



The
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a bed & breakfast inn

Wedding Information

Thank you for considering the Bidwell House as the venue for your wedding celebration. Nestled in the heart of Old Town Chester, Bidwell House stands as a unique historic Inn, ready to make your special day truly unforgettable. We are dedicated to providing exceptional service and a range of amenities to cater to your specific requirements.

Our commitment is to alleviate the stress of planning and preparation, allowing you to fully enjoy and cherish every moment of your special day, whether it's an intimate ceremony for two or a grand garden party for 150 guests.

Key features of Bidwell House include:

- Outdoor wedding ceremony and reception site: A picturesque garden setting with an expansive lawn surrounded by beautiful cottonwood trees and an aspen grove.
- Indoor wedding ceremony site: The front room of Bidwell House, adorned with lovely antique furniture and a grand fireplace.
- Twelve uniquely appointed guest rooms: Many featuring King-sized beds and Jacuzzi tubs, all three diamonds rated to ensure your utmost comfort.
- Superb cuisine crafted by our skilled chef: Customized menus tailored to meet your specific preferences.

Please take a moment to peruse the enclosed information, which includes details on our menus and policies. Should you have any inquiries, feel free to call us. We are here to assist you and ensure your wedding day is everything you've dreamed of.





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Spectacular Wedding Site

Explore the distinctive wedding venues at Bidwell House, tailored to accommodate your group size and the season of your choice. Our outdoor ceremonies unfold on a breathtaking lawn, surrounded by a garden oasis with picturesque cottonwood trees and an enchanting aspen grove - a perfect setting for summer weddings from June through mid-September. This expansive outdoor space can host up to 150 guests, making it ideal for your special occasion.

For an intimate and cozy atmosphere, consider our indoor wedding site in the front room of the historic Bidwell House, featuring lovely antique furniture and a grand fireplace. This indoor space is available year-round and can accommodate up to 20 guests, offering a charming backdrop for any season.

Bidwell House provides an ideal setting for various wedding styles. You have the flexibility to choose our property for the ceremony alone or opt for a comprehensive package, including the ceremony, reception, and overnight accommodations for your guests. Site rental begins at \$500, contingent on the size of your party and the services requested. Personalize your celebration with decorative additions like flowers and bows, working in collaboration with your chosen floral designer.

Feel free to reach out for assistance with your wedding plans or to arrange a site tour. We are excited about the opportunity to meet you and your family, ensuring a seamless and memorable wedding experience at Bidwell House.





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Just Wedding Ceremony

Choice of Outdoor or Indoor ceremony (2-hour property rental)

Dedicated Wedding Specialist

Provision of White Chairs for Ceremony

Professional Setup and Breakdown Services

Starting at \$500





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Wedding Ceremony & Reception

For all our wedding packages, a facility rental fee starting at \$1,500 ensures you receive the following comprehensive services:

A Beautiful Ceremony site and setup in the enchanting garden and gazebo.

Wedding Reception site and setup to accommodate your celebration.

Exclusive reservation of the entire day dedicated solely to your wedding.

Facility access for ceremony practice sessions.

Guidance from a Bidwell House wedding specialist to assist in planning both your Ceremony and Reception.

A complete wedding reception setting package, inclusive of 60" round tables, white chairs, ivory linens, ivory napkins, and full elegant table settings.

Provision of 6' banquet tables for gifts, sign-in book, bar, buffet, and DJ setup.

Professional setup and breakdown services for both ceremony and reception (please ensure the presence of a bride and groom representative on the wedding day to address any setup-related queries).

Post-wedding cleanup (additional charges may apply for excessive cleaning requirements).

Trained staff dedicated to serving and preparing for the reception.

Our all-encompassing facility rental fee guarantees a seamless and stress-free experience, allowing you to focus on the joy of your special day. Please don't hesitate to contact us for further details or to discuss any specific arrangements.





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Explore our top choices for wedding reception menus below. Should you have alternative ideas or specific food requests, kindly inform us, and we'll make every effort to accommodate your unique preferences. We are delighted to customize the menu to suit your needs.

