



# Tie the Knot

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# a Magical place

## Location

In the stunning Karangahake Gorge (in between Waihi & Paeroa), just off SH2. We are only 1.5 hours from Auckland and 1 hour from Tauranga & Hamilton





The Falls Retreat is the perfect location for your wedding! We offer a relaxed atmosphere set in nature with incredible food and warm hospitality surrounded by your closest friends and family.

Our wedding package offers a unique 2 day experience which includes 2 nights accommodation (sleeping up to 10-12 guests). Ease into your wedding by arriving the day before to take it all in. Invite your bridal party to stay the night, treat yourself to a massage and wake up on the day feeling rested and energised. A home-made continental breakfast basket is included or you can choose to upgrade to a delicious cooked breakfast to start off your special day the right way!

On the day, our kitchen team will create mouth-watering dishes using produce from our organic gardens to impress your guests. Delicious canapes followed by a stunning array of mains and dessert platters, with the option of ultimate grazing tables and late night snacks. We are fully licensed with an extensive bar list which includes award winning wines to share with friends and family.

We have beautiful grounds providing numerous photo opportunities both whilst getting ready and after the ceremony, including our pergola overlooking the stunning Owharoa Falls. The barn style dining with its open fireplace is in keeping with the rest of the property so whether it's a summer or winter wedding, the venue looks amazing and can work to fit in with your plans.

We invite you to experience our beautiful property, The Falls Retreat for yourselves - come try the food or take a look around. We look forward to welcoming you here.

## VENUE HIRE

\$7900 Friday, Saturday, Sunday (minimum 40pax)

\$4900 Monday-Thursday ( mid week price) \*

**Off Peak Special Offer** (May-September):

\$4900 Friday, Saturday & Sunday

\$3900 Monday-Thursday\*\*

*\*Midweek venue hire include 1 night accommodation only*

*\*\* Off Peak special offer includes 3 x Charming cottages for a maximum of 10 guests only*

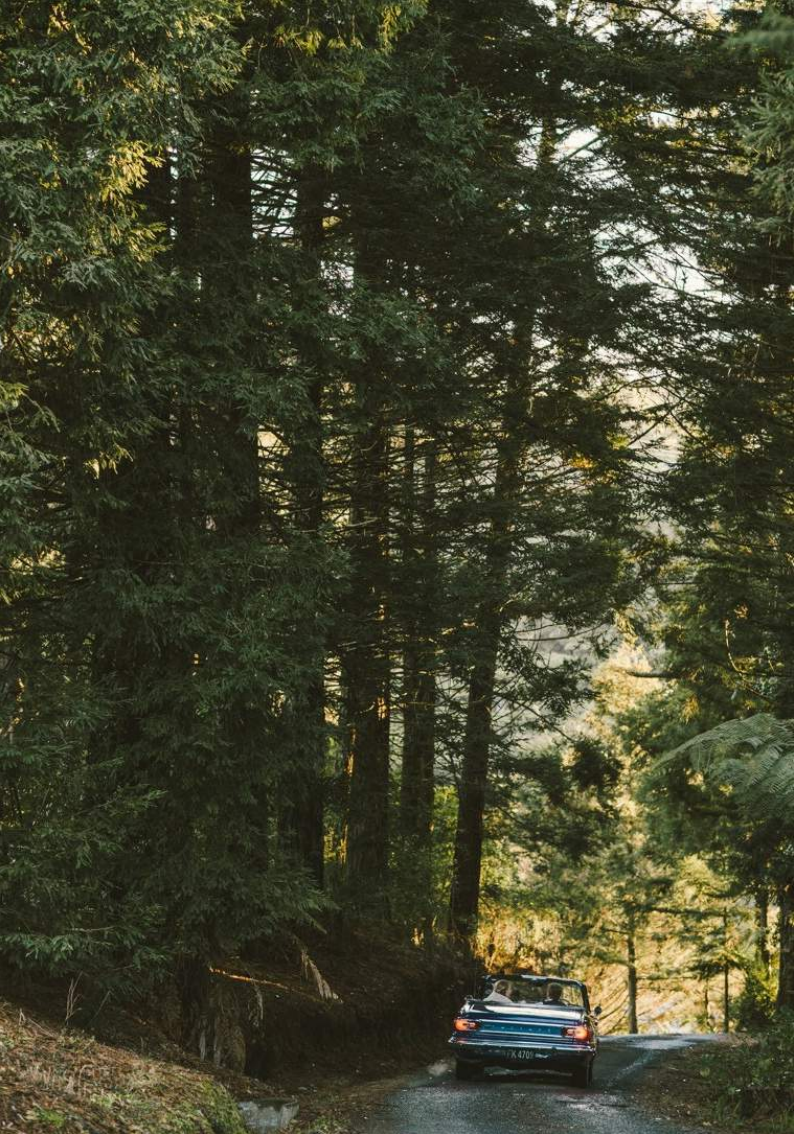
## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 3 X Charming cottages plus special glamping tent for 2 x nights accommodation for up to 12 guests (the night prior and the night of the wedding) including continental breakfast.
- Exclusive use of the property from 3.30pm for ceremony, photography & reception
- Experienced Event Manager to assist in planning your wedding
- All bar & waitstaff
- Full venue set up with tables & chairs
- Outdoor furniture
- Paper napkins, glassware, cutlery & crockery
- Log cake stand and cutting knife
- Use of inhouse music system & speakers
- Rustic bar leaners x 2 for gift/cake table
- Pre and post reception cleaning
- Bench seats for ceremony
- Signing table & chairs
- Matching Blankets and vintage suitcases
- Two stylish easels to choose from
- Tea light candles & mini wooden log holders
- Wooden table numbers (if required)
- Rustic ceremony sign to direct guests

