

# BAYFIELD *weddings*

PLANNER, VENDOR & VENUE GUIDE



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## WELCOME TO BAYFIELD

LOCATED ON the south shore of Lake Superior, Bayfield is the perfect location for your perfect day. This charming community and its surrounding orchards and wineries are nestled amongst the rolling hills of the scenic Bayfield Peninsula, providing an ideal destination for your unforgettable celebration. In town, you'll find colorful Victorian mansions, elaborate gardens and dramatic brownstone buildings lining the streets of this quaint fishing village, providing a picturesque backdrop for your entire event.

Whether you prefer a formal ceremony or a barefoot wedding on the beach, Bayfield offers many unique venue options. From the historic Lakeside Pavilion, located downtown and directly on the water, to a private tour boat cruise through the Apostle Islands, you are limited only by your imagination.

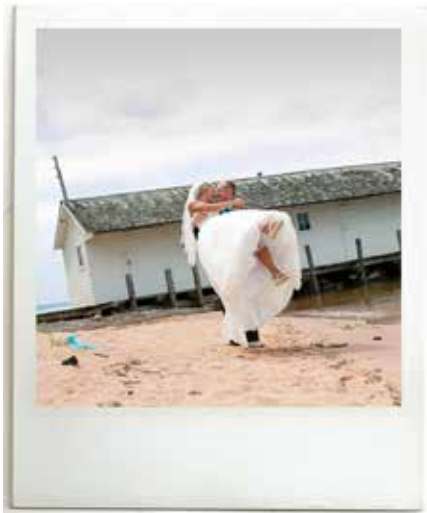
With over 100 lodging properties available, including hotels, B&B's, cabins, cottages and condos, your

guests will appreciate the diversity of accommodations available in the Bayfield area. And our highly-regarded dining options, from casual, local fare to haute cuisine, will absolutely delight their senses.

By choosing such a distinctive destination with so many options for enjoyment and adventure in close proximity, you may find your guests extending their own stay to spend time exploring the area and all it has to offer. Madeline Island and the eclectic village of La Pointe are just a ferry-ride away, the exquisite sea caves just north of Bayfield beckon the daring, local farm stands offer fresh berries and produce during the summer months and handmade pies, candies and fudge are always available at the shops along lovely Rittenhouse Avenue. What an extraordinary treat to bring your family and friends together in this remarkable place to celebrate your special day!



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## *So, you're considering a destination wedding...*

There are many reasons people choose to plan a destination wedding. The list below may provide some insight to some of them, giving you a better idea if a destination wedding is right for you!

### *LOGISTICS*

College friends that live across the midwest, extended family throughout the state; Most weddings involve travel for guests. Sometimes choosing to plan a destination wedding simplifies bringing everyone together for your big day. A destination wedding can often be a way of “meeting in the middle.”

### *THE ROMANCE OF TRAVEL*

Because looking out to the harbor and seeing the masts of sailboats as the sun sets is romantic. Looking out and seeing all the beauty and mystery of Lake Superior is romantic. Planning a destination wedding gives you the creative power to set the scene for your wedding. You're limited only by your imagination.

### *A PERSONALLY SIGNIFICANT*

*LOCATION* Bayfield has become an annual retreat for many, making it a swoon worthy spot for weddings, honeymoons, engagements and engagement photos. We all have places that make us feel warm and smile, so consider planning your wedding in that heartwarming place to give your day extra meaning and you'll have a great story for wedding guests... And your hypothetical children.

### *DESIRE TO SAVE MONEY*

Believe it or not, destination weddings don't have to be expensive! With some mindful planning, a realistic budget and a modest guest list, your destination wedding doesn't have to empty your pockets. This blog and its resources will help you with this.

### *A NON-TRADITIONAL WEDDING*

Many couples don't yearn for the traditional weddings today and destination weddings often make it easier to get creative. Destinations often offer a venue or location that reflect a couple's personalities better than a traditional wedding would. Give your wedding a little individuality and think outside the box. Apple orchards, picturesque beaches and luxury yachts, Bayfield has something for every dream wedding, non-traditional and traditional.

