



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN WE TOUR OR VISIT THE RANCH DURING YOUR OFF-SEASON? Piney River Ranch is open from June 21st through the last weekend in September each year. During the remaining months, the ranch is not accessible by car due to exceptionally long winter seasons and the large volume of snow at that altitude. The soonest anyone may visit the ranch is on our opening day, June 21st, when the United States Forest Service unlocks the gate at the start of the road. To assist in touring the space during our off-season, please review our video tours located on the “gallery” page of our website.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET TO THE RANCH FROM VAIL? Piney River Ranch is located at the end of a 12 mile Forest Service dirt road, within the White River National Forest. Due to having an address within a National Forest, google maps and mapquest will not give you a correct ETA if routing from the town of Vail. Please use the directions and map found on the “directions” page on our website, and plan for approximately 45 minutes from the start of the dirt road to reach the ranch. The views along the way are spectacular and it is worth the drive. Trust us!

DO YOU ALLOW DOGS AT THE RANCH? Dogs may accompany you at your wedding and throughout your stay at the ranch. All dogs must be leashed and picked up after. Dogs are not permitted inside the trading post or the restaurant.

HOW MANY HOURS WILL WE HAVE THE VENUE FOR OUR WEDDING? You will have access to the venue for a total of 10 hours. This includes six hours for your event, three hours for set-up, and one hour for clean-up.

WHEN DOES OUR 10 HOUR TIME BLOCK BEGIN AND END? The ten-hour rental begins three hours before your ceremony starts. For example, if your ceremony begins at 4:00 p.m., you will have access to the space at 1:00 p.m. to begin set-up, and your event will conclude at 10:00 p.m. Cleanup and breakdown will then occur between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Though you may dictate when the block of time begins, all events must conclude by 10:00 p.m. and no later. No exceptions.

If additional time is required at the beginning of your event, there will be a fee of \$500/hour.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP AND TAKING DOWN DECORATIONS? PRR does not assume responsibility for setting up or taking down your personal items or decorations. You must have a Day-of Coordinator. Our staff will be in charge of setting up your tables, chairs, plates, flatware, buffet, and bar, and our pavilions will be ready for decorating three hours prior to your event. All decorations are to be cleaned up one hour after your event. If additional site time is required for clean-up, you will be charged \$500/hour.

ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS FOR DÉCOR SUCH AS HANGING DECOR, STRINGING LIGHTS, CANDLES, OR SPARKLERS? Piney River Ranch does not allow any holes to be placed into our structures for the purpose of decoration. Strung décor can be tied to our structure with twine or wrapped around posts. Due to the amount of power draw, we do not permit the use of string lights. Real candles are only permitted inside the pavilions. All candles must be concealed within a closed sided container, at least three inches above the wick in order to be lit. Due to the fire hazard, PRR does not allow the use of fireworks, sparklers, or floating lanterns.

WHAT TIME SHOULD I HAVE MY GUESTS ARRIVE TO PINEY RIVER RANCH FOR MY WEDDING?

We recommend having your guests arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled ceremony time. This will allow your guests time to park or exit their transportation, and find their way to the ceremony site.

DOES PINEY RIVER RANCH HAVE A LADDER AVAILABLE FOR DECORATING? No, due to liability, you or your vendor must provide your own ladder.

CAN I DROP OFF DÉCOR OR WEDDING ITEMS BEFORE MY 10 HOUR BLOCK BEGINS? No. All set-up including deliveries are to be completed within your 10 hour block of time.

CAN I PICK UP MY DÉCOR AND WEDDING ITEMS THE DAY AFTER MY EVENT? No, all items must be picked-up and removed from the premises immediately following your event.

WHEN CAN OUR VENDORS ARRIVE ON THE PROPERTY? The moment your 10 hour block begins, you and your vendors may have access to the property, no earlier.

CAN WE PURCHASE ADDITIONAL HOURS? Yes. You may add-on hours to the beginning of your scheduled event at a rate of \$500/hour.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THE VENUE FOR A WEDDING? The fee for the venue rental includes: private use of the ceremony deck, large pavilion, adjoining cocktail pavilion, bride's getting-ready suite, groom's lounge, up to 32 8' custom wood dinner tables, benches and chairs for up to 200 guests, cocktail table whiskey barrels, one-hour rehearsal, onsite parking, set-up of benches / chairs, use of horseshoe pits, playground, and 20% off of canoe rentals on the day of your wedding. Included with our on-site catering and bar packages is also all of your china, flatware, and glassware. Piney does not provide table linens or dinner napkins.

HOW MANY GUESTS CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE FOR EVENTS? The ranch can accommodate up to 200 guests for an event.

ARE OUTSIDE CATERING VENDORS PERMITTED? We do not allow outside catering vendors at this time.

I WANT AN OUTDOOR CEREMONY BUT I AM WORRIED ABOUT THE WEATHER. DO YOU HAVE A CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR INCLIMENT WEATHER? Yes. We are prepared for weather, and have great "Plan B" option that can be put into action as early as the day of the wedding. In the event of poor weather, your ceremony would be moved into the pavilion, located just a few feet away from the ceremony deck. You and your fiancé will then stand at the opening, so you do not lose your view of the Gore Mountain Range.