*A surcharge on venue hire applies on public holidays. Rates are valid for weddings until April 2025*







## CAPACITY

Ideal for up to 60 guests\*

\*We can potentially cater to up to 80 guests but with certain restrictions. Please discuss with our wedding coordinator at the time of enquiry.

## TIMING

Exclusive use from 3:00pm - 11:00pm

Access to the venue for vendors from 10am on the day

Suggested wedding day timeline:

3.30pm - Ceremony time

4-5.30pm - Photography

5pm-6pm - Canapes and mingling

6.15pm - Seated in barn for main course

6.30 - Cake cutting ceremony/speeches

7pm - Mains served

7.30pm - More speeches

8pm Dessert served

8.30 pm First dance

11pm Function ends

Our wedding co-ordinator will create a personalised running sheet tailored to your specific requests for your special day. Attention to detail and personal service is our speciality!

Earlier timing available for winter weddings (2pm - 10pm)

## MENUS

Our team will serve up mouth watering dishes with seasonal produce from our gardens. From deluxe canapes to delicious mains, your menu will certainly tantalise the taste buds. We pride ourselves in using local or home grown fresh organic produce and making everything from scratch.

We have two types of menus on offer to suit all palates and budgets. Experience the Grazing Table with its gourmet wood fired pizzas and array of housemade salads, or turn it up a notch with our Taste the Difference menu with plated mains

# Let's Decorate

## FLORAL STYLING

Our extensive grounds boast a wide array of flowers and foliage and we love using these to offer a floral styling package that adds the extra wow factor.

**COST = \$500**

Inclusions:

- 1 x small bouquet of garden picked wild flowers (if required)
- Seasonal table centre arrangements 1 per table (jars filled with fresh wild flower)
- Wooden log rounds for table centrepieces
- Chandelier hoops decorated with dried foliage and fresh wild flowers
- 1 x rustic backdrop feature with dried foliage and fresh wild flowers
- Co-ordinated flowers for the cake stand & wishing well, if required

## CEREMONY STYLING

Our wedding pergola has the most amazing waterfall views and we can enhance this special spot by decorating it for you.

