

# Trendy Rustic Chic Weddings in a Natural Forest Setting



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## What kind of wedding do you want?

Country weddings have a charm all their own. City weddings hold elegance in high regard. But why choose between the two? Combine the best of both with a rustic chic wedding in an idyllic setting.

Don't limit your vision for your wedding day. Define the vibe you want to set. Is your style casual or fancy? Indoors or out? Make it unique, reflecting your distinctive style. Elegant, casual, fairytale or down-to-earth, you are one-of-a-kind. An original! Shouldn't your wedding reflect that?

*Romantic or traditional, formal or not, rustic chic and rustic elegance can suit any style you choose. Let your imagination be your guide.*



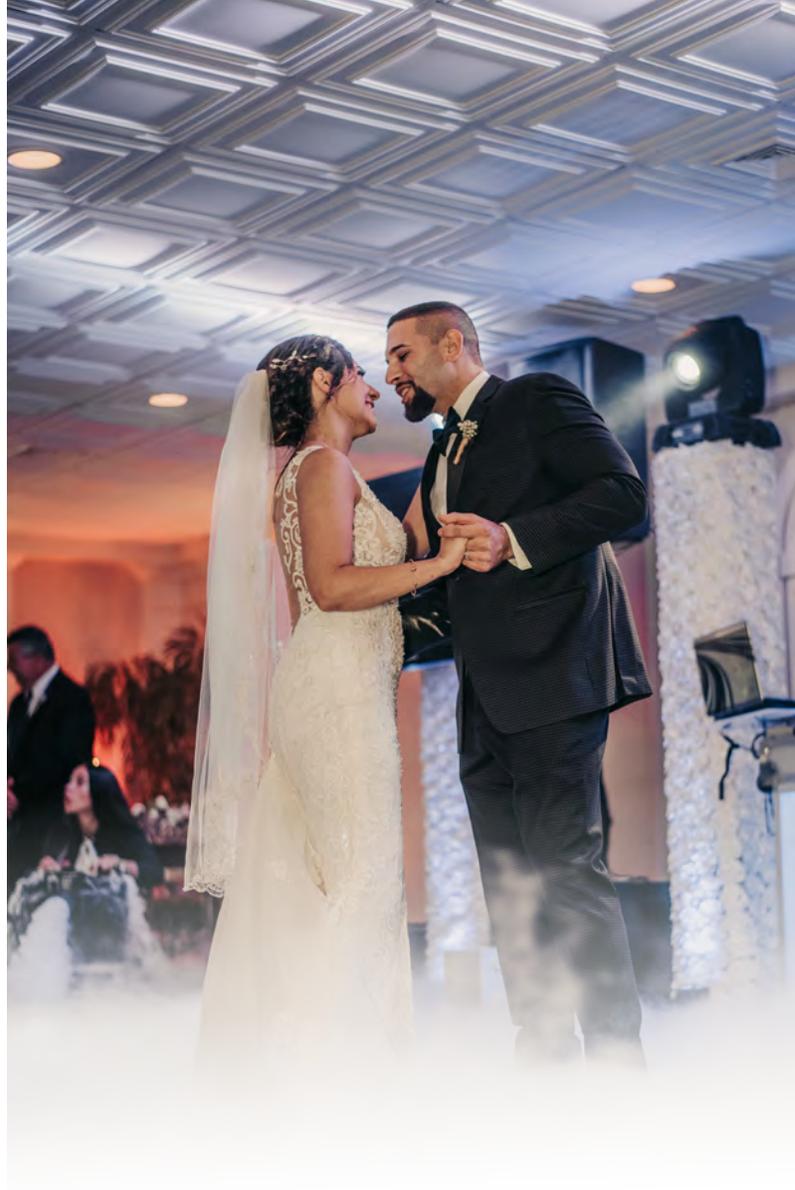
Everyone wants an unforgettable celebration to create plenty of precious memories. Make your memories in our exclusive setting where the most important day of your life can unfold in joy and delight.

