

The right wedding venue for you

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When it comes to choosing the place for your wedding day gala, there are many venues throughout the region that can handle every aspect on-site, from hosting the wedding couple and guests to rehearsal dinners through the ceremony and reception.

Frog Pond Village

Karen Jackson Snyder, owner of Frog Pond Village in Interlochen, says that the venue's success has led to the construction of a third wedding chapel, opening this spring to accommodate smaller wedding parties of 60 guests and under.

Their current buildings, the Tadpole Chapel and the Bullfrog Chapel, an indoor/outdoor venue with air conditioning and heat and a roof and soft sides that open to the outdoors, holds up to 450, as does the reception area.

"We have an outdoor ambiance unlike any other in the area," Jackson Snyder said.

Frog Pond only has a few bookings left for 2006 and is now taking reservations for 2007.

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Crystal Mountain

Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville has been hosting weddings for nearly as long as they've been welcoming skiers.

One of the unique facets of Crystal, said Marketing Director Joan O'Neill, is that from spring to fall a number of wedding parties opt to take the chairlift to the top of the mountain (other options for available for transportation to the spot, as well), and then have their service with one of the most spectacular views of the area, including the great Betsie River, as a backdrop.

"It makes for a setting that is unparalleled, and many people have opted to hold their receptions there

under our Mountaintop Tent," O'Neill said.

Crystal can host groups from 25-225, and an individual wedding coordinator will guide you through every step of planning the big day, including making arrangements for florists, photographers, musicians and more. Lodging on the premise is available, and Crystal's Team Adventure can assist with planning activities such as Family Olympics, a golf outing or a float trip down the river. Reservations are requested nine to 12 months out.

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Ranch Rudolf

Ranch Rudolf, a 195-acre resort built in 1966, is located 12 miles southeast of Traverse City on the Boardman River and framed by the Pere

Marquette State Forest. The ranch has 16 motel units, a Bunkhouse, 25 Campsites, general store, restaurant, lounge with a fireplace and the Strawdog Room (banquet/meeting room).

Given the location, owner Melody Hammill says the Ranch is proud of the "Destination Theme" weddings that they create.

Ranch Rudolf holds weddings and receptions inside (up to 120 people, outside (up to 350), or in a smaller, private room that can hold up to 50 people. All aspects of wedding services are available, including catering with wait staff, full bar service with bartenders and lodging. Bookings are suggested nine to 12 months out.

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Park Place Hotel

Located in downtown



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At Crystal Mountain, a number of wedding parties opt to take the chairlift to the top of the mountain.

Traverse City, the historic Park Place Hotel boasts two very different and distinguished venues for your wedding event: the expansive Ballroom Dome (which seats 175-450 comfortably) or the Top of the Park, which seats under 90 while offering a near 360 degree view of Traverse City and

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