**COST = \$200**

Inclusions:

- Large dried flowers/foliage arbor
- 2 matching arrangements







Take it  
all in

## PAMPER PACKAGE

Take the time to unwind and relax before your special day and treat yourselves and your bridesmaids to a few extras the night before.

A Bottle of Italian Prosecco on arrival with a grazing hamper for dinner full of housemade Falls Retreat goodies, luxury bathrobes and cooked breakfast in the morning.

\$400 for 4 guests

Take it up a notch and book a therapeutic massage or facial in the comfort of the Log Cabin.

\*Ask our Wedding Coordinator for more details

## BUBBLES & TREATS

Your wedding day can be a long day for you and your bridal party, so why not get a hamper to enjoy while you are getting ready or to take away with you to indulge in while you have photos.

The hamper is filled with local cheeses & salami, housemade nibbles, chutneys, pickles and spreads, with fresh baked bread and a bottle of Prosecco.

\$220 for 4 (\$40 per additional person)

## KIDS COMING?

With our extensive grounds and awesome playground, The Falls retreat is the perfect venue if you are also inviting kids!

A designated kids menu which includes their own delicious wood - fired pizza followed by house-made brownie and ice-cream is sure to keep the little people happy. \$40 per child



\$95pp

# Taste the difference

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Selection of delicious canapes walked around

Braised lamb shoulder on mini yorkshire pud with vanilla parsnip puree

House cured and smoked salmon tartare on parmesan sable

House smoked sirloin of beef, mozzarella and dijonaise mini sliders

Goat's cheese and pumpkin Spanish tortilla (v)

Selection of garlic breads

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## 50/50 drop or Preorder

### Chicken

Wood roasted chicken breast with a garden green salad with fragrant herbs, red cabbage & carrot slaw with candied cashew & white balsamic vinaigrette, a potato, bechamel & garden greens croquette with house mustard aioli & pan juices

### Lamb

Slow roasted lamb rump with spiced vegetable pilaf spring-roll, organic sprouting broccolini, beetroot, chutney preserved lemon labneh & red pepper reduction

### Vegetarian

Cauliflower & Kimchi Falafels, hummus with lemon, fried garlic & coriander, Clevedon buffalo mozzarella, watercress pesto, swiss brown mushroom stuffed with cupola pumpkin & goat cheese, crispy Tonkatsu style oyster mushroom

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  - Selection of wood-fired garlic breads
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## Shared Mains

Gourmet wood fired pizzas served to the centre of tables with a selection of seasonal vegetable dishes and freshly picked salads using homegrown produce from our organic gardens

### From the Wood-fired Oven

Selection of delicious hand-rolled sourdough pizzas including  
Chicken/ vegetarian / meatlovers/ seafood

### From the garden - sample of salads & veg dishes

- Fried broccoli and kale with garlic, cumin and lime, and a miso peanut crunch
  - Kitchen garden salad with housemade white balsamic & cashew dressing topped with parmesan
  - Three grain pilaf with roasted beetroot, candied walnuts and crumbly feta
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\$85pp



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from the Wood-fired Oven



# Wedding Food Extras

Go the extra mile with these foodie add-ons, designed to give you and your guests a truly memorable experience from start to finish.

## FEASTING TABLE

Graze your way through this amazing selection of our seasonal housemade pickles and preserves, artisan cheeses, nuts and a variety of crackers and seasonal fruit garnished with home grown foliage and flowers.

COST From \$25pp.

## LATE NIGHT MUNCHIES

Fancy a late night snack once the drinks are flowing and the dancing begins? We can send out a selection of our delicious wood fired pizzas and bowls of chips at around 10pm for those late night munchies.

Includes 10 x wood fired pizzas and 5 large bowls hand cut chips.  
COST \$500.

## BREAKFAST OF KINGS

Upgrade to a delicious cooked breakfast either on the day of your wedding to get you off to a great start or on the morning after to complete the perfect weekend with your bridal party

COST \$30pp





# Lets Raise a Toast to the Happy Couple

## Beverage Package

\$60pp

Our drinks package runs for 5 hours and includes House Red/White, House beers, soft drinks and juices. Check our bar list for current selections.