DO YOU PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM THE VAIL AREA? Piney River Ranch does not provide transportation, however, we work closely with CME/Colorado Mountain Express and Timberline Tours throughout the wedding season. Contact them for a quote and be sure to let them know we referred you to receive the Piney rate.

WILL WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE RANCH FOR REHEARSAL? IF SO, WHAT TIME? Yes. Due to previously scheduled events in the evenings, all rehearsals will be scheduled the day prior to your wedding, from 9:00am – 10:00am. Off-site rehearsals are also permitted, and are fairly common.

WILL THERE BE A TASTING FOR OUR EVENT PRIOR TO THE FINAL MENU SELECTION? We offer a family-style tasting for all of our couples, and will take place in the spring preceding your wedding. Invitations will be sent via email early in the year, and reservations will be required by the RSVP date. Due to limited spacing to accommodate all of our couples comfortably, only two persons are permitted for our menu tasting.

CAN WE PROVIDE OUR OWN ALCOHOL OR DO WE HAVE TO PURCHASE IT THROUGH PRR? Piney River Ranch holds a liquor license and all alcohol must be sourced through us.

ARE WE PERMITTED TO HAVE A BAND AT OUR WEDDING RECEPTION? Yes, we do permit bands and DJs. If you choose to book a band, we will supply them with a generator to source additional power for large bands. Due to our remote location in the National Forest, Piney River Ranch runs completely off of a generator, which supplies a generous amount of power for all of our events. Should you require additional power for your event for your band, a supplemental supply will be provided.

WHAT ARE THE DIMENSIONS OF THE TABLES AND HOW MANY DO THEY SEAT? The tables we supply are 8' X 3' and comfortably seat eight adults (four on each side).

WHAT TYPE OF SEATING DOES PRR PROVIDE? PRR provides seating for up to 200 of your guests. We have wooden benches for your ceremony and white resin folding chairs for your reception.

DO YOU PROVIDE LINENS? Piney River Ranch does not provide linens. Table linens and dinner napkins must be rented or purchased from an outside vendor by the client. We do however, provide white cocktail napkins for your bar, appetizers, and dessert table.

DOES PINEY RIVER RANCH HAVE AN AV SOUND SYSTEM OR SPEAKERS? No, we do not have an in-house sound system. Your DJ or band would supply this.

DOES PINEY RIVER RANCH HAVE A MICROPHONE? No. We recommend contacting your DJ or band.

DOES PINEY RIVER RANCH HAVE A PROJECTOR FOR SLIDESHOWS? We do not have a projector. You will want to rent one or bring a laptop or T.V./computer monitor to project your slideshow.

IS THERE POWER AVAILABLE FOR THE CEREMONY DECK? Yes, our deck and pavilions are all equipped with power sources.

DOES PRR HAVE EXTENSION CORDS AVAILABLE? No, you will want to bring your own if you feel you may need one.

MAY WE HAVE DESSERTS PROVIDED BY ANOTHER VENDOR OR FAMILY MEMBER? Absolutely! PRR offers desserts as an optional add-on. You may outsource your wedding cake, cupcakes, cookies, pies, etc. from a pastry chef or whomever you wish. The only exception is S'mores, as the fire pit and S'mores is one of our signature wedding packages and must be provided by us.

DOES PRR HAVE REFRIDERATION AVAILABLE TO STORE A WEDDING CAKE OR DESSERT? No, we do not have any public refrigeration available to store event-related items. You must coordinate this with your Pastry Chef or bring another method for keeping desserts cool.

CAN WE BRING IN OUR OWN ALCOHOL TO ENJOY WHILE WE GET READY? No. Piney River Ranch holds a liquor license and does not permit bringing any outside alcohol. We have our restaurant bar open from 11:00-6:00, as well as champagne, beer, and wine options to add to your event bill, for you to enjoy in your changing rooms. Any alcohol found onsite that was not purchased through Piney River Ranch will be removed.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO SECURE A WEDDING DATE ON THE PINEY RIVER RANCH CALENDAR? To secure your date, we simply require a signed contract and collect the retainer, in the amount of the facility rental fee. This fee varies depending on the day of the week you choose for your wedding and if you have selected a holiday weekend. The retainer collected upon booking is non-refundable.

WHEN IS THE PAYMENT FOR FOOD, ALCOHOL, AND SERVICE DUE? We collect the remaining payment for food, alcohol, staffing, service fee, and sales tax one week prior to your wedding day.

WHEN IS OUR FINAL HEADCOUNT DUE? Your final headcount is due 14 days prior to your wedding day, along with our wedding questionnaire (this will be emailed to you 30 days prior to your wedding day). To ensure we have your food and alcohol in time for your wedding, failure to provide our staff with this information by the due date will result in a non-compliance fee.

WHAT LODGING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT PINEY RIVER RANCH? Piney River Ranch has multiple rustic-style accommodations for you and your guests to enjoy. More information may be found right on our website by visiting our “lodging” page, in addition to clicking the “terms and conditions” button at the bottom of the page. Please inquire to your PRR representative for full buyout rates and availability.

