special day.

However you choose to celebrate your special day, you can be sure that you will have the upmost support to create your awe inspiring day

Your celebration drinks

Time to celebrate! Enjoy drinks on the garden terrace with views overlooking the New Forest after your ceremony to celebrate with your guests.

This is the perfect time to take a stroll around the beautiful grounds and even venture to the Japanese garden. There are so many wonderful photo opportunities around the gardens.

Your reception and wedding breakfast

Whether you have tied the knot at the Lodge or another venue, the celebrations continue with the wedding breakfast in one of our glorious rooms or a marquee if chosen.

Your guests are now welcome to take their seats, as your chosen music plays in the background.

Your chosen caterers will now serve you and your guests a delicious meal as you sit back and enjoy this special day that you have worked so hard to create.

Drinks toast

If you have opted for our drinks package, once the meal is over we will come round with a glass of prosecco for everyone to toast the happy couple.

For the little ones, they will be served a glass of sparkling elderflower, so they too can join in the toast.

Evening

The time for your evening entertainment has arrived, the DJ is set up and ready to get this party started! You are very welcome to have music up until 11pm so you can dance the night away.

Carriages

Last orders are called at 11pm with the day coming to a close at 11.30pm. Taxies can be pre-ordered from local companies to ensure your guests can easily find their way home safely at the end of the night.

Collection of decorations

To avoid rushing at the end of the night, collection of table decorations can be made at a future date to save you stress at the end of the evening.

Venue hire 2023

Wedding Package

		Monday to Thursday	Friday and Saturday	Additional cost for ceremony
May – September and December	Exclusive use of Lodge and grounds	£7,500	£8,500	£300
January – April, October and November	Exclusive use of Lodge and grounds	£6,500	£7,500	£300

Booking Process

We can hold a date in our diary for up to two weeks, without obligation.

After this time, a £750 non-refundable deposit is required to confirm a booking, with a second £750 deposit required 12 weeks later.

We will then get together six weeks before your wedding, for a final meeting – this is when we confirm guest numbers, food and drink etc.

The balance is due six weeks prior to the day.

Drinks Packages

House drinks package £19 per person - Welcome drink, wine on the table and toast drink

- Welcome drink- Prosecco, mimosa or Pimms
- Wedding meal-Two glasses of wine (Red and/or White and/or Rose)
- Toast drink-A glass of prosecco
- Still and sparkling water on the tables
- Looking to choose English Sparkling wine? We are happy to discuss options.

Soft drinks package £7 per person

- Welcome drink - Orange juice and lemonade or sparkling elderflower
- Wedding meal - Orange juice, apple juice, lemonade, sparkling elderflower
- Toast drink - A glass of sparkling elderflower
- Still and sparkling water on the tables

Soft drinks package £4 per child

A range of options will be available throughout the day to choose from including juice, squash, fruit shoots and fizzy drinks.

Celebration shots £2 per person

Choose from a range of liqueurs

Beer barrow – (on ice in the garden)

- £200 – 50 bottles
- £230 – 40 cans from Vibrant Forest Brewery

Tea and coffee £1.50 per person

Self-service tea and coffee is a lovely addition to finish the meal.

We are happy to discuss further options, please ask.

***If you choose not to take advantage of our drinks package, a corkage charge of £5 per adult will be added.**

Venue hire includes:

- Exclusive use of the venue
- Choice of outdoor/indoor spaces
- Wedding co-ordinator on the day and during set up
- Well stocked bar
- Tables and chairs
- Tablecloths
- Napkins
- Glassware
- Outdoor lighting package
- Free onsite parking

Not included:

- Catering
- Crockery
- Cutlery

Extras:

Looking for something a little different for your special day?

Garden Games £75

- Including: Dominos, Jenga, Connect 4, Skittles and Quiots

Donkeys £200

- Our two beautiful donkeys, Jack and Alfie can join your party as ring bearers or for your guests to pet and admire

Alpacas £375

- Our friends at Petlake Alpacas have some wonderful options for their alpacas to join your special day

Favours:

- Seeds from Furzey nursery £1.50
- Real Jam and Chutney Co – small pots £3 per pot
- Wyrd Gin - gin favours £5

Minstead Trust

Your wedding can make a difference

We are part of Minstead Trust, a local charity which supports over 220 people with learning disabilities along the south coast. At the Lodge, we provide training in hospitality and catering for people supported by Minstead Trust to help them move towards paid employment.

This means, that your wedding or event held at the Lodge helps to support vulnerable people with learning disabilities to live happier and healthier lives.

We are lucky to be nestled in the heart of the New Forest where there are free roaming animals who may be on the roads to the Lodge. So please drive carefully and pass around them slow and wide. Please see the New Forest Code for more information.

While at the Lodge, and on your journey to and from, we ask that you and your guests are considerate to our neighbours in the village.



Thank you for your interest in Minstead Lodge for your special day. If you have any questions or wish to arrange a viewing, please do not hesitate to contact us.