## Alcoholic Welcome Drinks

\$12 per  
glass

We make our own house made Sangria or a warming Mulled Wine depending on the season of your wedding. Perfect for when your guests head over from the ceremony!

## Tea & Coffee

\$3pp

Unlimited loose leaf tea and plunger coffee served with dessert

## Non-Alcoholic Welcome Drinks

\$30 per  
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Choose from our range of seasonal housemade sodas served in 1L carafes. We create cordials using herbs from our organic gardens for this non alcoholic option

Our bar is fully licensed until 11pm



# The Nitty Gritty

## Confirmation of booking

A deposit of \$1000 is required as an initial security deposit to confirm your booking, along with a signed copy of the terms and conditions. Where the deposit and this signed agreement are not received within 7 days of a tentative booking being placed, Falls Retreat reserves the right to release the booking. Until the deposit and signed agreement are received the booking remains tentative.

## Minimum spend

To be determined at time of booking.

## Confirmation of final numbers

Final numbers must be confirmed in writing, at the latest, 14 days prior to the wedding. Any special dietary requirements must be confirmed at this stage as well. If final numbers are not provided the highest estimated number of guests will be confirmed. Clients will be required to prepay according to final confirmed numbers. If numbers increase on the night, the client must pay the extra cost. If numbers decrease on the night the client must pay for the confirmed numbers.

## Payments

After initial deposit is made, the venue hire is to be paid in full 3 months prior to the wedding. The cost of food and any extras is payable when final numbers have been given, 14 days prior to the wedding.

For bar tabs a credit card may be provided to be charged at the end of the night with a 2.5% credit card fee, or it can be invoiced to be paid within 7 days.

## Ceremonies

Ceremony timing is to be fixed at time of booking and can only be amended at Management discretion.

## Staff

The Falls Retreat will supply staff for waiting and clearing tables, serving the bar, and the setup and pack down of tables, chairs, glassware & crockery

## Pick up of decorations

Should you choose to leave decorations or equipment on the premises, you do so at your own risk. The Falls Retreat will take all care to ensure your possessions are safe, however we do have a large amount of public access, and no responsibility will be taken. Any leftover decorations or equipment must be picked up the next day (unless prior agreement is made with the Wedding Coordinator). Anything left on the premises after this time will be disposed of.





# The Nitty Gritty cont...

## Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing to the Weddings & Functions Coordinator. The following cancellation fees apply to all bookings:

More than 90 days prior to the reception date, the initial deposit will be applied as a cancellation fee. Within 90-14 days prior to the reception date the client will forfeit the initial deposit of \$1000 plus the remaining venue hire.

Within 14 days of the reception the client, at the written request of The Falls Retreat, will be required to pay up to 100% of the minimum charge. Transference of any date is up to the discretion of management.

## Food & Beverage

Food and Beverage Packages must be confirmed and selections advised to the venue 2 weeks prior the date of the reception. No food or beverage of any kind will be permitted to be brought into the venue by the client or any other person attending a function. The menus contained herein are subject to change without notice. Weddings booked on a Public Holidays may incur a surcharge of 15% on all food and beverage.

## Price variation

Due to food and beverage price increases The Falls Retreat cannot guarantee prices will not increase prior to your wedding date, however we will guarantee that any increase will not exceed 10% of your chosen package. Should any increases incur, we will notify you immediately.

## Insurance

The Falls Retreat will endeavour to take every possible care but accepts no responsibility for damage to, or loss of, merchandise or personal belongings left in the venue prior to, during or after the reception. Clients are financially liable for any damage sustained, or loss incurred to the venue, fixtures or fittings, through their own actions, those of their guests, sub-contractors and contractors.

## Decorations

Nothing is to be nailed, screwed or adhered in any way to any wall, door or other part of the venue. All decorations are to be preapproved by the Weddings & Functions Coordinator prior



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