



WEDDINGS AT GATHERING OAKS

Gathering Oaks Retreat is a serene and secluded venue located on 30 acres just outside of Waco, TX. With onsite lodging for up to 50 guests, it is the perfect place for your friends and family to gather and stay during your wedding weekend. Enjoy the simplicity of having everything and everyone you love in one place with space for the rehearsal dinner, bridal luncheon, ceremony, reception, Sunday brunch, and lodging.

- LAWN -



- PAVILION -



- OAK GROVE -





WEDDING WEEKEND & LODGING

\$15,000

- Includes event fee for private use of all outdoor event spaces, guest parking, party room with public bathroom, two outdoor bathroom trailers, 100 white garden chairs, and tables for 100 guests (no linens).
- Two nights of lodging are included and required. 19 bedrooms for up to 50 guests. Additional nights can be added on for a discounted rate of \$4,000/night.
 - Additional nights in The Gathering House and suites can be added on individually within a one-month window from check-in, subject to availability.
- Check-in at 4 pm Friday and extended late check-out at noon on Sunday.
 - Early access of 2pm may be offered if availability allows the morning of check-in.
- Choice of outdoor ceremony and reception location: Lawn, Turf, Pavilion, Oak Grove or Sport Court, with prime location for a tent.
- Two planning meetings onsite.
- Option for your guests to pay Gathering Oaks directly for their lodging accommodations.
 - Please see the next page for a breakdown.
- Activities onsite: large turf grass area, yard games, putting green, and fire pit.
 - Seasonal access to the pool and/or hot tub.

DETAILS

- Accommodates outdoor weddings up to 200 guests.
 - Additional tables and chairs can be rented from our recommended vendors.
- Secure dates with a non-refundable deposit of \$3000 and signed contract.
- Additional \$700 cleaning fee and 8% hotel tax required
- Licensed caterer required.
- BYOB with TABC certified bartender required if serving alcohol.
- Security guards required and hired by Gathering Oaks
 - 1-2 guards at \$40/hr per guard.
 - Security Fee for guards is required two weeks before the wedding. The final amount is TBD based on guest count and if alcohol will be served.
- Refundable damage deposit of \$1000 is required two weeks before wedding.
- Payment plan will be set up with the final amount due 90 days out
 - A 4% convenience fee is added to payments unless paying with check.
- Bride is responsible for securing wedding insurance through WedSure and a copy of the policy must be provided by email 90 days prior to event.
- Holiday weekends require a three-night stay.
- See copy of Event Rules plus Frequently Asked Questions on our website.
- Hexagon arch rental - optional \$100



OPTION 1

WEDDING PACKAGE \$15,000

+ \$700 cleaning fee and 8% hotel tax

Security cost and refundable damage deposit billed two weeks prior to wedding.

OPTION 2

WEDDING PACKAGE WITH GUEST INVOICING \$17,157

Renter covers \$9,446 + 8% hotel tax.

Guest invoicing for individual lodging covers \$7,711 + 8% hotel tax.

Security cost and refundable damage deposit billed two weeks prior to wedding.

RENTER COVERS

Weekend Event Fee	\$5,800
5 Bedroom Gathering House	\$2,798
Bridal Suite	\$598
Cleaning Fees	\$250
Total:	\$9,446

GUEST INVOICING FOR LODGING

The pricing below is the amount billed per room for a two night stay, including cleaning fee. Two-night minimum required. Room assignments must be given to Gathering Oaks 120 days out so that invoices can be emailed and paid within 90 days of check-in. The Renter is responsible for unpaid rooms or guest cancellations.

Tiny House 1	\$613
Tiny House 2	\$613
Tiny House 3	\$613
Tiny House 4	\$613
King Suite 5	\$613
King Suite 6	\$613
King Suite 7	\$613
King Suite 8	\$613
Queen Suite 9	\$513
Queen Suite 10	\$513
Queen Suite 11	\$513
Two Bedroom Cottage 13 & 14	\$1,268
Total:	\$7,711

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I have to rent the whole property to have my wedding here?

