

LAKE CLEAR LODGE & RETREAT



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2017 Featured in Adirondack Experience Museum New Exhibit
2016 130 Year Celebration & 50 Years for 3 Generations of Hohmeyer Family
2013 Audubon International "Platinum 5 Green Leaf" Award
2011 Inclusion Adirondack Style Great Camps & Lodges
2009 Top 10 New York State Romantic Inns
2008 National Geographic Traveler Award "Keeping a Sense of Place"

Begin your special journey with a special nature-based ceremony on the lake:

Do you hear the ripples of Adirondack water creating a symphony for your special ceremony?
Do you see their natural cascading confetti as you gaze out to a setting sun on a serene mountain range which frames a natural arbor?

Or in our historic 1886 Lodge...

Can you feel the dancing of playful snowflakes on your cheeks lit by the crackling fire of our intimate Rathskeller as you prepare to say "I do"?!

Arrive to your wedding by Adirondack guide boat or lantern-lit sleigh!

And then Meander from Ceremony to Celebration...

To the Retreat Center with vaulted Great Camp ceilings and fairy-tale mountain lake sunsets or the warmth of an iconic Adirondack Great Lodge.
Where the open door that has greeted friends and guests for 130 years serenades the aromas of hand-cut vegetables, herbs and spice stocks, bone broth soups and slow roasts guiding you to your special table that awakens a brand new sensation: your first dinner as one.

Your Adirondack Great Camp destination awaits...

From an informal rehearsal Adirondack Alps pub dinner with unique History of Beer Workshops to a Brides maid cooking class where you have a hand in making your own wedding dessert spiced with friendship and laughter! Conclude your special weekend with a seasonal brunch.

Stir the Camaraderie & Romance in hand-crafted rustic elegant Lodgings...

From Supp & Snooze rooms and lake-view suites to secluded chalets with fireplaces and special honeymoon cabins, a diverse world of artisan lodging awaits for families, friends and couples.

A New Beginning...and a Tradition....

Before you leave, we give you a sapling to plant here so over time you can re-visit, re-connect & remember when you added to our nature and began a new one together.

Immerse in an Adirondack Lake Nature-based Wedding!

We are pleased to receive your interest in our *Adirondack Great Camp style Lake Clear Lodge & Retreat*. We specialize in nature based destination weddings. Here your wedding venue is more than a room – it is an Adirondack Discovery immersion where our entire 25-acre estate is reserved for you.

A key flavor of our nature based experience is our heritage food and culinary philosophy. Our roots in Adirondack cooking go back to the 1800's when Chef Cathy Hohmeyer's family originally built the Lodge as a stage coach inn. This pioneering heritage has now been brought forward to a 100 mile product focus that is fused with Ernest's European lineage of Old World preparations of slow roasts, vegetarian stocks, bone broths and of course incredible desserts.

Oh yes, here is a wedding story for you: we did not know Cathy's family had built the Lodge until after WE were married!

Rehearsal Dinners & Receptions

The Lodge also welcomes rehearsal dinners, wedding anniversaries and family retreats. You can reserve one or several of our special amenities to do so.

A Personalized Package

Below is a brief summary of *New York State's only wilderness canoe region* and our National Geographic Traveler award "For keeping a sense of place" within it. Our nature-based mountain-lake Wedding Packages can be personalized to fulfill your vision for your special day.

We strongly urge the bride and groom-to-be to visit our Adirondack Lodge & Retreat, have dinner and see if it feels right to you. We do offer a *Special Event Dine & Stay Package* for those seeking to explore our experience in order to help you make this important decision. If your plans are well developed, we also have a complete *Adirondack Discovery Wedding Planner*.

All of this is subject to availability, a signed contract and a required deposit to hold the date. We can also accommodate a limited request for special dietary needs or services with advanced notice. We hope the following exceeds your expectations for the experience you envision.



Our Adirondack Discovery Experience

Based on your review of www.LodgeOnLakeClear.com you may know that we are in the midst of one of the largest examples of private-public land stewardship in the world: the 6 million acre Adirondack Park.

The *Lake Clear Lodge & Retreat* is the light post to the *Saint Regis Wilderness region* that is an 18,000 acre natural wonder filled with 52 lakes, ponds, rivers and endless mountains – *the only designated wilderness canoe region in New York State*.

The uniqueness of the *Lodge* is that we can offer you a cosmopolitan experience: from the serenity of our 25 acres with 3 acres on *Lake Clear* (where Einstein relaxed!) as part of the St. Regis Wilderness region to being on the door step of the *Olympic region* with historic Saranac Lake and Lake Placid – home of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympic Games.

Humanists, artisans, writers, poets, and historically recognized personalities have made the Adirondacks their home and have been influenced by its beauty. This spirit and 130 years of guests discovering our nature and re-connecting with theirs, has created a warming ambience nurtured by our generational roots of deep seated hospitality.



