

A WEDDING PARTY GUIDE

A Wedding Weekend in Carlton

Get everyone under one roof. Let wine country do the rest.



The wine porch, in watercolor.

Wedding weekends work best when everyone has one place to land. We took a look at what we do when friends visit — in fact, a recent family wedding — and put together our suggestions on places to go, things to do. *Portico Del Vino* is Italian for “the wine porch,” and that is the whole idea. The celebration starts before the ceremony and keeps going after the last dance.

Stay together in our fully renovated 1902 farmhouse on Kutch Street. Walk downtown for wine and dinner. Come home to the porch.

ONE HOUSE. ONE WEEKEND. MORE TIME TOGETHER.

Make the lodging part of the celebration



The best parts usually happen off schedule.

The kitchen island is the gathering spot, and the dining table seats eight for cards and games. Games live under the island, on the right.

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BEDROOMS

3

BATHROOMS

12

GUESTS

1902

FARMHOUSE

Sort out who gets ready where

- ◇ Primary bedroom: two sinks and lots of counter space.
- ◇ The powder room fits one at a time; two can share the upstairs bathroom.
- ◇ Two bedrooms have their own mirror and vanity spots.

For the fast dressers

- ◇ Two big TVs for whoever gets ready in ten minutes flat.
- ◇ Darts in the wine cellar and cornhole out back for settling rivalries.
- ◇ This house was made for dancing. Open some bottles, turn the music up, and claim the space between the island and the wine cellar as your dance floor. The AC keeps up on warm days.

Claim your getting-ready spot the night before. Mornings get chaotic. –

Kevin

“We used it for our bridal suite for my daughter’s wedding and it was perfect!”

- Aimee, Airbnb guest

Wedding venues near the house

Ten venues we point wedding parties to, all within about 25 minutes of the house.

Abbey Road Farm

A working 82-acre farm and winery right in Carlton. Up to 200 guests, and 16 can sleep over in the Silo Suites.

abbeyroadfarm.com

Beacon Hill Winery & Vineyard

A family-farmed estate in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA, five generations in. Garden, ballroom, and on-site rentals.

beaconhillwinery.com

Ghost Hill Cellars

A family farm in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA, five minutes from the house. Up to 100 guests with big Coast Range views.

ghosthillcellars.com

J Wrigley Vineyards

A rustic family-run vineyard in Sheridan with big valley views. Up to 150, straightforward pricing.

wrigleywines.com

Rebers Riverside

A family-run barn and farm on the Yamhill River. Room for 200-plus, and you can take the whole property for the weekend.

rebers-riverside.com

Sokol Blosser Winery

An Oregon pioneer, founded 1971 in the Dundee Hills. Weddings are a Cellar Club member benefit.

sokolblosser.com

The Grand McMinnville

A restored 1892 ballroom on historic Third Street in McMinnville. Room for up to 300, about 10 minutes away.

thegrandmcminnville.com

The Old Schoolhouse

A restored 1928 schoolhouse in Newberg. Garden ceremonies, ballroom receptions, original hardwood floors.

oldschoolhouse1928.com

The Water Oasis

Five landscaped acres outside Newberg. They never double-book. The pavilion seats 250.

thewateroasis.com

Youngberg Hill

A 50-acre hilltop vineyard in the McMinnville AVA. Up to 350 guests outdoors, and a nine-room inn on the property.

youngberghill.com

Our part: We are not the wedding venue. We are the wedding-weekend home base. Close enough to get everyone together, big enough that the lodging becomes part of

Park the cars and walk downtown



The porch is the best seat in Carlton. Fully covered, so rain just adds atmosphere.

Carlton is small enough to do on foot, which makes the day before a wedding easy. No car caravan. No scattered plans. No forcing the fun.

Coffee, a tasting, dinner, walk home

Start slow

Common Grounds Espresso is the walk-up coffee spot down the street, run by longtime local Brenda Hess. Carlton Bakery (245 W Main) is not cheap, but the French pastries are worth it. Try the Sea Biscuit.