If you want an extra memorable experience, a destination wedding may be for you.

Fewer guests (a perk, perhaps?) and potentially more challenging to plan due to distance from vendors may be some cons to consider. With a destination wedding, your celebration may become a few days rather than being restricted to one day. This is appealing to some and off putting to others. But think, when will this wonderful group be together again? The Bayfield area will have your guests entertained for days, often leaving them wanting to stay longer. Your wedding can create memories for years to come. You may even introduce someone to their new favorite place.

## When you get ENGAGED

- Settle on your budget
- Start gathering names & addresses for your guest list
- Narrow down your potential date to 2 or 3 options
- Research locations for your wedding venue
- Create a wedding website

## 12 months before

- Hire a photographer  
*DO NOT put this off!  
Many photographers are booked out up to a year in advance*
- Begin shopping for your dress
- Choose your bridal party & attendants
- After figuring out your venue options and photographer availability, finalize your date
- Book a block of hotel rooms

## 11 months before

- Plan the decor
- Meet with a florist to discuss what types of arrangements & bouquets you want to have
- Book your caterer

# Timeline for planning your wedding

## 10 months before

- Finalize your guest list
- Set up gift registries
- Find an officiant
- Choose your ceremony & reception playlist  
*Test it out a couple of times before the big day so you have a feel for what music is best for dinner vs. dancing time*

## 9 months before

- Order your gown & have any necessary alterations done

## 8 months before

- Order hair accessories
- Order jewelry

## 6 months before

- Edit, proof & print your invitations

## 5 months before

- Make arrangements for any rental items you will need (tables, chairs, linens, etc.)
- Secure audio & visual equipment you will need to provide music for the ceremony & reception

## 4 months before

- Choose groom's attire & make any necessary alterations
- Plan & book your honeymoon
- Send out Save the Date cards

## 3 months before

- Book accommodations for your wedding night

## 2 months before

- Address, stamp & mail your invitations  
*Email your invite list to [weddings@bayfield.org](mailto:weddings@bayfield.org) & we will send a Bayfield Visitor Guide to everyone on it!*
- Finalize menu with your caterer  
*Don't forget drinks! If alcohol is not included in your catering bill, ask if you can bring your own*

## 6 weeks before

- Purchase wedding bands
- Confirm number of bouquets, centerpieces and boutonnieres with your florist

## 4 weeks before

- Finish any DIY projects

## 2 weeks before

- Get your local marriage license
- Create a wedding day schedule and pass it out to important parties, including the photographer
- Finalize seating chart
- Give final head count to caterer
- Confirm all vendors' arrival or delivery times on the wedding day

## On your WEDDING DAY

- Have a trusted friend or family member handle checks for vendors to be paid on the wedding day

## *Do you love the water, especially Lake Superior?*

Does a small, intimate ceremony sound perfect to you?  
Are you looking for a very unique wedding & experience  
for you & your guests?

The Bayfield area offers a number of charter businesses that can take you and a small group out on Lake Superior for your ceremony, and even officiate it themselves!

This is exactly what Steve and Rhea did this in August 2016 through Dreamcatcher Sailing.

Read about their Bayfield Wedding, and how they went about planning a ceremony on Lake Superior.

Stockton Island. When we arrived and put anchors down, the morning storms cleared and skies opened up into a bright blue and sunny sky. Both of our mothers decorated the front of the boat with yellow Gladiolus flowers (Rhea's favorite). Then we had our ceremony on the bow of the boat with our fathers officiating. Once the ceremony was over, we grilled some Romocky brats (a local farmer in Minn.) and ate a late lunch. Next we went swimming and played water frisbee on the beach for hours. After that I made greek pasta salad, we drank and chatted till night fall. Two thirds of us stayed over night on the island. The rest went back to hotels and stayed overnight in Bayfield. We had just under 20 people with us for the wedding.