Rustic weddings, barn venues, and country settings will always be popular ways to tie the knot. But there isn't a better wedding than a rustic chic celebration that combines the best of a traditional rustic wedding, only more elegant and with a subtle touch of sophistication. The best part of rustic chic style? It lets you freely combine all the elements that fit your particular wedding dream.

There aren't too many places that can deliver all these possibilities in one delightful location. Our enchanting, 40-acre New Jersey estate is one of the few venues offering a multitude of options.

## Rustic Chic is Timeless

We all know and love barn weddings. But wedding experts are seeing a swing back toward elegance, formality with a touch of whimsy. Rustic Chic is the perfect answer, giving couples a flexible setting with timeless style and an earthy, organic beauty.



Brides and grooms are choosing rustic chic to get the barn wedding effect, minus the barn. Versatile and trendy, these celebrations can be formal, casual, or anything-in between.

One of the great things about a rustic chic wedding is couples can let their personalities shine out. Rustic elegance lends itself to DIY signage, centerpieces, and other décor, personalizing their special day while also saving money.

When Jessica and Jim were planning their wedding, they wanted their horses to be part of the ceremony. A tall order if your venue is a ballroom or a banquet hall. Rustic chic came to the rescue with all the ambiance of a farm barn wedding without the farm!



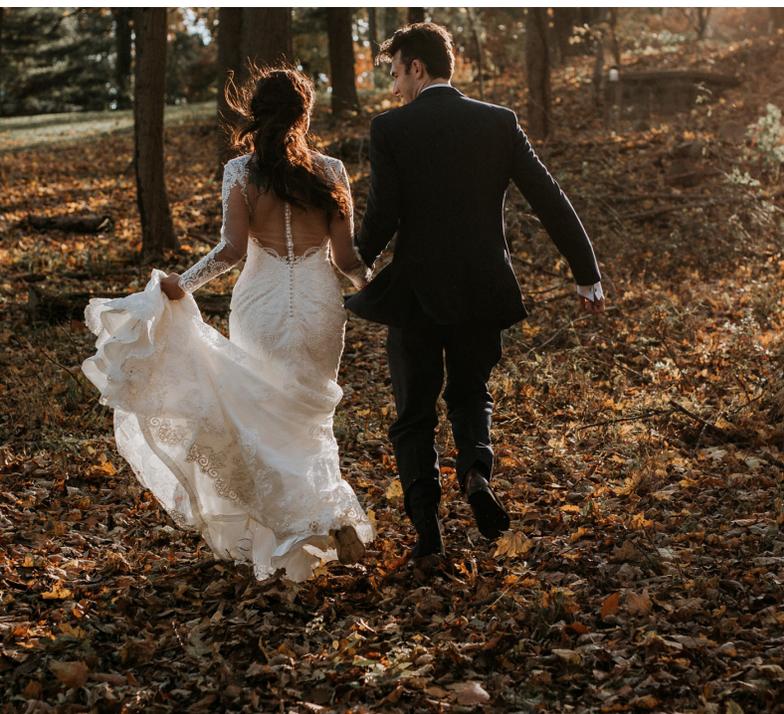
## Experience The Magic

The biggest trend among brides and grooms today, according to this survey conducted by TheKnot.com, is emphasizing experience over tradition. Couples want to put comfort and their guests' enjoyment first and celebrate their unique bond with a once-in-a-lifetime event.

The experts at Bridal Guide tell us this will be the year of small and intimate, or jaw-dropping splendor. Anything goes as long as it's unforgettable.

Whether you're keeping it simple or going for grand, showcase your personalities. Rustic elegance allows a couple to bring in personal touches and inspiration. Put your stamp on the festivities with your unique style for a warm and welcoming vibe.

Your imagination, your style, and our venue; together, we'll create that memorable "wow" factor.



## Rustic Chic Embraces Other Trends

Planners and other professionals are telling us that color is back. Color is an easy way to inject your personality into your celebration. Use color in your tablescapes with linens, flowers, and colored glassware.