Hand-crafted Lodgings

We offer three (3) styles of accommodations:

- ***4 Supp & Snooze rooms*** each with differing motifs and all with individual baths in our 1886 heritage Main Lodge.
- ***5 Individual hand-crafted chalets*** designed to be spaciouly set apart throughout our 25 acres are largely built from milled wood from our property. Chalets have fireplaces with miniature Adirondack Great Camp feel.
- ***6 Lakeside suites*** with fireplaces, sitting decks and incredible lake views. Built back from the shore to protect our lakefront where you will definitely hear the calls of the loons and may see our resident bald eagle, ice fishermen or cross-country skiers on the lake.

Hand-crafted lodgings typically ranges from \$85-175PP. Seasonal and group packages are available.

Diverse Settings of Great Camp-style Reception and Ceremony Spaces:



The *Lake Clear Lodge & Retreat* offers full nature-based destination amenities in an original hand-crafted artisan style:

- Our ***Lakeview Retreat Center*** with vaulted Great Camp-style ceiling, immense fireplace, stone patio and beautiful mountain lake view, accommodates 100 guests and overlooks secluded Lake Clear with 21st C amenities including an integrated audio and visual system and catering amenities.
- The heart and soul of our culinary based experience: our 50 seat Adirondack Alps restaurant in the ***1886 hand-hewn dining room*** that can accommodate your group needs for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Our cuisine is a heritage based fusion stirred by 4 generations focusing on a 100 mile product philosophy with Old World flair flavored by slow cooking, vegetable stocks, bone broths and savory desserts!
- A truly unique reception room is our ***Fireside Rathskeller*** with a large stone fireplace that houses the Adirondacks only hand-crafted *Wine & Beer Cellar* featured in USA TODAY with the Park's largest selection of craft import beers. In keeping with supporting other family businesses, our boutique wines represent regions from all over the world with a focus on sustainable vita culture.
- *Lake-side tents* on simply one of the most spectacular and secluded bodies of water that serves as the portal to New York State's only wilderness canoe region are typically part of our nature based experiences and can also be used for larger events.

All Lodge facilities have full catering capabilities.



Additional Adirondack Discovery Wedding Experiences:

- There are a nearly a limitless list of imaginative outdoor and in experiences – for all ages! From rehearsal dinner History of Beer workshops to interactive heritage cooking demos. Romantically ride to your wedding ceremony on lantern-lit sleigh or rejuvenate with your bridesmaid’s on the beach or in front of a rejuvenating fireplace. Take-in relaxing immersions with the Adirondack Wellness Network. You can also access an incredibly diverse range of Adirondack artisans from musicians to Adirondack story-tellers.

- A simply spectacular 3 acre lakefront with indescribable sunsets and full use of Lodge canoes, kayaks and bicycles.

- Direct from the property seemingly endless opportunities to hike, bike and paddle in the 18,000 acre 4 season natural spa of New York State’s only wilderness canoe region.



Mountain-lake Nature-based Wedding Packages

The *Lake Clear Lodge & Retreat* offers three **(3) Adirondack Discovery wedding packages – all which may be personalized.**

We have performed simple intimate natural weddings to beautiful *Adirondack Great Camp style experiences*. The common theme of all of these experiences is our natural setting and foods, the personalization of 3 generations of family and the authenticity of one of the last Adirondack Great lodges open to the public.

As you progress from our Rustic Simplicity package to the Great Camp experience, weddings become more inclusive, interactive and Adirondack destination oriented.

Adirondack Rustic Simplicity



Adirondack Rustic Simplicity offers you the taste of the *Great Woods* experience that is an elegant but simple wedding experience and the most value conscious. Events:

- Generally held in one location, usually the Lake-view Retreat Center.
- The menu is streamlined and served buffet style within the Lodge culinary philosophy.
- A typical weekend destination wedding begins with a Friday night informal Philosopher’s Pub menu with cash bar paid by your guests.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner costs on non-wedding days as well as lodgings are typically the responsibility of guests.

Wedding day events usually have a cash wine & craft beer bar. **A sampling** of the culinary presentation *may* consist of 1-2 *Adirondack Alps* appetizer samplers such as Adirondack Artisanal cheeses. In the Rustic Simplicity package you have 1-2 options of main entrées such as Adirondack garden vegetable

strudels and chicken schnitzel. Dinner includes seasonal salad, vegetables and hand-crafted desserts. Please see our *culinary menu* on our web site www.LodgeOnLakeClear.com .

In our *3-day Rustic Simplicity Destination Weddings*, the wedding party generally invests in the venues for the rehearsal dinner, one wedding site and the location of the Sunday brunch. Wedding costs are focused on your special day. Bar is cash and normally craft beer and wine. In this 3 day destination wedding scenario, investments typically start from \$100 - \$125 per guest. Group lodging rates that require minimum participation generally start from \$84PP in the off-season and \$119PP double/quad occupancy in peak season. All rates do not include, taxes, gratuity and incidentals such as bar, tents, lodgings, etc. Those seeking a day event only, can do so during non-peak periods.

Classic Experience



A Lodge staple for nearly 50 years, you can savor a taste of our Adirondack experience.

Typical events:

- Held in 2 facilities. For example, you begin with a mountain-lake sunset ceremony on our secluded beach that is performed in a natural setting with no special set-up. In the winter this could be the Fireside Rathskeller or the Lakeview

Retreat Center.

