Woodland Weddings at Doonwood

A Magical Woodland venue for intimate weddings

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WHISPERING WOODS

The journey into Doonwood begins the moment you turn off the road and step into another world. As you travel down the long, winding driveway, the outside world gently fades away, replaced by the grand, quiet embrace of the ancient Ayrshire landscape. Flanked by towering trees and dappled sunlight, the approach builds a sense of quiet anticipation, drawing you deeper into a private sanctuary designed for unforgettable moments.

At the heart of the estate lie acres of rustic woodlands. Here, the air is crisp, the forest floor is blanketed in soft, vibrant moss, wildflowers and the timeless beauty of nature creates an atmosphere of pure romance. Winding through this landscape is direct, private access to the historic banks of the River Doon, offering a breathtaking, tranquil backdrop for photographs, quiet reflections, and a sense of place that is uniquely Scottish.

Unlike traditional, overly manicured wedding venues, Doonwood celebrates the authentic romance of nature. The expansive grounds are beautifully wild and rustic, allowed to grow with an organic, untamed majesty. Acres of pristine woodlands feature ancient trees, ferns, and a forest floor blanketed in soft, vibrant moss, creating an atmosphere that feels both ancient and deeply romantic.

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THE CABIN AT DOONWOOD

Cabin Ceremony:84 [🍷] Dining: 84 | 🌲] Balcony Terrace.

The Cabin offers its signature space, the Terrace room, comfortably seats up to 80 guests and opens onto a balcony terrace overlooking woodland. This elevated outdoor space is ideal for drinks receptions, sunset photographs, or simply soaking in the peaceful woodland surroundings.

Supporting the Terrace room are multiple ancillary rooms, providing flexible spaces for bar service, supplier setup, storage, games, - ensuring your day runs smoothly behind the scenes.

An Enchanting Woodland Terrace Room for functions

Nestled within a secluded canopy of towering trees, The Cabin is designed to host unforgettable wedding celebrations.

Flooded with natural light through expansive windows that overlook the peaceful, moss-covered forest floor, The Cabin provides a dramatic yet intimate backdrop for your ceremony, wedding breakfast, or evening reception.

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The Ultimate Wedding Pairing: The Cabin & The Mossy Glade Cottages

When you pair the cabin with the luxury overnight stay at The Mossy Glade Cottages, you unlock a seamless, exclusive-use wedding village experience.

The Ultimate Commute: From Dancefloor to Pillow

Once the last dance finishes in the atmospheric surroundings of The Cabin, your inner circle has only a short, beautifully lit stroll through the estate grounds to the comfort of their beds in the Mossy Glade Cottages.

By hosting your main event at The Cabin and housing your guests at Mossy Glade, you create an intimate, self-contained sanctuary. It allows the wedding party to stay entirely on-site, making the morning preparations effortless and relaxed, while keeping everyone together for pre-wedding dinners or morning-after catch-ups.

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THE MOSSY GLADE COTTAGES

Tucked into a quiet corner as you enter Doonwood Estate, Mossy Glade Cottages offer a charming and comfortable retreat for guests staying overnight. Comprised of the Bothy and Haig & Riddle, these cottages blend rustic character with modern comfort just a short stroll from the Cabin.

Each cottage has its own personality — soft natural tones, and views that look out onto mossy glades and winding forest paths. Together, they provide flexible accommodation for groups of all sizes, making them ideal for wedding parties, families, and friends.

Thie Mossy Glade sleeps 10 guests

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THE MOSSY GLADE COTTAGES

Hidden within a remote and beautifully private corner of the estate lies the Mossy Glade which comprises the Haig and Riddle and Bothy cottages. Located directly opposite one another, these two charming cottages offer the perfect "flex-stay" solution.

Haig and Riddle: The Social Hub

Sleeps up to 8 | 3 Bedrooms | Hot Tub

The heartbeat of the pair, designed with group gatherings in mind. Its interiors are "coastal-cool," featuring a soothing palette of whites and blues, French furniture, grounded by sophisticated splashes of black and gold.

Dining for the Whole Group: The cottage features an expansive open-plan kitchen and a large lounge with a dining area specially designed to seat the occupants of both cottages.
Space for Everyone: With 3 bedrooms and 2 modern shower rooms, there is ample space for your entire party. The bedrooms are Superking bed and single, zip and link singles with additional single and a small double bedroom.
Outdoor Living: Step outside to your private hot tub perfectly positioned for soaking in the silence of the estate's remote location.