Transparent surfaces that bring on the shine are another big trend. Because rustic elegance is a timeless décor, light-reflecting surfaces like Lucite and glass enhance the sparkle that adds a touch of glamor to the rustic chic style. Trendy or traditional, rustic elegance, with its neutral décor and tasteful lighting, allows your style to shine. There are no competing elements or unwanted decorations to hide.

## Exchanging Vows

Rustic elegance allows the ceremony to take place almost anywhere. Be inspired by our range of choices. Exchange your vows in a woodland glade or a romantic gazebo; under a majestic tree or on the dance floor. Whatever suits your style and comfort level, we've done it everywhere.



Rustic elegant menus embrace a multitude of tastes, from a good old-fashioned Texas style BBQ to lobster and champagne. Our expert chefs and culinary team create scrumptious food and give you an astonishing variety of options for your personalized menu. Creative desserts are another wedding trend that isn't going away soon. Think fun! Ice cream sandwiches, custards, and milk and cookies are some of the treats being served. And don't forget the wedding cake – its

## Food...

For most couples, food is tremendously important. Forget traditional wedding fare – nowadays, everyone is a foodie. Food is crucial for a great event experience, and Forest Lodge Catering specializes in creating your perfect menu.

One trend to watch is a series of interactive stations where everyone can mix their food choices and try something new. Brunch receptions, fresh-and-local dinners, favorite family recipes, and creative desserts are also enjoying the spotlight.

Because food is totally unique to each couple, our expert chefs work with you to come up with a menu that's personal and special. Ideas can celebrate where you're from or some of the foods you enjoy together. Your customized wedding day menu will leave a lasting impression on you and your guests.



back, in a big way! Colorful wedding cakes are trending for the coolest jaw-dropping cakes around.

Remember, customization is key! We want your food to wow everyone. Talk to us. Tell us what you would like to see on your menu.

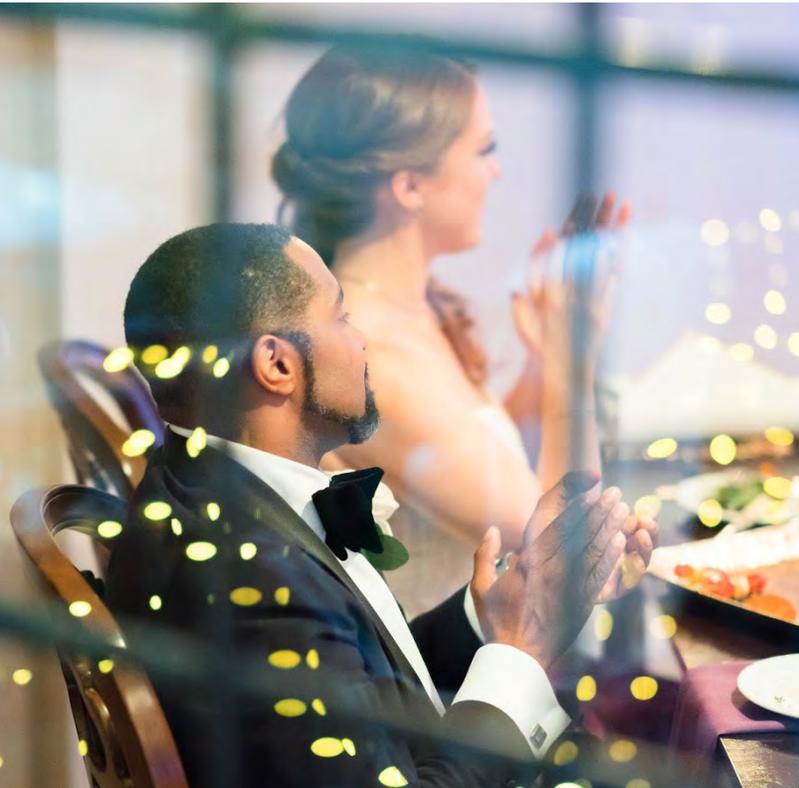


Our chefs are inspired by your individuality, and revel in creating menus tailor-made just for you and your partner. You will be delighted with the results

## ... and Drink

It's no secret that great weddings consist of three vital elements: fantastic people, amazing food, and plenty of beverages. Wedding drinks are just plain fun. Just look at the names: Moscow Mules, Cotton Candy cocktails, champagne, craft beer, and a whole host of fruity mixed beverages. Every couple has their favorites.