### **How did you decide on Bayfield for your destination wedding?**

Well, I (Rhea) grew up sailing Lake Superior with my father. I spent most spring, summers, falls and some winters in Bayfield working on the boat and sailing with my dad. When Steve was introduced to sailing and Lake Superior, he immediately fell in love with it, which was kind of a deal breaker if he didn't. It seemed to just fit into place.

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### **Where & when was your wedding?**

#### **Tell us a little bit about it.**

We had our grooms dinner on August 12th at Maggie's in Bayfield, early on in the day and then had desserts and drinks at Wild Rice later that evening. Our wedding was August 13th at Presque Isle Bay on



*Top and left image: Colin Schye  
Right image: Kiah Brasch*



**What made you decide to get married on a sailboat on Lake Superior?**

When we were looking to plan our wedding, we wanted it to be on a boat, and neither one of us wanted it to be in a fantasy location (i.e. Bahamas, Hawaii, etc.) We felt it was important to get married in a location that had meaning to us. A place that was based in our reality. So when thinking about our favorite places, Lake Superior, and Bayfield was the undeniable choice.

**How did you choose Dreamcatcher Sailing?**

When we were looking for help getting some of our family members to the island, we couldn't find any large motor sailboats for rent. It was actually a little frustrating. We were looking for overnight motorboats for our friends and family that were not comfortable the way we were with sailing. But by not finding this, it allowed us to take our family and friends on an even greater adventure and sailing trip. We looked into some boat rentals, but at the end of the day, really settled on a captained trip. The people from Dreamcatcher were the most receptive, accommodating and helpful that we could find. We are so glad we chose them to help us make our wedding a reality, it was perfect.

**Anything you would recommend for other couples getting married in Bayfield?**

I think our top recommendations are:

- Get married in the way you want to in a place that has sentimental value to you. It's a game changer.
- Double, triple, quadruple check in with everyone you have hired, even when they say you don't need to. Give them your number when they say they don't need it. Always take theirs.
- Make sure you are not alienating anyone. It's a small town and when you leave, they have a life after you.
- Book everything *far* in advance to make sure you have everything you need to make your special day happen.

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*To read about more real life Bayfield Weddings, visit our blog at [bayfieldweddings.com](http://bayfieldweddings.com).*

**BEER // LIQUOR // WINE**

- Seven Ponds Winery ..... (715) 779-3274
- Andy's Grocery ..... (715) 779-5415
- Bayfield Wine & Spirits ..... (715) 913-0141
- Bayfield Winery ..... (715) 779-5404
- Captain's Spirits..... (715) 779-3304
- Good Thyme Catering ... (715) 373-5255
- Washburn IGA ..... (715) 373-5566
- White Winter Winery ... (715) 372-5656

**BAKERIES**

- Ashland Baking Co. .... (715) 682-6010
- Cafe Coco ..... (715) 373-2253
- The Candy Shoppe..... (715) 779-3668
- Harbor House Sweets.... (715) 373-0565
- Gourmet Garage..... (715) 779-5365
- Old Rittenhouse Inn ..... (888) 644-4667
- Washburn IGA ..... (715) 373-5566

**CATERERS**

- Ashland Baking Co ..... (715) 682-6010
- Bodin Fisheries..... (715) 779-3301
- Cafe Coco ..... (715) 373-2253
- Good Thyme Catering ... (715) 292-4545
- Gourmet Garage..... (715) 779-5365
- Fat Radish..... (715) 779-9700
- Old Rittenhouse Inn ..... (715) 779-5111
- Pier Plaza Restaurant.... (715) 779-3330
- Washburn IGA ..... (715) 373-5566

**MUSIC**

- Big Top Chautauqua..... (888) 244-8368
- Chequamegon Bay Arts Council ..... (715) 373-5143
- Warren Nelson Presents.(715) 373-2537

