

A romantic wedding scene at Piney River Ranch. A bride and groom are walking down a grassy hill towards a calm lake. The groom, in a dark blue suit, is holding the bride's hand and a bouquet of flowers. The bride is wearing a white dress. In the background, there are majestic mountains with patches of snow under a clear sky. A large, dark purple circle with a scalloped edge is centered in the upper half of the image, containing the title in white script. The overall mood is serene and picturesque.

# Wedding & Events Guide

**PINEY RIVER RANCH**





*"You couldn't ask  
for a location with more  
breathtaking views."*



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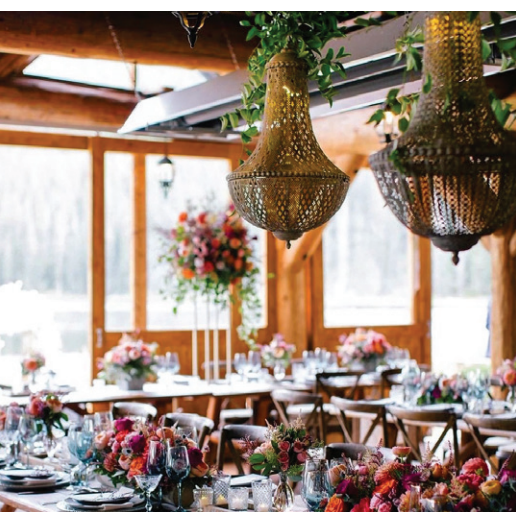
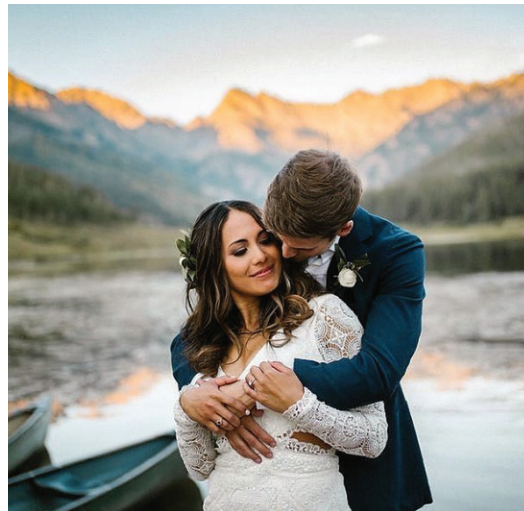
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# Overview

One of Colorado's best-kept secrets, Piney River Ranch is nestled in the White River National Forest, just eleven miles north of Vail Village. We are situated on a rustic, 40-acre ranch at the edge of Piney Lake and the foot of the Gore Range, surrounded by thousands of acres of backcountry wilderness. We have one of the most breathtaking outdoor ceremony sites in the state. Our unique wedding deck reaches out over the pristine waters of Piney Lake, while our two custom log pavilions and beautifully appointed spaces are designed to enchant you and your guests the moment you arrive. At Piney River Ranch, you're guaranteed a Rocky Mountain experience few others can provide.





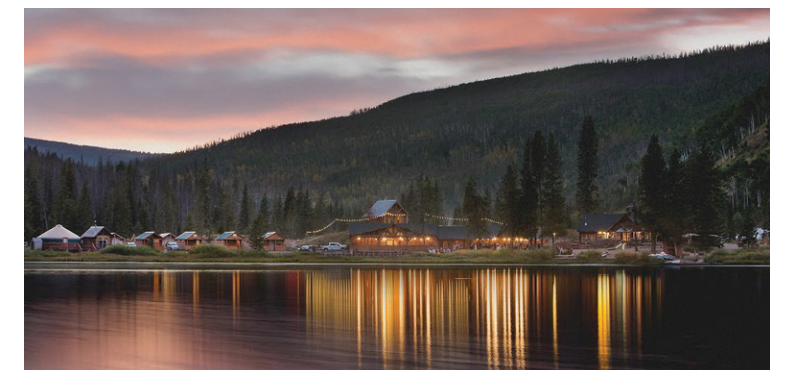
# Venue Highlights

- Private, forty acre ranch located in the White River National Forest
- Venue spaces reserved exclusively for one event at a time
- Unobstructed view of the Gore Mountain Range
- In-house tables, chairs, and benches for up to 200 guests
- Complimentary parking
- In-house catering
- Onsite lodging accommodations available



# Ranch Lodging

Imagine waking up and walking out the front door of your cabin or tent to sit on your private porch, coffee in hand, to a panoramic view of some of the most beautiful Rockies you've ever seen. Piney River Ranch offers a variety of rustic, lakefront lodging, providing the ultimate Rocky Mountain getaway and overnight wedding and event accommodations around. We have six lakefront cabins, and three glamping tents. An all accommodation buyout is available at a group discounted rate, and this option is perfect for weddings, retreats, or family reunions. Upon booking your next event, ask your Piney representative about current rates and securing your reservation.







# Event Spaces

## Event Deck

As one of the most beautiful ceremony locations in Colorado, our outdoor event deck sits on the edge of Piney Lake, beneath the Gore Mountain Range, creating the perfect Rocky Mountain backdrop for your outdoor wedding or event. Our deck can comfortably seat up to 200 of your guests on our rustic wooden benches.