Our standard service features a stunning full-service buffet-style setting. All prices are based on buffet-style service, with plated meals or family-style service incurring higher costs.

Please note that 18% service charge and prevailing sales tax will be added to all food and beverage charges. While prices are subject to change, we guarantee the quoted pricing up to 30 days prior to your function date. For children under 10, enjoy a special half-price offer on food.

Your wedding reception should be a culinary reflection of your preferences, and we are committed to creating a dining experience that perfectly aligns with your vision. Feel free to reach out with any questions or to discuss further customization options for your special day.





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Hors d'oeuvres

Passed hors d'oeuvres

- Assorted crostini | \$3 each
Gorgonzola Cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, fresh basil
Smoked salmon, mascarpone & capers
Artichoke & spinach
- Curried chicken salad with currants and golden raisins | \$4 each
- Shrimp cocktail shots | \$4 each
- Teriyaki chicken satay with peanut sauce | \$4 each
- Sesame-ginger chicken satay with sweet chili sauce | \$4 each
- Shrimp on cucumber canapé | \$4 each
- Red pepper humus on mini flatbread | \$3 each
- Meatball with romesco sauce | \$4 each
- Caprese skewer | \$4 each
- ~ Minimum order 30pcs ~ Must be ordered in 10pc increments ~*

Appetizer Stations

- Seasonal Fruit and Vegetable Crudité | \$8 person
- Charcuterie board | \$12 person





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Taco Bar Dinner

Santa Fe Garden salad
*romaine lettuce, tomatoes, fire grilled corn, black beans, red bell pepper, red onion,
cilantro-lime dressing*

Carnitas

Grilled Shrimp

Chicken Tinga

Flour and Corn Tortillas

Black Beans, Mexican Red Rice

Grilled Poblano Peppers, Onion & Mushroom Mix

Shredded Cabbage, Tomatoes, Roasted Jalapenos, Cilantro, Red Onion, Limes

Mango-Jalapeno Salsa

Pico de Gallo

Guacamole

Mexican Crema

Queso Fresco, Shredded Jack Cheese

\$ 31 per person



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Italian Pasta Dinner

Italian Heirloom Tomato Salad
field greens, heirloom tomatoes, olives, red onion, pepperoncini with Italian vinaigrette

Linguini and Penne pasta

Red sauce
with sun dried tomatoes and artichokes

Creamy Alfredo sauce

Basil-Pesto sauce

Smoked Fennel Sausage

Large Meatballs

Grilled Chicken

Garnish station with shaved Parmesan cheese, chopped parsley,
black olives & toasted pine nuts

Garlic bread

\$ 36 per person



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BBQ dinner

Field Greens salad

field greens, cucumber, and tomatoes with buttermilk ranch dressing

BBQ chicken

chicken breast and thighs with bourbon BBQ sauce

Grilled Hot Links

Smoked Brisket

sweet and spicy ancho pepper rubbed smoked beef brisket with creamy horseradish

Creamy Mac&Cheese

BBQ Baked beans

Coleslaw salad

Fresh artisan bread & rolls and butter

\$ 42 per person



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Mountain Dinner

Fresh Garden Salad

spinach, cucumber, and tomatoes with black pepper gorgonzola dressing

Chicken Marsala

grilled chicken breast with mushrooms and sun-dried tomatoes smothered in creamy marsala wine sauce

Roasted Tri-Tip

slowly roasted marinated beef Tri-Tip with creamy horseradish

Garlic smashed potatoes

Garden Veggie Medley

seasonal vegetables including zucchini, asparagus, red onion, sweet pepper, and mushroom sauteed in garlic butter and fresh parsley

Fresh artisan bread & rolls and butter

\$ 46 per person



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Mt. Lassen Dinner

Classic Caesar Salad

crispy romaine with freshly baked herb croutons, caesar dressing, parmesan cheese

Salmon Picatta

pan seared wild salmon with capers and artichoke hearts with lemon white wine sauce

Prime Rib

slowly roasted Prime Rib with creamy horseradish sauce

Baby roasted potatoes

served with sour cream and green onion

Garden Veggie Medley

seasonal vegetables including zucchini, asparagus, red onion, sweet pepper, and mushroom sauteed in garlic butter and fresh parsley

