

ECOTAY
events made meaningful

Weddings + Events | Perth, Ontario, Canada

PARADISE IN TAY VALLEY

Welcome to Ecotay... a unique rural gathering place set amongst a series of beautifully restored barns, rail fences and terraced landscapes, surrounded by pristine fields and hedgerows. Established in 2009 and reopened in 2021 under new ownership, this venue has hosted a variety of special events – from weddings, musical entertainment, family reunions and fundraisers to conferences, workshops and seminars that explore art, technology, history and nature.

You are invited to bring your inspirations and ideas to Ecotay where you will create your own memorable and heart-warming experiences.

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Our story

Years Ago... The Ritchie family first arrived at the Perth Military Settlement on March 28th, 1816. They were one of the original group of ten families that emigrated from Scotland and established the Scotch Line settlement. They were fortunate to receive this land grant of over 100 acres with 1,200 ft. frontage on the Tay River. Although the land here was marginal for agricultural production, the Ritchie family prospered by obtaining timber rights to large tracts of forested land setting up sawmills on the Tay River and Grant's Creek. As the family fortunes grew, the modest settler's stone cottage built in 1820's had two more levels added with a wraparound 2nd storey veranda - all inspired by the architectural vision of creating a Palladian villa in the Canadian wilderness.

In the late 1800s the Ritchie family sold the farm which continued for the next hundred years to operate as a dairy farm with small-scale pork and poultry production - first owned by the Munroe's who later sold it to the Menzie's. By the late 1900s the farm passed to new owners - the Moxon family who came for weekend retreats and eventually retired here.

In 2005, Michael Glover purchased the farm and brought with him a dream to save the built and cultural heritage of this place by breathing new life into the homestead. After foundations were fixed, roofs replaced, barns power-washed and re-wired - it was too beautiful not to share with others! So, onto the next step - washrooms were built, stages and terraced landscapes were erected, kitchen space was created and signs were installed. Out of this labour of love Ecotay Education Centre was born... a place where the neighbours, friends and family could once again experience the rich heritage and magical sharing of a good old-fashioned country gathering.

Fast forward to June 2021 when Natasha Lackey, Justin Lackey, and Sarah Noonan became the sixth family to call Ecotay home and continue the vision of Ecotay !



Weddings

It all started with family...

The idea of hosting weddings at Ecotay had a very innocent beginning... In 2007, Michael's daughter Alex, and her partner Ryan, had the idea that if the Horse Shed was just cleaned up, it would be a perfect setting to celebrate their marriage vows. Friends and family swooped in from all around to join in the task, paintbrushes and scrub cloths in-hand, to turn their concept into a reality. One might think that this would be a one-time event here at the farm but it led to several years of restoration frenzy!

The barns were attracting so much attention that in 2011 Dennis Noonan, a neighbour of Michael's, asked about having his own daughter Natasha's wedding at Ecotay. That was the beginning of full-blown demand for couples dreaming of tying the knot in a rustic, chic farm setting! But the story gets better! That couple from down the road was able to buy Ecotay when the time came in 2021 for the property to be sold. Natasha Noonan, along with her husband Justin Lackey, partnered with her cousin, Sarah Noonan who also grew up around the corner on Noonan Side Road.



Special Events

People Rave About Their Experience!

People come from far and wide to experience the ambiance of Ecotay. The feedback is always so positive that it keeps folks coming back for more! The grand opening under new ownership happened on August 15th, 2021 which saw over 600 people come through the property to celebrate the newest chapter of Ecotay!

The Sunday Market is a monthly event run from May until October. Family, friends, community members and those exploring Perth can gather to eat, drink, shop, and listen to music!

Join us for lunch on weekends! Reserve a picnic basket for your group and enjoy the beautiful farm setting and the delicious food from The Homegrown Chef!



Workshops

A Fantastic Learning Environment

With an abundance of space, the ability to host workshops and seminars are endless at Ecotay. There have been Mushroom Walks, Gaelic Song Workshops, Climate Change Conferences, History Fairs -to name a few.



Barn again!

The two century-old Ecotay site is a magical space for both large and small groups to gather. When renting this space, the site is clean, fresh and well -groomed... setting the stage for an unlimited scope of creativity in adding your personalized touch.

Cow Barn

The largest of all the barns, the cow barn once housed a 40- head dairy operation. In fact, the Ecotay logo is based on the cow stanchions that held the cattle in place while being milked. This multi-use barn is perfect for everything from exhibits, trade shows and book fairs to charmingly elegant sit-down wedding feasts. The hayloft offers a quieter space with an amazing view to below and boasts a very unique acoustic quality.

