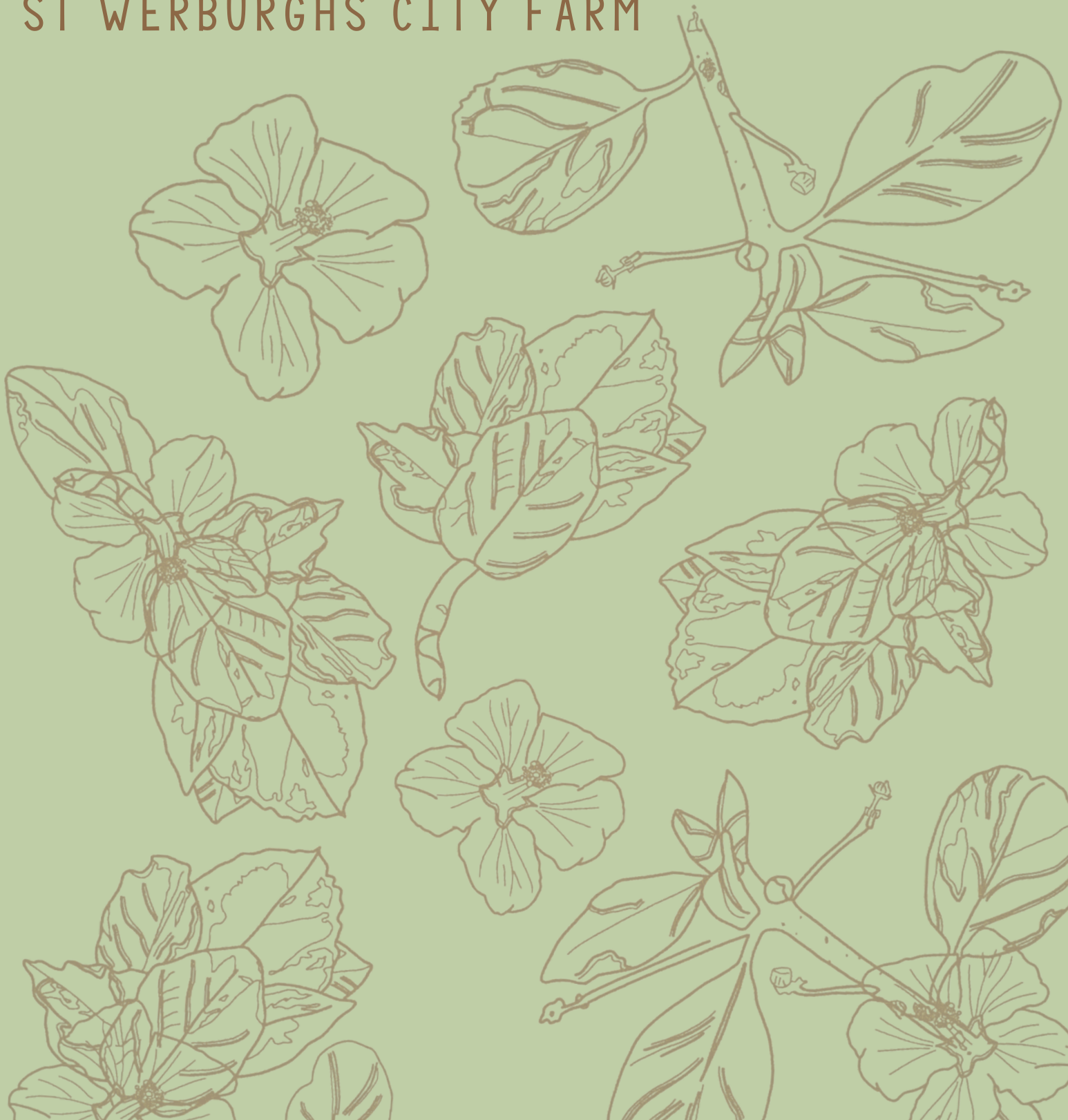




Woodland Weddings

ST WERBURGHS 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 daily for educational and wellbeing activities for vulnerable children and adults experiencing mental ill-health or other life challenges.