Yes, unless you are having a Sunday wedding, you are required to rent the entire property (including all lodging accommodations).

How many people can you accommodate?

We have tables and chairs for 100 guests. If you are hosting more than 100 guests, you'll need to rent additional items from local vendors. Inside the Gathering House, we can accommodate 75 guests seated. Outside we can accommodate up to 200 guests.

What is your catering and alcohol policy?

You may choose your own caterer as long as they have a catering license. You can bring your own alcohol but it must be turned over to a licensed bartender to serve during your wedding. No cash bars or kegs.

What tables and chairs do you offer?

White Garden Chairs (Qty 100)

Wood Top Farm Tables (6 Foot – Qty 4)

60 inch Round Tables (Qty 12)

Rectangular Table (6 foot - Qty 4)

Rectangular Table (8ft - Qty 1)

Inside Bar

Does Gathering Oaks set up tables and chairs?

We will bring tables and chairs to the location of your choice. You will be responsible for placing them where you want them and moving them from the ceremony to the reception site. Or you may elect to purchase enough additional chairs for both locations.

Do I have to use a specific vendor?

No, you can choose all of your vendors but if you're looking for recommendations we can email you some of our favorites.

How many guests can you accommodate overnight?

We can sleep up to 50 guests in our 19 modern-rustic bedrooms. Check out lodging [here](#).

Can my guests pay for their own rooms?

Yes! With overnight accommodations, the bride is not expected to pay for everything. We try to make everything as easy as possible for you. The host can either choose to pay for the wedding package or we can invoice your overnight guests directly.

Are dogs allowed?

Yes, in one of our 4 Tiny Houses with a \$50 pet fee. Dogs are not permitted in any other rooms.

What are the dimensions of the turf area and what size tent does it fit?

The turf area is 30x55 and it can fit a 20x40 size tent. The tent must be anchored with water barrels.

When can I start setting up for the rehearsal dinner?

4pm. Please plan accordingly to make efficient use of your time at the venue.

What are the dimensions of the covered pavilion and how many can be seated underneath?

The covered pavilion is 27x27 with 6 ft of uncovered concrete extending in the back. You can seat 100 guests underneath the covered pavilion and additional guests can overflow into the courtyard.

What are the dimensions of the tennis court and what size tent does that fit?

The tennis court is 50x100 and can fit a 40x100 tent or smaller.

Can we do fireworks or sparklers?

Fireworks are not allowed. Sparklers are allowed as long as they are properly disposed of in a sand/water bucket and thrown in the trash after use.

Are candles allowed?

Yes, candles are allowed as long as the flame is completely contained inside the votive/holder.

Can we use rose petals or confetti?

For the outdoor ceremony, we only allow light-colored real petals. No dark colors (especially red) petals are allowed as they will stain the concrete walkways. These are available through your florist. Fake petals are not allowed. Confetti is not permitted.

Is security required?

Yes. Gathering Oaks approved security must be in place at the start of the ceremony and must remain on the premises until the DJ/band is over and the bartender has stopped serving alcohol. Gathering Oaks will hire the necessary security for your event.

Is there a designated smoking area?

No smoking of any kind (including e-cigs) is allowed within 10 feet of any building. There are designated smoke receptacles to dispose of any cigarettes in the courtyard. Evidence of smoking indoors or cigarette/cigar butts left on the ground or indoor receptacles will result in loss of Renter damage deposit.

Do we need event insurance?

Yes! All weddings at Gathering Oaks Retreat are required to have one-day event liability insurance through WedSure. The cost is approximately \$125.

How many cars can your parking lot accommodate?

Our parking lot can accommodate up to 75 cars and is large enough for shuttles or buses should you want to look into that option for your guests or bridal party.

Do you provide table linens, china, silverware, etc?

No. If you prefer linens for the tables, they can be rented easily through one of the several great rental companies in Waco. There are also great rental options for china, silverware, napkins etc.