## Cocktail Pavilion

Adjacent to our reception pavilion is our custom, cocktail pavilion with a lake view. This space is the perfect place to host smaller gatherings, day classes, cocktail hour for weddings and retreats, or to even use as your dance floor. This pavilion is included with all full-facility rentals.



## Reception Pavilion

Sitting on the lake, at 3,054 square feet, our custom log event pavilion is the perfect place to enjoy your dinner and dance the night away. Equipped with heaters and custom sliding doors, this space can comfortably seat 200 of your friends and family beneath the stars.

# Wedding Packages

## Ceremony and Reception Package

Saturday  
Friday & Sunday  
Monday - Thursday  
Holiday weekend rates may apply

### Times

Ten hour reservation; six hours for your event, three hours for set up, and one hour for clean up.

Additional hours may be purchased at \$500/hour. All events must conclude by 10:00 p.m.

### Includes

Private use of the ceremony deck, reception pavilion, adjoining cocktail pavilion, bridal suite, groom's lounge, use of 8' custom wood tables, wooden benches and chairs for 200 guests, one hour rehearsal, onsite parking, set up of benches and chairs, use of horseshoe pits. Food + Beverages not included.

## Ceremony Only

Scheduled on a non-peak day, from 11am-1pm

### Includes

Private use of event deck, for up to 200 people.

## Catering Requirements

Piney River Ranch has a required combined food and beverage minimum for all events. For further information on pricing email: [events@pineyriverranch.com](mailto:events@pineyriverranch.com)









# Catering

When booking with Piney River Ranch, you and your guests will experience a locally sourced menu, customized by you and prepared by our in-house caterer. Our chef has been noted to be one of the best in Vail Valley and we think you will agree.

Our seasoned Chef will be standing by to prepare a beautiful meal for you and your guests. You will be provided with a large selection of mouthwatering "ranch-style" offerings for your special event. While Piney River Ranch does offer a variety of desserts, we do not have a pastry chef on site for wedding cakes. However, this may be outsourced from another vendor. All menu pricing in this guide is subject to change, and is not guaranteed. Pricing is based on food market rates during the season of your wedding.





# Beverage Policies

All alcoholic beverages must be provided by Piney River Ranch and delivered through our distributors. Piney River Ranch holds a liquor license through the State of Colorado which prohibits bringing alcoholic beverages of ANY KIND on to the ranch property. Violation of this policy will be strictly enforced and may result in vacating the premises, fined, or both. Prohibited items include brewed kegs, wedding favors containing alcohol, or any form of alcohol for personal or guest consumption. Please refer to our beverage menu for a sample of our alcohol selections and packages.

Piney River Ranch has highly qualified bartenders and service staff that will be present for your wedding and event, professionally serving your guests. The number of bartenders and wait staff needed is based on your final guest count. Please visit our "Wait Staff and Bartending Services" page for more information.



— Piney River Ranch encourages its guests to drink responsibly. We are happy to assist you in making transportation arrangements for your guests. This is to ensure that every attendee of your event arrives to the bottom of the mountain safely. —

# Wait Staff & Bartending Service

Piney River Ranch provides a team of seasoned and professional bartending and wait staff for your special event. In addition to this list, you will also find services available to help us create a one-of-a-kind experience for you here at the ranch



## Wait Staff

For a buffet style meal, you will need one server for 25 people.

## Bar Staff

For each event, it is required that you have 1 bartender per 75 people. This avoids long lines and creates flow throughout your event.

## Cake Cutting

Piney provides a cake cutting service for desserts and cake presentations. This not only includes slicing and serving your cake for your guests, but is also inclusive of your dessert plates, forks, and dessert napkins.

## Fire Pit & S'mores

Includes full use of the fire pit during your event, firewood, and all of the s'mores fixins

**S'mores Package:** Roasting sticks, marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers.

**S'mores Bar Upgrade:** Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, bacon, bananas, Nutella, strawberries, crushed Oreo, and caramel chocolates.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Are outside catering vendors permitted?

We do not allow outside catering vendors at this time.

## 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, bridal suite, groom's lounge, 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 and chairs, and use of horseshoe pits. Included with our on-site catering is also your china and flatware.

## I want an outdoor ceremony, but I am worried about the weather. Do you have a contingency plan for inclement weather?

Yes. We are prepared for weather, and have a great "Plan B" option that can be put into action as early as the day of the wedding.

## Do you provide transportation from the Vail area?

PRR does not provide transportation. However, we can provide you with a list of transportation companies that are permitted to access the ranch.

## Will we have access to the ranch for a rehearsal?

Yes. All rehearsals will be scheduled the day prior to your wedding from 9:00am-10:00am.

## Is there power available for the ceremony deck?

Yes, our deck and pavilions are all equipped with power sources.

## Will there be a tasting for our event prior to final menu selection?

Tastings will be offered prior to your event. Invitations to tastings will be sent out via email, and reservations will be required. Only two people will be offered complimentary tastings per event.