- Immediately following the ceremony a reception is held with served appetizers and a craft beer and wine bar typically set-up in the Lakeview Retreat Center or the Fireside Rathskeller.
- Dinner typically follows in the Lakeview Retreat Center or the 1886 hand-hewn Dining Room.
- The reception is held in the Lakeview Retreat Center or the Fireside Rathskeller.
- The menu is more expansive with a blend of 100 Mile focused foods. **A sampling** of our culinary fare in this package may include appetizer samplers for the reception such as Adirondack Trout Poppers and Adirondack Alps Wursts. Dinner fare includes seasonal salad and choice of Adirondack “100 mile” foods fused with an Old World essence such as Adirondack Hunter’s stroganoff, Old World roast and wild caught fresh fish. Delectable desserts are also included.

In the Classic Experience, to give more of a destination feel and group camaraderie experience, the wedding party hosts more activities. This may include:

- Craft Beer & Wine, departure day brunch or other festivities such as the rehearsal dinner.
- Arrival night pub activities and lodgings are typically the responsibility of guests.
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In our *3-day Classic Destination Weddings*, wedding party investments are approximately \$130 - \$165 per guest. Group lodging rates that require minimum participation are again available. All rates do not include, tax, gratuity and incidentals such as bar, tents, lodging, etc.

Day events where lodging and stay experiences are not included are possible, typically only during non-peak times.

Adirondack Great Camp Weddings



In the *Adirondack Great Camp style experience*, you can relive the elegance and vastness of the Adirondacks and combine it with the personalization of the *Great Woods* experience.

This is our favorite style of wedding where we partner with you to “build your own special event” within our Great Camp philosophy.

Here, our entire 25-acre facilities can be yours to exclusively explore.

You can begin with a Lake-side or Fireside Rathskeller ceremony. Immediately following is a full-service reception either down at the waterfront with spectacular mountain-lake sunsets or in the Fireside Rathskeller. Guests then meander to the Lake-view Retreat Center for a formal dinner. Other variations to the experience can be where the entire event is held as a tented mountain-lake experience on our 3 acre-lake-front. An Adirondack Alps breakfast and departure brunch is served each day for guests staying at the Lodge. Arrival night activities can begin with a rehearsal Adirondack Alps pub dinner.

This is a destination Adirondack Discovery wedding. Water, nature, a historic lodge and an amazing Adirondack culinary heritage journey comes together. Our ability to cull from 4 generations of family, 130 years of the Lodge and 25 acres enables us to create a unique Adirondack destination experience. Throughout the weekend, sample foods from Adirondack Native Americans, the Old World pioneers, the Cure Cottage days and the Grand Hotel era which are the roots of our unique Adirondack farm-to-fork experience. Taste these diverse eras in different spaces from our pristine beach lunches to Fireside Rathskeller appetizers to Lakeview Retreat Center dinners. We partner with you to personalize this experience. Other unique sensory immersions can include instead of a typical bar, guests may sample from a History of Beer tasting before the rehearsal dinner. Or, have your guests enjoy a pioneer lunch on the lake while the bridesmaids enjoy wine, laughter and comradery donning a Chef’s apron to make your wedding dessert with Chef Cathy and her staff. Arrive to your ceremony by guide boat or lantern-lit sleigh ride. Make your wedding isle our 25 acres and our Great Lodge your Adirondack estate.

The Great Camp experience is an all-inclusive Adirondack destination wedding. Think of it as an Adirondack cruise ship experience! In this 3-day all inclusive Great Camp wedding destination are intimate affairs typically limited to 50 guests. In this inclusive experience investments include food, lodging, facilities, special activities and can range from approximately \$349 - \$429 per guest. All rates do not include, tax, gratuity and incidentals such as bar, tents, etc.



Day events where lodging and stay experiences are not included are possible, typically only during non-peak times.

All prices subject to change without notice.

Enhancements to Your Special Event

You are only limited to your imagination in terms of adding special touches. You are truly in the *epicenter of Adirondack Park activities* ranging from cosmopolitan to rustic, from indoor fun to outdoor imagination – you truly can do it all. Here are just a few examples:

On Property Immersions

- Group fun Cooking Classes
- Wine & Beer Tastings
- Interactive & Fun Adirondack Educational programs
- Events with Adirondack Artisans
- Music
- Horse drawn Sleigh Rides
- X-country ski, hike, canoe, kayak, swim
- Fireplace contemplation
- Therapeutic massage

Off-site Experiences (within 25 minutes)

- Wild Center Nature Museum
- Paul Smith's College Visitor Interpretive Center
- Olympic Venues
- 4 Season Outdoor activities
- Historic sites
- Theater
- Music
- Shopping
- Snowmobiling
- Adirondack scenic flights
- Contemplative meanderings

Personal Touches



- Full Breakfast and special lunches in-house or carry-out are available
- Customized Wedding wine/beer glasses or apparel with Lake Clear Lodge logo.
- Personalized Wedding packets upon arrival
- Group transportation

Congratulations! 3 generations of our family look forward to hearing from yours!

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“Beautiful lodge, amazing dinner...orders of magnitude beyond ordinary” New York Post

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