**WEDDING PLANNING**

- Apostle Highlands Weddings ..... (715) 779-1065
- As You Wish Events..... (715) 413-0408
- Lace & Brass Events, LLC ..... (715) 600-1822
- Old Rittenhouse Inn ..... (715) 779-5111
- Simply Gypsy Events .... (715) 765-4552

**FLOWERS**

- Country Blossom Green House ..... (715) 746-2345
- Hauser's Superior View Farm ..... (715) 779-5404
- Wild Hollow Farm..... (715) 278-3978

**JEWELRY**

- Eckels Pottery & Fine Craft Gallery ..... (715) 779-5617
- Kerr Studio & Gallery... (715) 779-5790
- Kelly & Crew..... (715) 779-3807
- Lake Superior Drifting Jewelry ..... (715) 209-6997
- Silverwaves Jewelry..... (414) 550-7015
- Stone's Throw ..... (715) 779-5200



BAYFIELD WEDDINGS: VENUE CHART • TRADITIONAL

	CEREMONY SPACE	RECEPTION SPACE	TENT SPACE	CEREMONY CAPACITY
<b>Apostle Highlands Weddings &amp; Golf Course</b> — Bayfield apostlehighlandsweddings.com (715) 779-1065 • bill@golfbayfield.com	Y	Y	Y	200
<b>Apostle Islands Cruises</b> — Bayfield www.apostleisland.com (715) 779-3925 • cruisetheislands@gmail.com	Y	Y	N	140
<b>Bayfield Lakeside Pavilion</b> — Bayfield www.cityofbayfield.com (715) 779-5712 • cityclerk@cityofbayfield.com	N	Y	N	n/a
<b>Bayfield Presbyterian Church</b> — Bayfield www.bayfieldpresbyterian.com (715) 779-5490 • bayfieldpres@centurytel.net	Y	Y	N	200
<b>Bayfield Town Hall</b> — Bayfield (715) 779-5671	Y	Y	N	100-125
<b>Bethesda Lutheran Church</b> — Bayfield www.bethesdalutheranbayfield.com (715) 779-5611 • bethesdachurch@centurytel.net	Y	Y	N	90
<b>Blue Wave Inn &amp; Conference Room</b> — Ashland www.bluewaveonthebay.com (715) 685-8692 • thebluewaveashland@gmail.com	Y	Y	N	50
<b>Good Thyme Catering, Events &amp; Lodging</b> — Washburn www.goodthyme.catering (715) 292-4545 • renee@cateringgoodthyme.com	Y	Y	Y	100
<b>Legendary Waters Resort &amp; Casino</b> — Red Cliff www.legendarywaters.com (800) 226-8478 • events@legendarywaters.com	Y	Y	Y	250
<b>Madeline Island Museum</b> — La Pointe www.madelineislandmuseum.org (715) 747-2415 • heidi.merton@wisconsinhistory.org	Y	Y	Y	300
<b>Manitou Classic Sailing Charters</b> — Bayfield www.manitousailingcharters.com (612) 850-2981 • kljensen@uslink.net	Y	N	N	6

RECEPTION CAPACITY	CATERING	LODGING UNITS	HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE	CATERER'S STAGING KITCHEN AREA	AVAIL. FOR WINTER WEDDINGS	RESTROOMS	BRIDE'S CHANGING ROOM	PA SYSTEM
200	Off Site	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
140	Off Site	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
200-250	Off Site	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
100	Off Site	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
100-125	Off Site	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
90	Off Site	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
50	Y	5	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
100	Y	5	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
250	Y	47	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
70-300	Off Site	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
n/a	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y



BAYFIELD WEDDINGS: VENUE CHART • TRADITIONAL, CONT.