## 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.

## Does PRR provide linens?

PRR does not provide linens. Linens must be rented from an outside vendor by the client.

## Does PRR have an AV sound system?

No, we do not have an in-house sound system.

## Does PRR have a microphone?

No. We recommend contacting your DJ or band.

## How long should we allow to get to the ranch from Vail?

The road is not paved, so it can be a little rough however, four-wheel drive is not necessary. Please allow at least 40 minutes from the start of the dirt road to arrive at Piney River Ranch.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## How many hours do we have the venue for our wedding?

You will have access to the venue for a total of ten hours, including six hours for your event, three hours for set-up, and one hour for cleanup.

## When does our 10 hour block of time begin?

The ten hour rental begins three hours before your ceremony starts. For example, if your ceremony begins at 4pm, you will have access to the space at 1pm to begin set-up, and will conclude at 10pm. Clean-up and breakdown will then occur between 10pm and 11pm.

Should you need additional time, you may purchase additional hours on the front end of your reservation at \$500.00 per hour.

All events hosted at Piney must conclude at 10:00 p.m.

## Who is responsible for setting up and taking down decorations?

PRR does not assume responsibility for setting up or taking down decorations. You must have a Day-of-Coordinator to assist with this task. Pavilions will be ready for decorating three hours prior to your event, and 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 things, candles or fireworks?

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. We do not allow any open flames. All candles must be concealed within a closed sided container, at least three inches above the top of the wick.

Due to the fire hazard, PRR does not allow the use of fireworks, sparklers, or floating lanterns.

## Does PRR have a ladder available for decorating?

Due to liability, you or your vendor must provide your own ladder.

## Can I drop off décor items etc. before my 10 hour block begins?

All set-up including deliveries are to be completed within your 10 hour block of time.

## Can I pick up my décor items etc. the day after my event?

All items must be picked-up and removed from the premises immediately following your event.

## What time should I have my guests arrive at PRR 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, and find their way to the ceremony site.

## When can we and our vendors arrive on the property?

The moment your 10 hour block begins, you and your vendors may have access to the property.

## Can we purchase additional hours?

Yes, you may add additional hours to the front of your reservation at the rate of \$500/hour. All events must conclude by 10:00 p.m.

## How many guests can you accommodate for events?

The ranch can accommodate approximately 200 guests for an event.



## Client Testimonials

"You simply cannot compete with the views and scenery at Piney River Ranch. We had the perfect day for our wedding and a Moose walked by after the ceremony! Piney is a unique wedding experience if you want a true mountain wedding, you don't need to look any further"

"Piney River Ranch is one of the most beautiful places in Colorado! It is very rustic and charming. The staff was super easy to work with and they really know their stuff! I can't wait for Piney to open again, just so I can go back there! Our wedding was so beautiful. All our friends and family are still talking about it. A lot of our guests have never been to Colorado and were blown away by the views. The food was beautifully done. I was told it was the best wedding dinner ever. I don't think there was any leftovers. As the bride, I know I ate, but I can't remember how it tasted, but I know I ate everything on my plate. I loved the old wooden dinner tables and the cute benches for the ceremony. I just used table runners, and it was stunning! We bought out the overnight accommodations, and we all loved the after party around the fire pit! All three moose were in the lake for their breakfast when we got up. If this is on your list of places to get married, BOOK IT NOW!!! I can't think of a more beautiful place to get married!! You and your guests will be well taken care of and your guests will talk about your wedding for the rest of their lives! If this is not a venue on your list, PUT IT ON YOUR LIST and BOOK IT NOW!"

"Piney River Ranch was just perfect for our mountain wedding! Our whole goal was to have beautiful photos. It did take awhile for guests to get to the ranch, but once they were there it was breathtaking and well worth the 45 minute drive from Vail. The staff at Piney River Ranch was fabulous and very accommodating. The food was delicious and reasonably priced compared to other vendors we had looked at. I am so happy that we got married and had our reception at Piney River Ranch! It was better than I could of ever imagined!"

"Piney River Ranch was the perfect venue for our wedding. We knew we wanted a mountain wedding in the outdoors and this location was perfect. You couldn't ask for a location with more breathtaking views. The ceremony deck sits on a lake overlooking the mountain range. You are completely surrounded by nature, aspen trees, and wildlife. We even saw a moose go swimming during our reception. What makes this location even better is that it is a short drive from Vail but you feel like you are out of the city. We look forward to renting a cabin on the property for our anniversary each year to relive our perfect day."

## Contact Information

### Piney River Ranch

#### Physical Address:

700 Red Sandstone Road  
Vail, Colorado 81658

#### Mailing Address:

Post Office Box 1349  
Vail, Colorado 81658

#### Website:

[pineyriver ranch.com](http://pineyriver ranch.com)

#### Phone:

303 905 4439

#### Inquiries:

[events@pineyriver ranch.com](mailto:events@pineyriver ranch.com)

Please note that Piney River Ranch is only open and accessible from June 21st through the last weekend in September. The Road to the ranch is owned and maintained by the United States Forest Service and they dictate our opening and closing to ensure the road is safe for travelers. For this reason, permission for early access may not be granted.



# Map to Piney River Ranch



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