Pig Barn Café

The feeding trough and “pig entrance” doors are all that is left from the pig operation days. It has been turned into a kitchen and dining area complete with all modern utilities. The butcher block counter tops and refinished wooden walls and small woodstove make this a warm and cozy gathering space. For large events, such as weddings and fundraisers, caterers love this space as it functions very well as a food prep and plating kitchen.

Horse Shed

Once home to a team of horses and a buggy, this barn has been transformed into a dance and music hall. With a fully accessible stage, it is excellent for any kind of performance – from choirs and orchestras and full-size bands to soloists, speakers, dancers and actors. The ambiance and acoustics in the Horse Shed are praised and applauded by both performers and audience alike.

Chicken Coop

The Chicken Coop, complete with original brood boxes, is located behind the stage area in the Horse Shed. It can be used as a small seminar space, a “green room” for performance events or is sometimes called The Hen House when bridal parties convene here for the pre-ceremony makeup, hair-styling and dressing session.



Details

Barnyards

The terraced pathways throughout the site are defined by 90 tons of spectacular fieldstone – giving a nod to the hard work and pioneer spirit of Lanark County. The split rail cedar fences enclose many different outdoor programming spaces such as different sized patios and lush green pastures. Bar Shed Situated near the washrooms and across from the Horse Shed, this rustic bar features an antique workbench used as the refreshments serving counter along with a large shelf for display and storage. A fridge and freezer are located behind the bar area.

Outhouses

There are definitely no shortage of washrooms at Ecotay! Twelve washrooms, complete with modern amenities and plumbing, are cleverly disguised in several different wooden outhouses that appear like they have been here for centuries. Parking A field at the entrance to Ecotay has been dedicated to parking for visitors. Prior to events, however, vehicles can access the site via a roadway that winds through central site making it easier for deliveries of equipment, food and other supplies.

Accessibility

Ecotay has a wheelchair/walker friendly washroom, a ramp to the stage area and walkways that have a hard and smooth compacted fine gravel finish. Please note that, upon request, a vehicle will be given access to the road leading to the main areas.

WiFi

The site has WiFi available for guests. Please ask about how to gain access.

Safe Water

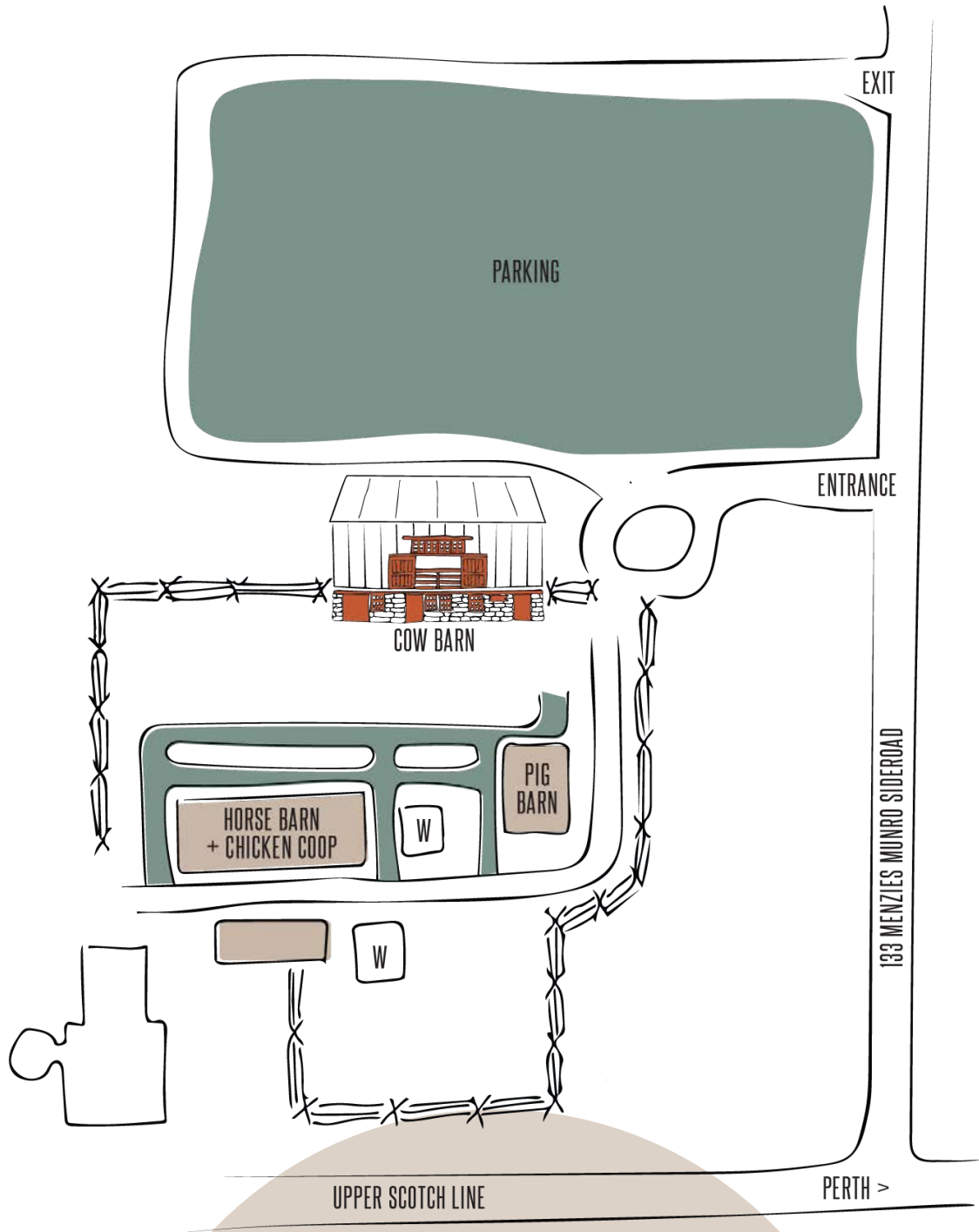
The Ecotay water is beautiful, fresh, clean-tasting from the well. It safe to drink, as it is governed by filter system that constantly guarantees its purity.

