



# WELCOME TO BIRDWOODS

## ~ WEDDING CEREMONIES ~

Thank you for considering Birdwoods as a venue for your wedding ceremony. We offer a lovely setting and some of the 'essentials' to ensure you and your guests can enjoy a happy celebration.

Birdwoods is a very popular visitor destination, featuring a Gallery, Café, old fashioned Sweet Shop and extensive gardens in which a large range of sculpture is displayed. Birdwoods is open to the public seven days a week, year round (10am to 4pm in winter, 10am to 5pm in summer).

We have put a lot of love and time into developing Birdwoods and, while venue hire is not our core focus, we can provide a range of options for events. Our approach is to 'keep it simple' and to offer you access to our facilities – of course we're here to help, but we're not wedding planners or event managers, so encourage you to build on what we offer and organise your own additions.

We are not able to accommodate wedding receptions at this stage.

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The large Sculpture Walk garden at Birdwoods features a 25m reflection pond with a raised grass platform framed by a pergola at one end – the perfect setting for wedding ceremonies.

**Capacity** – This is really only limited by weather conditions (see notes below). If the sun shines, we can certainly accommodate up to 150 guests in the Sculpture Walk garden.

**Chairs** – Birdwoods will provide 30 chairs for those not able to stand for long periods. Extra chairs are available for a small hire charge.

**Power** – There is access to power for the marquee and the pergola area.

**Exclusive Access** – The Sculpture Walk will be closed to the public for the duration of your ceremony. Please bear in mind Birdwoods' opening hours (till 5pm October to April) – there may be general well-wishers enjoying other areas of the garden.

**Luxury Loos** – A Luxury Loo unit will be on site for your event. These are fully self contained units with solar power, full flush and hand basins.

**Parking** – Guests will use the general Birdwoods parking areas. For large groups, we can open up an adjacent paddock if additional capacity is needed. The wedding party will be provided with access to a private parking area.

**Champagne & Light Sustenance** – If you would like to offer your guests a glass of champagne after the ceremony, Birdwoods can provide staff to serve drinks and our Café team make delicious finger sandwiches. Unfortunately we do not allow self-catering or other external caterers and staffing for functions at Birdwoods. A drinks list is available on request. We are fully licenced until 10pm, however we do not have a BYO Licence.

**Gallery Access** – We are happy to keep the Gallery open and staffed for your guests to have a wander while photographs are being taken.



**Weather** – this is always the one element beyond everyone’s control. As with any outdoor wedding, you will need to have a ‘Plan B’ just in case. No doubt, you will be keeping a close eye on the weather forecast in the lead-up and will need to make a decision 48 hours before your event.

**Venue Hire Charge** – There is a \$350 non-refundable venue charge payable on confirmation of the booking.

#### **Service Staff and Sandwiches**

These costs include food preparation as well as three hours of staff time for set up of the bar area, serving you and your guests, and then clearing up of glasses etc afterwards. We have a lovely team and they are very experienced and know the ins and outs of Birdwoods, so if you need some additional hands on deck to help with other logistics, this will be an additional cost per hour per staff member.

Drinks service and a selection of delicious finger sandwiches are available. Please ask us for further information and pricing and any dietary requirements.

#### **Finalising the Details**

It’s hard to have a ‘one size fits all’ package, so we encourage you to come and visit Birdwoods and have a good look around. We’ll then sit down with you over a cup of tea and talk through your plans and ideas.

**We look forward to discussing your requirements and to ensuring you have a very special and memorable experience at Birdwoods.**