

WEDDINGS
— at —
RUFFORD MILL



 RUFFORD ABBEY
COUNTRY PARK

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Isn't it Wonderful

...being in love!

Congratulations on your engagement!

Now comes the most exciting time - all the planning and organising - and we will help you to get it just right!

Here at Rufford Mill, we will work closely with you to create your perfect day. We have an amazing experienced team to help you with all the details so you can have the most magical & memorable day!





Located in beautiful, rural surroundings

Rufford Abbey Country Park, Rufford Mill is the ideal venue for your special day. The park offers stunning photographic opportunities with the grounds, woodlands, formal gardens and of course in front of the stunning Abbey.

The Talbot Suite - A beautiful canvas for any wedding or civil ceremony. Located on the first floor of the Rufford Mill, the venue will accommodate up to 80 day guests for a banquet style dinner, 100 guests for just a ceremony and 100 guests for an evening reception.

The Markham Suite - An additional function room on the ground floor of Rufford Mill offers you a secondary area where you and your guests can retreat to during the day.



Our Chefs produce fresh dishes daily all made here on site.

To compliment your day we have a wide range of menu choices and drinks packages to suit all tastes and budgets.

Our wedding team will be happy to build a bespoke package for you or take advantage of our fixed price packages. All tastes and dietary requirements can be catered for, please discuss with your wedding coordinator.

Our Chefs produce fresh dishes daily all made here on site. We can offer set menu wedding breakfasts, an assortment of hot and cold buffet evening menus.

We will continue to host only one wedding a day so that our only focus will be on making sure your day is perfect.





At the heart of the park are the picturesque remains of Rufford Abbey, which are surrounded by parkland, woodland, formal gardens and a lake. You are invited to take full advantage of the beautiful photo opportunities that surround Rufford Abbey and Rufford Mill.





The Pearl Package

50 day guests and 100 evening guests

Available Sunday to Thursday, subject to date and availability

Packages price from £4,500 to £5,500

Additional day guests £42.00 pp

Additional evening Guests £11.50 pp

- Exclusive use of the Talbot Suite for your ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception.
- Use of the bar in the Talbot Suite, white linen, cutlery and glassware.
- Use of our white vintage Chiavari chairs.
- Glass of bubbles for the Bride and Groom.
- Drinks reception, a glass of wine or bottle of beer per person in the Markham Suite for your guests to relax in after the wedding ceremony whilst you have photos taken.
- 50 guests - Waitress served Set Three course served wedding menu breakfast.
- 50 guests - Half a bottle of wine per guest to accompany the wedding breakfast. (Choice of red, white and rose)
- Please choose 1 starter, 1 main (+ vegetarian option) 1 dessert for the whole party. Pre order required 6 weeks prior.
- Dietary requirements will be discussed in your final details meeting.

Sample Menu

Starter (Please choose one option)

- Salmon and prawn platter
- Homemade soup served with a roll and butter (V)
- Brussel pate & english chutney served with sourdough baguette

Mains (Please choose one option)

- Roast chicken breast wrapped in smoked bacon, served with mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, roast chicken and thyme gravy
- Whole roasted pork fillet served with spring onion mash & seasonal vegetables, roasted shallots and red wine sauce
- Beetroot wellington with minted new potatoes seasonal vegetables and homemade vegetarian gravy (V)

Desserts (Please choose one option)

- Creme brulee cheesecake served with raspberry couli
- Apple & cinnamon crumble served with custard
- Tarte au citron with raspberry coulis and pouring cream

Complimentary Tea & Coffee station in the bar area available for guests to help themselves.

50 guests - A glass of sparkling wine to toast for each guest.

100 guests - Evening reception. Finger buffet. Freshly prepared sandwiches plus 4 extra items from the menu below.