The Bothy: The haven

Sleeps 2 | 1 Bedroom | Log Burner | Hot Tub

Directly across and steps away sits The Bothy, a romantic and rustic "Shabby Chic" sanctuary. This cottage is the ideal retreat for Mothers of the Bride, VIPs, or couples or those who want to be part of the group celebration but crave a quiet, high-end escape when the party at Haig & Riddle steps up a gear.
Cosy Intimacy: The heart of the cottage is the lounge, featuring a traditional log burner for cozy evenings tucked away from the world.
The Vibe: Decorated with vintage charm and soft textures, it offers a peaceful contrast to the larger social space next door. A 4 seater hot tub provides relaxation

https://doonwoodestate.co.uk/the-mossy-glade-cottages

THE CABIN WEDDING HIRE RATES 2026-2027

Dry hire, 2 nights stay for 40 guests, 2 event members staff to serve drinks etc and set up (apart from festive). Use of tables and chairs and kitchen. Accommodation in the Mossy Glade cottages

SEASON	SATURDAY WEDDING Overnight stays Friday, Saturday and Sundays	MIDWEEK Monday to Thursday
LOW *January, December* excluding festive*	£3500	£2500
MID *February, March, April, October, November*	£4000	£3000
HIGH *May, June, July, August, September*	£4500	£3500
OPTIONAL EXTRAS/DISCOUNTS		
Discount for no overnight accommodation	£1000	
Additional night in cottages midweek or discount if only staying 2 nights	£500	
DEPOSIT (non-refundable) *Balance is due 4 months before arrival date*	£1000	

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THE CABIN AT DOONWOOD

The Terrace Room & Cabin

The Terrace Room, within the Cabin at Doonwood, offers a rustic setting designed for intimate weddings. The connection to the outdoor terrace provides your guests with an airy, indoor-outdoor experience.

What Your Hire Includes:

Full access to the terrace room, outdoor terrace, kitchen and ancillary storage spaces.
84 Gold Chiavari Chairs and 13 Trestle Tables
Plates and cutlery hire for 84

Exquisite Dining Made Simple:

We are proud to partner with Hollybush House to offer exceptional, great-value catering packages. From formal wedding breakfasts to relaxed, contemporary dining, this exclusive partnership brings exceptional culinary quality directly to your table at the Cabin.

Whether you envision a chic afternoon tea celebration, or a classic champagne reception, the Terrace Room provides the ultimate exclusive-use setting for your closest family and friends.

IMPORTANT NOTES AND BOOKING TERMS

A non-refundable deposit is required to secure your chosen date, with the remainder due 16 weeks before your arrival date.

An £400 refundable good housekeeping deposit is required ahead of your stay which will cover any substantial breakages, cleaning and damages.

We reserve the right to increase prices from those showing on this brochure or remove BYOB options. Prices can vary at any time. We also reserve the right to include an additional charge for energy costs for any material changes in worldwide energy prices.

Access to accommodation is for those staying over unless dinner packages booked or catering with our preferred suppliers.

All rates are on a dry venue hire basis and do not include catering, décor, florist, photographer, wedding planner or any other supplier unless specifically stated.

Set up of the venue is the responsibility of the guest (unless otherwise stated) and furniture moved must be put back in original place.

Disposal of event waste is the responsibility of guests
Outsourced suppliers whose services are offered in packages will be contracted by the client directly with preferential rates provided to them. Doonwood has no liability for any external services provided and suppliers must satisfy themselves on the suitability of our kitchen and other facilities and provide public liability insurance details to the guests prior to guests booking with them.
Mobile bar operators are welcome. Note we not supply glassware for guests other than residents.

Our booking portal provides full terms and conditions. Guests must read this before paying deposit.
Viewings available by appointment all year round subject to guests not staying.

Frequently asked questions

1. Can I bring in my own caterer?
   Yes.
2. Can I have a wedding without taking the cottages ? Yes, see discounts.
3. Are you wheelchair accessible? Yes, there is a disabled toilet in the Cabin and also the shower room in the Bothy is disabled friendly.
4. Who flips the rooms between ceremony and evening reception? This would be done by catering team and our staff there to serve drinks to you.
5. Can we have a wedding outside? Yes, but the location will need to be discussed with us.
6. Is the use of building exclusive? Yes, only your party can be in the building that you have booked.
7. Is there plenty of parking? We have a dedicated car park .
8. Can we bring own alcohol? Yes, apart from the day of the wedding, unless its residents only and self-catered booking.
9. What open fires do you have? We have a large log burner in in the Bothy cottage.
10. Do you allow Caravans, Camper etc? Caravans and camper vans/motor homes are allowed but no tents please.
11. Is there anything you don't allow? We are very relaxed generally but don't allow chocolate fountains and candy floss machines (sticky hands), confetti cannons (sets fire alarms off). Fireworks are not permitted due to frightening local animals and potentially setting fire in the woods.

Suppliers

1. A bit of everything

   Equipment hire, catering, co-ordination, bar services, staffing. Ayr based company.
   1985 Marquees and events - https://www.1958marqueesandevents.co.uk/#

2. Photography

https://www.fableandfern.co.uk/

3. Catering

Hollybush Inn – a few minutes drive (and about 10 minutes walk)
Inside out - https://insideout-catering.co.uk/
Scran and Swally https://www.scranandswallycatering.com/

4. Venue Decoration

Perfectly Taylor Made. https://www.perfectlytaylormade.com/

5. Florists

Posies and Pots https://www.facebook.com/posiesandpots

6. Music, lighting, decoration and entertainment

Artistic Licence - http://www.artisticlicense.rocks/home.html
Mark Spragg guitarist - Mark Spragg
Little and large entertainment - http://www.littleandlargeentertainment.com/

7. Transport

Clarkes coaches - https://www.facebook.com/clarkescoachesscotland/