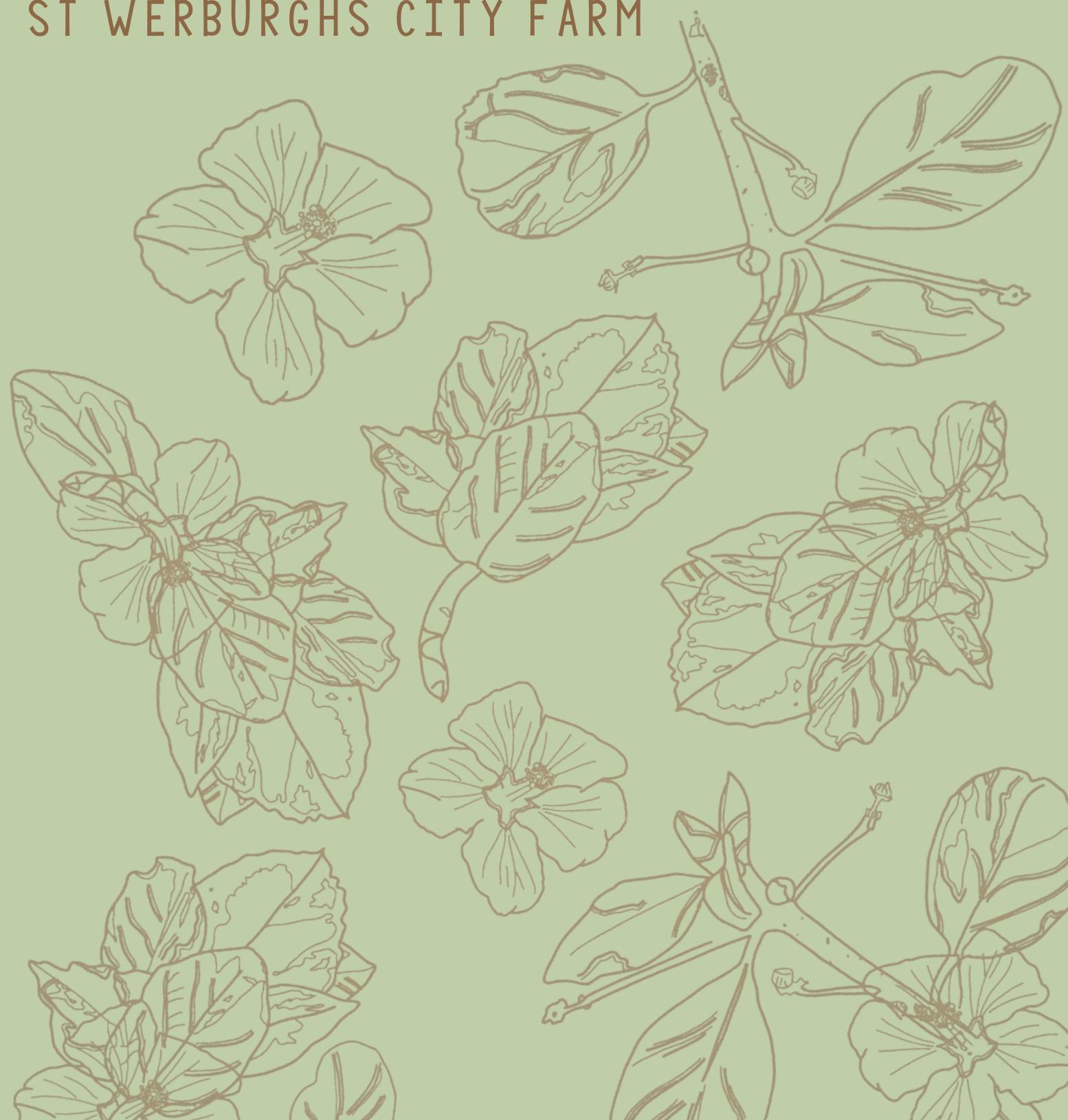


Woodland Weddings

ST WERBURGH'S CITY FARM



Boiling Wells – A unique woodland venue in the heart of Bristol

Boiling Wells is a venue like no other. Along a quiet lane in St Werburghs, in the heart of the city, Boiling Wells is 2.5 acres of tranquil woodland where you'll find rambling paths, an amphitheatre stage, fire circles and rustic buildings nestled in among trees and birdsong.

While Boiling Wells is not licensed for the legal ceremony (that part needs to be done elsewhere) it's a beautiful setting for handfastings, blessings or humanist wedding ceremonies, and many couples choose to include something like this as part of their celebration.

The site can accommodate up to 150 guests and is a wonderful location for larger and more intimate gatherings alike.

