



## Self-Guided Wedding Tour

Thank you for thinking of Oatlands Historic House and Gardens for your wedding! Please use this map and guide to tour the grounds and visualize how your wedding will look, here at Oatlands. This guide describes how each space is typically used. However, we want your wedding to be an experience that is uniquely you. We are happy to work with you on how you want to use the space.

- 1. Parking Lot:** A very important part of every wedding, where can your guests park? Our parking lot has plenty of space for all of your guests and vendors!
- 2. The Bachelor's Cottage\*:** A complimentary part of every Wedding Package at Oatlands, this space is great for the Groom to get ready and relax with the Groomsmen before the wedding. It has plenty of room, no matter how big your wedding party, and features a mini-fridge, private restroom, heat and air conditioning. We also have a display of some of our trusted vendors here. Feel free to take any business cards and brochures you like!
- 3. Council Room\*:** Located in the basement of the Historic Mansion, the Council Room is also a complimentary part of every Wedding Package at Oatlands, and has everything a Bride and Bridal Party needs to get ready and relax before the wedding. This space features a large full length mirror, private restroom, wardrobe rack for your dresses, comfortable seating and all of the table space you need.
- 4. Handicap Parking:** This grassy area is located near the Victorian Gate entrance into the Gardens. It is great for any guest who might not be able to walk to the ceremony site from the parking lot. Oatlands also offers the use of a golf cart to drive guests from the parking lot to your ceremony and each subsequent area of your wedding event.
- 5. Magnolia Terrace:** This ceremony site features six stunning Magnolia Trees which will provide shade for your guests. The stone pathway leading to the white trellis creates an ideal setting for ceremonies. The Magnolia Terrace can accommodate up to 250 guests.
- 6. Boxwood Terrace:** This stunning terrace can be used with your guests facing either direction. Located between two rows of small boxwood plants, the long aisle can lead either to the large circular garden near the stairs with a tall floral urn overflowing with seasonal flowers or the enormous boxwood alcove by to the Teahouse. Either direction creates a stunning background for your ceremony. Your guests would sit in rows of four on either side of the small boxwoods. The Boxwood Terrace can accommodate up to 250 guests. If you walk to the end of this terrace you will find a passage through the boxwood which is a fun way for the Groom to "pop out of the bushes" and enter the ceremony!
- 7. Tea House:** This lovely little structure has power outlets which make it the perfect place for your ceremony musicians or DJ! Plus it is accessible to both the Boxwood Terrace and the Magnolia Terrace.
- 8. Boxwood Row:** With the Tea House at one end and the Koi Pond at the other, Boxwood Row is an amazing place for wedding photos. It is typically where the Groom waits for the ceremony to begin.
- 9. Rose Garden:** Beyond Boxwood Row, this patch of lawn is surrounded by roses creating the perfect site for an intimate wedding ceremony.
- 10. Lower Gardens:** The Lower Gardens feature the Memorial Garden, Koi Pond, Boxwood Row, Rose Garden, and a huge variety of beautiful spaces. As you explore hidden corners in the Lower Gardens, imagine all of the incredible wedding photos your photographer will capture.
- 11. Upper Gardens:** Envision cocktail tables spread throughout these beautiful terraces with a bar or hors d'oeuvres stations tucked in amongst the greenery. Your guests will have a chance to wander the Gardens and truly enjoy the beauty of Oatlands during an outdoor cocktail hour.
- 12. Front Lawn:** This huge open space can be used for any part of your wedding. It could be your ceremony site, a place for cocktail hour, or your reception space. With the stunning Historic Mansion on one side and an incredible vista on the other, you and your guests are surrounded by beauty as you enjoy this space.

**13. Historic Mansion:** The Historic Mansion is a museum featuring a grand Foyer, octagonal Drawing Room, Smoking Room, Morning Room, Dining Room, and Library on the first floor. You and your wedding party are welcome to take photos in some of these rooms with a staff escort. Also, as an optional upgrade, the first floor can be opened for your guests to explore the Museum under the guidance of a trained docent during cocktail hour.

**14. Back Portico and Lawn:** Behind the Historic Mansion, this lawn features a stunning vista and a more intimate space for your event. It can be used for cocktail hour or as yet another ceremony site. Imagine the Bride exiting the Historic Mansion to walk down the white stone aisle to her waiting Groom.

**15. Greenhouse:** Step inside the oldest Greenhouse in the South and enjoy the textured walls, exposed brick and cozy environment. With incredible natural light, this space is ideal for wedding photography!

**16. Pavilion:** This large concrete area with brick inlays holds Oatlands' 50 x 90 frame tent with elegant draped ceiling and four chandeliers. The tent takes up two-thirds of the concrete leaving you with an outdoor patio space. A luxury restroom trailer is located next to the Pavilion throughout the wedding season. The catering tent is located on the far side of the Pavilion site and a service road leads directly to the back of the tent.

**17. Oatlands Hamlet Inn\*:** Be sure to walk down the service road behind the Pavilion to find the Oatlands Hamlet Inn. Oatlands' five-bedroom Inn is perfect for a Wedding Weekend or as an upgrade to your Ready Rooms!

\*Please make an appointment to see the inside of these locations. To make an appointment call or email Moriah Lemming at [mlemming@oatlands.org](mailto:mlemming@oatlands.org) and 703-777-3174.