	CEREMONY SPACE	RECEPTION SPACE	TENT SPACE	CEREMONY CAPACITY
<b>Memorial Park</b> — Bayfield Civic League • (715) 779-9777	Y	N	N	100-150
<b>Old Rittenhouse Inn</b> — Bayfield www.rittenhouseinn.com (715) 779-5111 • mark@rittenhouseinn.com	Y	Y	N	40
<b>The Pub Restaurant &amp; Wine Bar</b> — La Pointe www.madisland.com (715) 747-6315 • theinn@madisland.com	Y	Y	Y	150
<b>Russell Community Center</b> — Russell www.townofrussell.org (715) 779-5338 • townofrussell@centurytel.net	Y	Y	Y	150
<b>Superior Charters</b> — Bayfield www.superiorcharters.com (715) 779-5124 • sail@superiorcharters.com	Y	Y	N	6/boat multiple boats avail.
<b>Superior Rentals</b> — Bayfield www.superiorrentals.net (715) 779-5123 • superiorrentals@charter.net	Y	Y	Y	200
<b>Washburn Culutral Center</b> — Washburn www.wasbhurnculturalcenter.com (715) 373-5591 • wasbhurnculturalcenter@gmail.com	Y	Y	N	100
<b>Wild Rice Restaurant</b> — Bayfield www.wildricerestaurant.com (715) 779-9881 • flamingos@centurytel.net	N	Y	Y	n/a
<b>Wright House</b> — Bayfield www.openairplaces.com (715) 577-6857 • info@openairplaces.com	Y	Y outdoors	Y	25

RECEPTION CAPACITY	CATERING	LODGING UNITS	HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE	CATERER'S STAGING KITCHEN AREA	AVAIL. FOR WINTER WEDDINGS	RESTROOMS	BRIDE'S CHANGING ROOM	PA SYSTEM
n/a	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
62	Y	20	Partial	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
150	Off Site	50	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
100	Off Site	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
6/boat multiple boats avail.	Off Site	N	Partial	Y	N	Y	Y	N
200	Off Site	34	Partial	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
75-100	Off Site	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
110	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
25 indoors 100 outdoors	Off Site	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N

BAYFIELD WEDDINGS: VENUE CHART • BEACHES & PRIMITIVE

	CEREMONY SPACE	RECEPTION SPACE	TENT SPACE	CEREMONY CAPACITY
<b>A Natural Branch of Learning, Inc.</b> — Washburn www.anaturalbranch.org (715) 373-0688 • branch41@centurytel.net	Y	N	Y	50-60
<b>Bayview Beach</b> — Bayfield (715) 373-2893 • No reservations necessary	Y	N	N	No limit
<b>Cornucopia Beach</b> — Cornucopia (715) 742-3356	Y	Y	N	No limit
<b>Little Sand Bay Park &amp; Beach</b> — Russell www.townofrussell.org (715) 779-5233 • townofrussell@centurytel.net	Y	N	N	200-250
<b>Meyers Beach</b> — Cornucopia www.nps.gov/apis (715) 779-3397 Ext: 201 • apis_webmaster@nps.gov <i>Must acquire special permit from NPS</i>	Y	N	N	No limit
<b>Raspberry Island</b> — Apostle Islands www.nps.gov/apis (715) 779-3397 Ext: 201 • apis_webmaster@nps.gov <i>Must acquire special permit from NPS</i>	Y	N	N	60
<b>Stockton Island</b> — Apostle Islands www.nps.gov/apis (715) 779-3397 Ext: 201 • apis_webmaster@nps.gov <i>Must acquire special permit from NPS</i>	Y	N	N	60

RECEPTION CAPACITY	CATERING	LODGING UNITS	HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE	CATERER'S STAGING KITCHEN AREA	AVAIL. FOR WINTER WEDDINGS	RESTROOMS	BRIDE'S CHANGING ROOM	PA SYSTEM
n/a	Off Site	N	Partial	N	N	Y	Y	N
n/a	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
No limit	Off Site	N	Partial	N	Y	Y	N	N
n/a	Off Site	N	Partial	N	N	Y	Y	N
n/a	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
n/a	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
n/a	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

*THE PERFECT PLACE FOR YOUR PERFECT DAY*