Signature drinks will never go away, and this year we're seeing a revival of that old favorite – punch. It's nostalgic, fun, and trendy, and if you're watching the pennies, punch is also cost saving. Plus, it comes in alcoholic and non-alcoholic versions.





## What We Offer

We believe the best weddings are intimate and private. Only one event at a time ensures your celebration is the only occasion that matters. Forest Lodge has a world of possibilities for your special day.

With a tranquil, park-like setting, the only sounds heard are the laughter of you and your guests. Enjoy the wedding of your dreams in the beautiful, newly upgraded facilities on our 40-acre property.

The Gazebo embraces all of Forest Lodge's natural beauty. This romantic and beautifully landscaped setting is the epitome of rustic chic at its best. Perfect for your wedding ceremony, it can be a superb photo backdrop, and a quiet retreat to reflect on the excitement of the day!

Your guests can enjoy our exquisitely landscaped Patio and adjoining Deck after the ceremony. This lovely landscaped outdoor wedding venue is the perfect spot for Cocktail Hour with a full bar, catering, and food service. Only one event at a time ensures this space – and your special day – are truly yours!

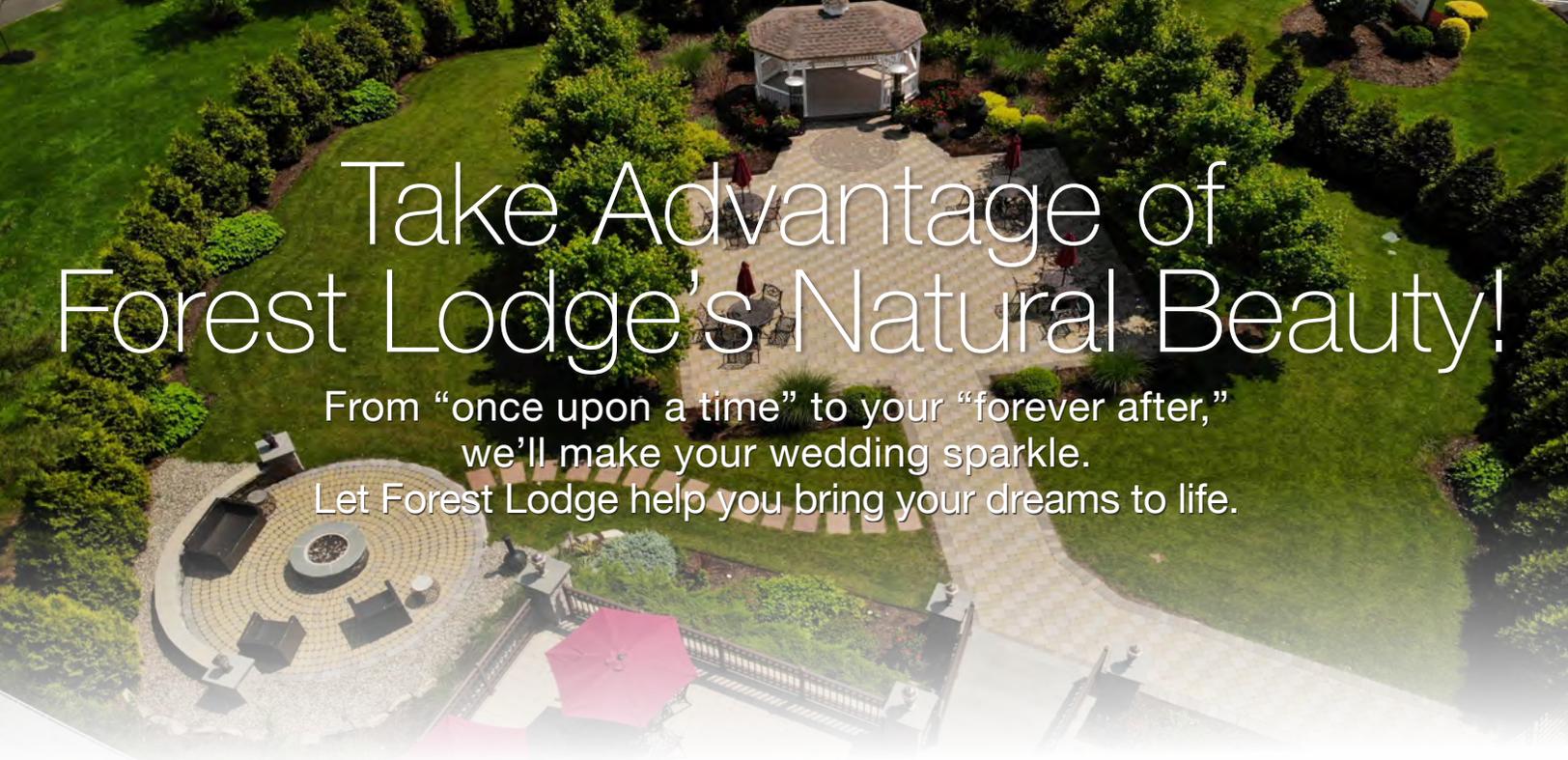
The new Fire Pit area next to the patio adds an extra dimension for your wedding venue, allowing you and your guests to celebrate outdoors.