Septic System

The Ecotay septic system is an Eco- Flow, high-capacity unit. Please do not flush any feminine hygiene products or diapers down the toilets!



Site Plan



Location

ECOTAY is located in Tay Valley, just a few minutes from Perth, Ontario and only an hour from either Ottawa or Kingston.

Mailing Address

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Canada K7H 3C5

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The Land

Our 111 acre farm is bordered on the north with frontage on the Tay River. The farmland consists of pasture land, tree plantation, mixed forest land, wetlands and gardens, buildings and recreational land.



Weekday Private Event Package

Included Features

- Exclusive access to the venue for the day
- Inspected food premise complete with refrigeration, prep space, electricity and potable water
- Licensed and stocked bar with Smart Serve bartender
- Tables and chairs in dining barn for 110 guests
- Outdoor tables and seating
- Outdoor yard games
- On-site, supervised parking
- Sound system with AV equipment
- Fire tables with seating

Transportation Service

- Three hour transportation service with six passenger van \$250; \$90/additional hour

Enhancements

- Outdoor dance floor
- Fireworks
- Champagne wall
- In-house catering for appetizers, charcuterie, dinner, and late night snacks

**Availability, menu options, and pricing upon request*



Rental Contract

Ecotay 's Terms and Conditions

Ecotay's responsibility is to provide the following to renters:

- Permanent, built-in washrooms for comfort and privacy with all amenities
- All buildings will be cleaned and ready for your vendors to set up
- All grounds will be well groomed
- Water and electricity
- General Liability Insurance (site specific)
- Staff on-site during event for assistance to vendors and oversee the event

RENTER 's Terms and Conditions

It is the responsibility of the renter to provide the following:

- Provide payment of \$150 deposit to reserve the date of your event- no dates will be held until payment is made
- Provide your own music, flowers, decorations, etc
- Obtain Event Insurance
- Assist with clean-up to remove personal items
- Do not use open flame candles or any other combustible devices

RENTAL PRICING

Weekday Private Events.....\$750 + HST

Up to 50 people with day use of the venue
\$15 per additional guest

DEPOSIT REQUIRED

A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is required to secure your booking.

Balance of fee is due 30 days before your event. *Etransfer to be sent to:

ecotayperth@gmail.com

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Ecotay

942 Upper Scotch Line

Perth, Ontario, Canada K7H 3C5

Contract

Date of Event _____

Name of Renter _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I have fully read and agree to adhere to all of this terms and conditions of this contract, and agree to providing a non-refundable downpayment to secure the date of event.

Signature

Name (printed)

Date

Signature of ECOTAY staff

Name (printed)

Date