Fresh artisan bread & rolls and butter

\$ 50 per person



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Add-on options

Fire-Grilled Shrimp Skewer | \$6 each

Grilled Portabella | \$6 each

Sautéed mushrooms | \$4 per person

Bourbon-brown sugar caramelized onion | \$4 per person



Cake service

Cake table, plates and utensils, cake cutting, organic Coffee & Decaf \$4.50 per person

Beverage options

Ice water, Iced Tea, Lemonade | \$3 per person

Soda & Bottled water | \$2 each

Sparkling Wine toast | \$5 per person

Domestic bottled beer | \$4 each

Microbrews and Imports bottled beer | \$5 each

Keg domestic, microbrews & import beer | \$450 – \$650 estimate

Wine | \$18 - \$250 bottle



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Additional Features

Beautiful Indoor and Outdoor Ceremony Sites

3 Picturesque Arches

Gazebo

Custom Layout for Guest Seating

12 elegant rooms available for your Guests

Ample Parking

Electrical Outlets provided for DJ

Special meals for Children upon request

Garden games: bocce ball, badminton, tetherball, croquet





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Local Suppliers

Photographers

Kim James Photography - kimjamesphoto.com	530-258-3220
Lassen Peak Photography – lassenpeakphotography.com	530-636-6008
Composing Reality Photography – composingreality.com	530-205-7124

Florists

Sunshine Flowers & Gifts	530-258-4543
Wild Things Floral and Gift	530-518-4565
Milwood Florist – milwoodfloristweddings.com	530-257-9194

Cakes

Cakes by Sarah Robinson	530-310-9061
Angela's Bakery – quincybaker.com	530-591-2509

Live music & DJs

Rickety Bridge – ricketybridgemusic.com	530-310-2674
A Beautiful Sound - abeautifulsounddjandguitar.com	239-677-8241
The Wedding DJ Company – chicoweddingdj.com	530-636-0305

Salons & Services

Serenity Hair & Nails	530-258-7848
Little Shoppe of Nails	530-259-5800
Laura Semrau – Essential Skincare & Reflexology	530-575-1568
A Balanced Touch Massage & Wellness Studio	530-816-0583



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Overnight Accommodation

Twelve uniquely designed guest rooms, the inviting porch swing, an eclectic collection of antiques, and meticulous attention to details—all crafted for the ultimate comfort of our guests. Regardless of the chosen bedroom, The Bidwell House proudly holds a three-diamond rating from AAA, ensuring your utmost comfort. Recognized by Frommer's Guide, Northern California Best Places guidebook, Lonely Planet guidebook, featured on KGO newstalk "On the go...", and a proud member of the Professional Association of Innkeepers International.

Our rates come inclusive of a delightful experience, featuring a gourmet breakfast served in the charming historic dining room or the refreshing Al Fresco atmosphere on the patio. Additionally, guests can indulge in a variety of coffees, teas, hot chocolate, freshly baked cookies, and a selection of fresh fruits throughout their stay. As a special touch, enjoy an afternoon sherry by the fireplace, adding warmth and relaxation to your time at The Bidwell House.

To ensure room availability for your wedding guests, we offer the option to reserve a "block of rooms" at the time of the wedding booking. Guests can call us directly to make individual reservations against this block, or you can assign specific rooms to them. Please note that all rooms at the Inn must be rented by wedding guests (with a 2-night minimum stay during weekends). The responsibility for any unrented rooms falls on the Bride and Groom.





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Bidwell House Policies

Non-refundable Deposit

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 to hold the date is due at the time of reservation. No portion of this deposit will be refunded if the event is cancelled for any reason. If the Wedding occurs, the non-refundable deposit will be applied to the cost of the wedding.

Menus and Head Count

Menu for a wedding reception will be finalized no later than thirty (30) days before wedding. Bride and Groom must communicate a final count of the number of wedding guests no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the reception. The cost of the wedding as adjusted according to the final count will be the actual charge for the wedding unless the number exceeds the final count in which the final cost will be adjusted to reflect an additional charge for each guest over the final count that attends the wedding. The cost for each additional guest at the wedding over the final count may, at the election of the Inn, be deducted from the Security Deposit.