Boiling Wells is managed for nature and conservation by the farm's staff and volunteers. To minimise the impact on the site, we allow a maximum of six wedding events per year.

Celebrations and seasonal events aside, Boiling Wells is used most days to hold sessions which form part of the farm's work supporting the wellbeing of vulnerable children and adults. By choosing to celebrate with us, you'll be supporting St Werburghs City Farm to continue our vital services for the community.

Our Woodland Wedding Package

The package includes exclusive use of our Boiling Wells site from 2pm on Friday until 8pm on Sunday, with your celebration taking place on the Saturday. It also includes the use of our 8m x 4m marquee and all on-site facilities, plus a member of staff to be present on the day and help with anything you might need.

Friday (2pm-10pm)

Check in at the farm office to collect the keys and arrive at the site from 2pm onwards to start setting up for the big day. Our staff-led team of volunteers will be on site until 3.30pm to put up the marquee, gazebos and make sure the site is looking great ahead of your day.

Saturday (until 11pm)

The big day! A member of staff will be on site from 11.30am to check in and make sure everything is running smoothly for the day ahead. They will be nearby on the farm site all day and reachable by phone if you need help at any point. The staff member will return at the end of the evening to help close up the site. Music must be switched off at 10.30 and the site closed at 11pm.

Sunday (until 8pm)

Have a gentle morning and come back to the site with plenty of time to pack up and tidy away after yesterday's festivities. Some guests choose to have a picnic or barbecue to round off the weekend. Keys must be handed back at the farm office by 8pm.

Boiling Wells – Facilities

- 6 tables and 12 benches (can seat 3–4 people per bench or 6–8 people per table)
- Marquee (8m x 4m)
- 1 large gazebo with sides (8m x 5m) and 1 smaller gazebo with sides (3m x 4.5m)
- 4 gazebos without sides (3m x 3m)

The Larch Barn

- 2 tables, 4 benches, 3-seater sofa, 2-seater sofa, 12 wooden folding chairs, woodburning stove, first aid kit, firepit area in the courtyard outside.
- There is solar lighting in the Barn but this can be unreliable – we recommend bringing extra lighting (like battery powered fairy lights) for inside this space

The Outdoor Kitchen

- Sink, food prep areas, 3 gas hobs, gas cooker with 4 hobs (please note the oven in the cooker is not functional)
- Plates, cups, cutlery (enough for a small group – please bring extra if needed), tea urns
- Large half-barrel style BBQ, cob pizza oven
- Covered seating area with tables and benches (each table can seat 12–14 people comfortably)

The Roundhouse

- Woodburning stove, table, sofa, 2 gas hobs, 3 chairs, first aid kit, sink outside, firepit area with log seating outside, solar powered lighting.

Other facilities

- We'll provide toilet paper for the compost loos, as well as paper towels, hand soap, washing up liquid and sponges

Optional extra: firewood (£20 per large bag – please let us know ahead of the weekend if you'd like us to provide this)

Food and Drink

The site has running water and gas hobs in the Outdoor Kitchen, but is otherwise off-grid. When planning your food and drink options, keep in mind that there is no refrigeration on site. Previous guests have often ordered ice to be delivered on the day and filled up cool boxes to keep drinks cold. Our license doesn't allow for the sale of alcohol on site, but you and guests can bring alcohol to share, and there's a handy bar area by the Kitchen to store and serve this from.

Let us know if you'll be using the cob pizza oven and we can provide a guide for using this.

At the end of the wedding day, store all food in sealed containers to prevent rats or other wildlife from having an afterhours party.

If you'll have catering for the celebration, you'll need to make them aware that the site is off-grid so they can plan for this (i.e. use a generator for their power needs). Caterers with food trucks can park up in the area just inside the Boiling Wells entrance gates. Here are some local caterers to look into:

- Coexist Community Kitchen: www.coexistcommunitykitchen.org/weddings-special-gathering-events *
- Houria: www.houria.co.uk/eat-with-us *
- Tara Rasoi: www.tararasoi.com/ *
- The City Farm Cafe at St Werburghs City Farm: www.swcityfarm.co.uk/city-farm/the-farm-cafe/ (For lunch, coffee and delicious cakes)*
- Daikan: www.daikan.uk/st-werburghs-city-farm-catering
- Pasetti and Boote: www.pasettiandboote.com
- Sundial Kitchen: www.thesundialkitchen.co.uk
- Alp Mac: www.alpmac.co.uk
- Papadeli: www.papadeli.co.uk/private-party-catering

* These caterers are familiar with Boiling Wells

Choosing Your Wedding Date

May–September are the months likely to have the warmest, driest weather. By May, the leaves are filling out on the trees at Boiling Wells and the space is coming into its full, lush green growth.