Make dinner the main event

Hayward is right on Kutch Street. Book ahead. Friendly room, serious food, and the *Kick Back!* dinner is chef's choice served family style for the whole table.

Bring dinner home

Blind Pig and the Renegade Mobile Kitchen (325 W Main) do great food to go. The renegade potatoes are ridiculous. Grab a protein, carry it back, and let the kitchen island do the rest.

Easy backups

The Ground has wood-fired pizza, ice cream, a market and farmstand, and a real gathering-place feel. Tequila Burrito Bar (111 Main) is solid for tacos and margaritas.

Stocking up

Quick drink and snack run: the new market on Hwy 47. The little store on Main is friendly and handy. For a full grocery haul, hit McMinnville on your way in.

Three wine stops, plus a whiskey wildcard

If you only do two tastings, make it ROCO and Flâneur.



CAN'T-MISS • SHORT DRIVE

ROCO • 11425 NE Hendricks Rd

ROCO's new tasting room opened summer 2026. Sparkling wine, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Italian bites. Open daily. Book ahead.

CAN'T-MISS • DOWNTOWN

Flâneur Wines • 168 S Pine

Flâneur pours inside the old Carlton Grain Elevator. Right downtown, easy and unhurried.

BEST FOR THE BIG CREW

Ken Wright Cellars • 120 N Pine

Big tasting room in the old train depot. Best bet for a large crew. Call ahead for eight or more.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF POUR

Bull Run Distillery • 214 W Main St, Suite B

For the non-wine drinkers: Oregon whiskey and craft spirits at Carlton Post. Call ahead for more than six: (503) 852-3196.

OUR TAKE

Not an endurance event. Two tasting reservations is plenty. Eat, drink water, walk home. Hours change — confirm before you go.

A BIT OF A JAUNT

Worth the drive out of town

Pick two. Take the long way.



NEW ROOM ATOP THE HILL

Ghost Hill Cellars · 9700 NE Oak Springs Farm Rd

Up on Ghost Hill. New tasting room, big views. Open daily 11 to 5. Walk-ins welcome, and groups up to 16 can book online.

GO FOR THE BUBBLES

Anne Amie Vineyards · 6580 NE Mineral Springs Rd

Go for the bubbles. Hilltop room with vineyard and Coast Range views.

APPOINTMENT ONLY

Soter Vineyards · 10880 NE Mineral Springs Rd

Mineral Springs Ranch. Small and intimate, appointment only. Call ahead.

EPIC VIEWS

Résonance · 12050 NW Meadowlake Rd

Louis Jadot's Oregon project. Hilltop estate with huge Coast Range views. Open daily 11 to 5. Best to book ahead.

WORTH KNOWING

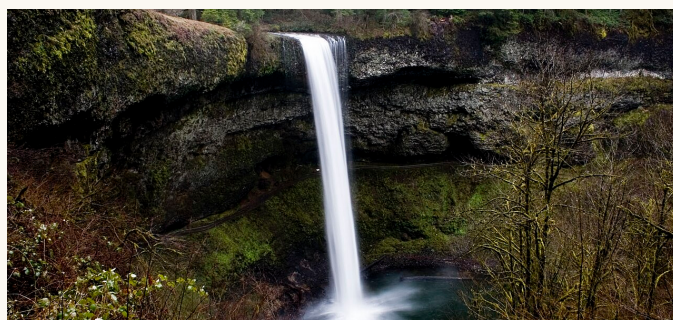
These are out in the country. Book first, leave breathing room between pours, and don't try to race all four. Hours change — confirm before you go.

FRESH AIR, CLOSE BY OR FARTHER OUT

Walk it off first. Then decide how adventurous you feel.



Trappist Abbey entrance. Photo: Libroman, [CC BY-SA 3.0](#); cropped.