Cost of Wedding Deposit

Fifty percent of the total estimated cost will be due thirty (30) days prior to the wedding. The balance of the cost will be due fourteen (14) days before the wedding. All payments must be by a major credit card, cash, cashier's check, or certified check made payable to The Bidwell House B&B. In addition to the cost of the food and drink, there will be an 18% service charge and prevailing sales tax added.

Security Deposit

The Inn requires either a major credit card number be on file with the Inn or a \$500 cash security deposit. Credit card slip or check with security deposit return will be mailed to Bride and Groom along with an explanation for any money withheld (such as for damages or additional last minute attendees) from the security deposit.

Cancellation

The wedding may be cancelled by written notice to the Inn delivered no later than thirty (30) days prior to the wedding. If the wedding is cancelled within the cancellation period, the Inn will return all deposits paid prior to that date except for the \$500.00 Non-Refundable Deposit which shall be retained by the Inn. If cancellation occurs within that deadline, all deposits will be non-refundable.



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Lodging

All 12 rooms at the Inn must be reserved by wedding party or their guest. These reservations must be made directly with the Inn and secured with credit card. All policies of the Inn (minimum stay, maximum occupancy, pets, children, smoking, etc.) still apply. Bride & Groom will be responsible for any rooms not rented.

Outside Catering

Use of caterer other than the Bidwell House for your wedding will be considered on case-by-case basis.

Alcohol

Any alcoholic beverages not purchased from The Bidwell House are permitted only with advanced written consent. If consent is given, there will be a corkage fee added to the invoice.

Rentals

The Inn will provide dinner tables, chairs, table for gifts, sign-in book, cake table, ivory tablecloths, ivory cloth napkins, utensils, high quality plastic cups for drinks and eco friendly palm leaf tableware. Bride and Groom will arrange, and pay separately, for the rental of any additional furniture and equipment related to the wedding functions they desire.

Smoking & Vaping

Smoking or vaping is allowed only on the porch and patio. No smoking or vaping is allowed indoors. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Pets

Pets are not allowed.

Decorations

Decorations must have prior written approval. The Bidwell House is a historic home and management does not permit anything to be affixed to the walls, floors, ceiling, windows, fixtures, furniture, or any other property. Candles and open flames are prohibited indoors.

Entertainment



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All contracts for entertainment must have the prior written approval of the Bidwell House. Live or reproduced music or entertainment will end no later than 9PM and we respect quiet hour after 10PM.

Subcontractors

Subcontractors must have prior written approval of The Inn. Bride and Groom have to abide any subcontracted companies (rental companies, decorators, audiovisual, production companies, etc.) by all the Inn policies and regulations. It is understood that the premises will be left in a neat and orderly condition, free of debris or display refuse, no later than the completion date. Based on time and labor, Bride and Groom will incur additional charges for the removal of party's materials by The Inn staff at the close of any event. The expenses of removal of a party's materials may, at the election of the Inn, be withheld from the security deposit.

Insurance

The Inn shall not be responsible for any damage to or loss of any article or merchandise. Any equipment of the Inn used by Bride & Groom is subject to replacement if lost, damaged or stolen. Bride and Groom shall, at their sole cost and expense, for the mutual benefit of The Inn and Bride and Groom, maintain through the term of this agreement, general public liability insurance against claims for personal injury, death or property damage occurring in or about the premises (The Bidwell House B&B Inn). Such insurance shall have a combined single limit of not less than One Million Dollars. A certificate in insurance naming The Bidwell House B&B Inn as additional insured shall be delivered to the management prior to commencement of the Wedding.

Security

The Inn shall not be liable for damage claims for injury to persons or property, including Bride and Groom, their agents, guests or sub-contractors, from any cause except for the active negligence of The Inn, its agents or employees. Bride and Groom hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless The Inn from any and all claims, liability, loss and expense by reason of injury to person or property arising out of the use or condition of the premises or any portion thereof over which the Bride and Groom has control, except for injury to person or property resulting from the active negligence of The Inn, its agents or employees while on the premises.