Over the summer months, the evenings are warmer and lighter. But spring and autumn weddings can be kept cosy by making use of the fire areas outside the Barn and the Roundhouse, as well as the woodburning stoves inside these buildings. Hang plenty of fairy lights around the site for a magical atmosphere, bring blankets for guests and keep the hot drinks flowing.

While dry weather can never be guaranteed, don't let this be a worry. Make a plan for plenty of shelter – we'll provide our marquee and gazebos and set these up however you prefer, and you're welcome to hire extra shelter such as a stretch tent if you'd like to. If it looks like there could be some rain, have umbrellas handy for your guests to use when moving around the site.

Things to Think About

- As the site is off-grid, you'll need to plan lighting the site after sunset, including paths and toilets. Solar powered lights or battery powered fairy lights are good options for this. If you'll need power (for larger lights, music etc) you could hire a generator from www.brandontoolhire.co.uk or use battery operated equipment.
- Please bring plenty of seasoned wood if using the cob oven or firepits. Appoint someone to take responsibility for the fire and keep a bucket of water nearby.
- There are 3 compost toilets and a urinal on site. The toilets will be cleaned and the straw changed in the urinal before the weekend. Depending on the size of your party, you may wish to hire an extra toilet or two. Portable toilets/trailer facilities can be parked in the area inside the site entrance gates.
- There is no waste collection on Boiling Wells Lane. Make a plan for how you'll tidy, pack down and remove all waste and recycling by 8pm on Sunday. If you're taking this to a local recycling centre, you may need to book an appointment in advance. We'll have groups of vulnerable adults and children using the site on Monday, so it is vital (and a condition of your deposit) that the site is left as you found it. Thank you.
- You're welcome to hire and set up extra stretch tents/gazebos, extra furniture etc if this is needed in addition to what's already at the site. As the site is in use by vulnerable project groups throughout the week, all deliveries and collections must be scheduled during your hire. If companies are not able to collect until after Sunday, please speak to us to arrange collection on a day when the site will not be in use.
- Boiling Wells Lane is a private road and parking there is prohibited. There is a vehicle barrier across Boiling Wells Lane before you reach the site gates – please ask if you'll need the code for this (e.g. for deliveries). There is a short tunnel on the lane with a height restriction of 3.5m.
- Feel free to decorate the site however you like. Boiling Wells is managed for conservation, so avoid bringing decorations which could pollute the environment like balloons or glitter. Explore sustainable alternatives like dried flower petal confetti.

What We'll Need From You

- The marquee can be set up either in the courtyard next to the Barn and Outdoor Kitchen, or in the flat area near the top of the amphitheatre. Please let us know a couple of weeks in advance of the event where you'd like this set up, as well as where you'd like the tables and benches and any gazebos.
- Keep us posted about any deliveries and collections which you've scheduled over the weekend.
- We'll ask you to provide the name and number for someone who'll act as the main contact for our member of staff during the celebration. Ideally this will be someone other than the wedding couple, so that you can focus on enjoying your day. During the week before the wedding, our member of staff will check in with your contact to say hello and share their number for your contact to use should any questions or issues pop up on the day.

Woodland Wedding Price: £2750

This rate is valid for future bookings made by 30 November 2026. We are not able to offer use of our usual space hire rates for wedding celebrations.

Terms and Conditions

- A separate, refundable deposit of £500 will be taken to secure your chosen date, with the wedding hire fee itself due 180 days before your event.
- We'll aim to return your deposit within one week of your event, provided the terms and conditions have been met.
- If you have to cancel for any reason, a £100 fee will be deducted from your deposit. Your deposit will not be returned should you cancel within 180 days of your planned date. Cancellations within 90 days of the event will only be refunded 50% of the hire price (£1375).
- Our package includes use of the site from 2pm on Friday. Keys must be returned to the farm office by 8pm on Sunday.
- Maximum of 150 attendees. The sale of alcohol is not permitted, although you and your guests can bring alcohol to share.
- Amplified music must not cause unreasonable disturbance to our neighbours and must be switched off at 10.30. Our license enables your event to run until 11pm.
- Please note that breaching the terms and conditions of your booking could result in your event being cancelled and guests being asked to leave the site.
- Further terms and conditions may apply.
- We understand that weddings can be a big expense. To make this as accessible as possible, we are happy to discuss payment of the wedding fee being made in instalments, within the timeframe set out above.

The site is rich in nature, home to wildlife and has archaeological landscape features dating from the medieval period. As such, it is of great educational and environmental importance and we ask that your event reflects this.

Contact Us

Get in touch if you have any questions, or to arrange site visits to help with planning your special day.

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