By choosing to celebrate at Boiling Wells, you'll be supporting St Werburghs City Farm to continue our vital work supporting adults and children in our community.

Learn more about what we do at swcityfarm.co.uk/about-us/





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 includes the use of 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 celebration.

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.



Facilities at Boiling Wells

(All included in the hire price)

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

- 6 tables and 12 benches (can seat 3-4 people per bench or 6-8 people per table)
- 1 small gazebo with sides (3m x 4.5m)
- 4 gazebos without sides (3m x 3m)
- We'll provide toilet paper for the compost loos, as well as paper towels, hand soap, washing up liquid and sponges



Woodland Wedding Price: £2500

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.

Optional extras

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| • 1 marquee (8m x4m) | £150 |
| • 1 gazebo without sides (8m x 4m) | £100 |
| • 1 gazebo with sides (8m x 5m) which covers the amphitheatre stage | £50 |
| • Firewood (per bag) | £10 |
| • Generator | £50 |

Let us know one month in advance if you'd like us to provide any of these extras, and we'll have them ready for when you arrive on the Friday. The marquee and the 8m x 4m gazebo can be set up in the courtyard area by the Barn or on the lawn above the Roundhouse, whichever works best for you.



Food and Drink

The site has running drinking 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 check out:

- Coexist Community Kitchen: www.coexistcommunitykitchen.org/weddings-special-gathering-events *
- Houria: www.houria.co.uk/eat-with-us *
- Tara Rasoi: www.tararaso.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
- Passetti 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, with white cow parsley flowering across the woodland.

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. If it looks like there could be some rain, have umbrellas handy for your guests to use when moving around the site.

Make a plan for plenty of shelter to provide cover in case of rain, or to create extra shade in the hot summer months.



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, or you could hire festoon lighting.
- If you'll need power (for larger lights, music etc) use battery operated-equipment or use a generator. You could hire the farm's generator (details above) or check out www.iwsgeneratorhire.co.uk
- Please bring plenty of seasoned wood if using the cob pizza oven or firepits. Appoint someone to take responsibility for the fire and take safety precautions- keep a bucket of water nearby, and ensure you're aware of the location of fire safety equipment on site.
- 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 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 a stretch tent/gazebos, extra furniture etc and have these delivered to the site. If hiring a stretch tent, this must fit fully within the courtyard area by the Barn, to avoid damage to the adjacent garden. Measurements of the space can be provided.

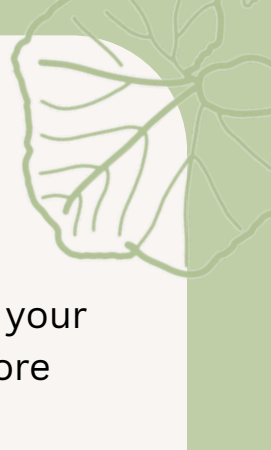
Things to Think About – Cont'd

- On Fridays, a volunteer session for adults takes place at Boiling Wells until 2pm. Some volunteers are vulnerable adults experiencing mental ill-health or other challenges, so it's important that the group is uninterrupted. Please schedule any deliveries for 2pm onwards to avoid disturbing the earlier group.
- Boiling Wells is used on Mondays for education and wellbeing activities for children. As with the adult group, it's vital that these groups are private and uninterrupted, so collections must be scheduled for Sundays.
- Boiling Wells Lane is a private road and parking along it is prohibited. There is space to park one or two cars inside the site gates - you're welcome to use these spaces to drop things off, or for guests with accessibility needs. There is a vehicle barrier across Boiling Wells Lane before you reach the entrance- 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 get creative and 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. Please avoid paper confetti- explore alternatives like dried wildflower confetti, which can be left to decompose into the soil.





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 (£1250).
- 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.
- Our package includes use of the site from 2pm on Friday. Keys must be returned to the farm office by 8pm on Sunday.
- All waste and recycling must be removed from site and any furniture or equipment returned to its original location.
- Maximum of 150 attendees. The sale of alcohol is not permitted, although you and your guests are welcome to 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.
- You are responsible for safety measures on site during your hire, including but not limited to use of the kitchen, open fires, and any activities you do. Please ask if you have any questions about this.
- 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.

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

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

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