South Falls, Silver Falls State Park. Photo: Kelvin Kay, [CC BY-SA 3.0](#); cropped.

Wennerberg Park

Easy walk with free disc golf and picnic spots. 1003 W Grant St; from Hwy 47, head west on Grant into the park.

The monastery walk

A quiet little adventure. Walk the trail to the Shrine of Our Lady for a valley view, then hit the gift shop for the monks' fruitcakes.

Silver Falls State Park

Don't skip Silver Falls. It's a drive, but worth it. Know your turnaround before you go. A three-mile plan turns into the full seven-mile Trail of Ten Falls if you keep walking.

Before you go: Check Oregon State Parks for trail conditions. Storms closed parts of the route in 2026. Pick your turnaround on the map, bring water, wear shoes that handle wet trail.

Wennerberg Park · Trappist Abbey visitor notes · Oregon State Parks trail map

Third Street, a rooftop, a burger, and the stock-up run



McMinnville is fun, and Third Street is the main restaurant street.

Start on Third Street

Walk the historic downtown, browse, and let lunch turn into an afternoon.

Drinks with a view

The McMenamins Hotel Oregon rooftop bar sits five stories up with valley views all around. Go for a sunset drink.

Beer and a burger

Two Dogs Taphouse, 401 NE Evans St. Family-run, 40 taps, great burgers.

Stock up before the house

Do your big grocery run here. Safeway at 2490 NE Hwy 99W, liquor store nearby at 2628 NE Hwy 99W. Then settle in.

Downtown McMinnville at Third and Davis. Photo: M.O. Stevens, [CC BY 3.0 via Wikimedia Commons](#); cropped.

Hotel Oregon Rooftop Bar · Two Dogs Taphouse · Safeway. Hours change; confirm before heading over.

For the hours with nothing scheduled



Leave gaps between the wedding plans. That's when the good stuff happens.

- Set up a porch coffee bar and start the morning slow.
- Run a cornhole or darts tournament. Losers do the snack run.
- Build a walkabout around one or two tastings and a good dinner.
- Cheese board on the island. Sparkling wine toast. Late-night recap.
- Take group photos at the farmhouse before everyone scatters for the ceremony.
- Put on a playlist, open the wine, and let the strangers become friends.

Keep the group together. Keep the plan simple. Leave room for the weekend to surprise you.

Give the group a home base, not another schedule



The night before

- ◇ Confirm rides and one departure time.
- ◇ Set out breakfast stuff, water, and late-night snacks ahead of time.
- ◇ Assign getting-ready stations: two at the primary sinks, one in the powder room, two upstairs, plus the two bedroom vanities for hair and makeup.

Morning of

- ◇ Keep the island clear for food, flowers, and last-minute details, plus everyone who wants to hover.
- ◇ The quick-ready crew gets a TV, the darts, cornhole, or cards while everyone else finishes.

When everyone is ready

- ◇ Open the bottles, turn up the music. The space between the island and the wine cellar is the dance floor, and the AC keeps up on warm days.

The morning after

- ◇ Fire up the big griddle for a recovery breakfast.
- ◇ Use the backyard grill for an easy group dinner, then settle any unfinished business on the cornhole court.



We put this guide to the test. All four of our kids and their spouses came to town for a family wedding. We were there all week. Ten of us, plus friends filling the house. We did most of what's in here. The Silver Falls crew missed the trail junction and a three-mile hike turned into seven. The cornhole tournament never really ended. The living room stayed loud, and the quiet corners got plenty of use from everyone who had work to do. We renovated the 1902 farmhouse into a modern open-concept home built for wedding groups and family gatherings. Plan the wedding and extend the stay to enjoy the area. It's more than a weekend.

— Kevin & Amy

Add a wine country experience to your perfect wedding

Peak wedding dates go fast. Book the house first, then lock in tastings, dinner, and rides.

porticodelvino.com · [Watch the video tour](#)

Hours and menus change. Confirm directly before the weekend.