There's the Sherwood Chalet, our newly renovated, must-see space. This beautiful setting has been completely remodeled, creating the perfect space for couples wanting an elegant and sophisticated wedding reception. The lovely ballroom boasts crystal chandeliers and mahogany Chiavari chairs.

French doors lead off to the brand-new stone deck enclosed by wrought iron fencing, romantic lanterns, and professionally landscaped gardens.





# Take Advantage of Forest Lodge's Natural Beauty!

From “once upon a time” to your “forever after,” we’ll make your wedding sparkle. Let Forest Lodge help you bring your dreams to life.

## The Overview

Located on 40 acres in the picturesque Watchung Mountains, Forest Lodge is an unparalleled wedding venue right here in New Jersey.

At Forest Lodge's Sherwood Chalet, our goal is to make your imaginings become reality. We make it easy to choose the right venue, decor, and menus for your dream wedding. We work with you from start to finish, to plan every detail. Lighting, furniture, and specialty décor can be provided to transform any environment.

Our dedicated organizers and staff can handle all the arrangements to make your dream wedding a reality. We look after “our brides.” Your wedding can be as hands-on as you wish or you can outsource some, or all, of the tasks to our team of professionals.

The Sherwood Chalet is the perfect backdrop for your ultimate party. It is the home of rustic chic, and nobody does it better. For us, it's all in the details.



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## In the words of one of our delighted brides:

“Forest Lodge hosted our wedding in September 2017 at The Sherwood Chalet. We had only gotten engaged a few months prior and were looking for a local venue with good value, service, and would allow us to bring our horses.

what Forest Lodge had to offer. We had been rushed through a similar meeting with another venue only a few hours before, so our meeting with Forest Lodge was even more pleasant.

Linda and Matt helped coordinate vendors and worked closely with our band and DJ for set up and staging. It was such a relief to walk down the aisle and see everything was set up and carried out exactly as planned.

The wedding was a blast and both Linda and Matt were in attendance to ensure everything was flowing smoothly. The food was great, the service was excellent, and the value was outstanding. Thank you again for the great memories and a very wonderful wedding day!”

- Jessica and Jim



Our first meeting with Linda was time well spent, she patiently answered our questions and showed us

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