Sample Buffet Menu

Freshly prepared sandwiches (ham, egg & cress, salmon & cucumber, cheese & onion) plus;

- Jacket potato wedges with chive & sour cream dip
- Yakitori skewered chicken
- Chicken goujons
- Mini vegetarian quiches
- Indian selection - samosas, bhajis, pakora
- Bruschetta - cheese & tomato, feta & spinach
- Garlic bread slices
- Crudités - carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes & hummus dip
- Sausage rolls
- Mini pork pies

The service of our dedicated host to ensure your day runs smoothly.

The Ruby Package

50 day guests and 100 evening guests

Packages price from £6,000 to £7,000

Additional day guests £47.00 pp

Additional evening Guests £13.50 pp

- Exclusive use of the Bridal suite on the day of your wedding, until the ceremony.
- Exclusive use of the Talbot Suite for your ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception.
- Use of the Talbot Suite bar, red carpet (optional) white linen, cutlery and glassware.
- Use of the Markham Suite for your guests to relax in after the wedding ceremony whilst you have photos taken.
- Glass of bubbles for the Bride and Groom.
- Reception drink of Prosecco & bottled beers, 1 drink per person
- Waitress served, three course set menu wedding breakfast.
- Half bottle of wine per guest to accompany the wedding breakfast. (Choice of red, white and rose)
- Sparkling wine to toast the bride and groom.
- Please choose 1 starter, 1 main (+ vegetarian option) 1 dessert for the whole party. Pre order required 6 weeks prior.
- Dietary requirements will be discussed in your final details meeting.

Sample Menu

Starter (Please choose one option)

- Chicken satay mini skewers, with flatbread
- Breaded brie wedges with spicy tomato salsa and dressed leaves
- Poach salmon Terrine With Dill oil, Tomato salad

Mains (Please choose one meat and vegetarian option)

- Blade of beef with roasted shallots and red wine sauce, served with mashed potato and seasonal vegetables
- Homemade chicken kiev served with minted new potatoes carrots, green beans
- Oak smoked cheddar tart served with seasonal vegetables & potatoes

Desserts (Please choose one option)

- Homemade sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce and ice cream
- Trio of mini chocolate desserts. Double chocolate mousse, white chocolate & raspberry mousse, chocolate & orange tartlets
- Passion fruit & mango creamy baked cheesecake

Complimentary Tea & Coffee station in the bar area available for guests to help themselves.

100 guests - Evening reception with finger buffet.

Freshly prepared sandwiches plus 6 extra items from the menu below.

Sample Buffet Menu

Freshly prepared sandwiches (ham, egg & cress, salmon & cucumber, cheese & onion) plus;

- Jacket potato wedges with chive & sour cream dip
- Yakitori skewered chicken
- Chicken goujons
- Mini vegetarian quiches
- Crudités - carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes & hummus dip
- Sausage rolls
- Mozzarella sticks

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The Diamond Package

60 day guests and 100 evening guests

Packages price from £7,000 to £8,000

Additional day guests £62.00 pp

Additional evening Guests £15.50 pp

Exclusive use of the Bridal suite on the day of your wedding, until the ceremony.

Exclusive use of the Talbot Suite for your ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception.

- Use of the Talbot Suite bar, red carpet (optional) white linen, cutlery and glassware.
- Use of the Markham Suite for your guests to relax in after the wedding ceremony whilst you have photos taken.
- Glass of bubbles for the Bride and Groom.
- Reception drink and canapes, Prosecco & bottled beers (1 drink per person).
- Waitress served, three course set menu wedding breakfast.
- Please choose 1 starter, 1 main (+ vegetarian option) 1 dessert for the whole party. Pre order required 6 weeks prior.
- Dietary requirements will be discussed in your final details meeting.

Sample Menu

Starter (Please choose one option)

- Creamed garlic mushrooms with parmesan cheese served on toasted sour bread
- Homemade soup served with a roll and butter
- Classic tomato bruschetta with mozzarella

Mains (Please choose one option)

- Roast rib of beef With homemade yorkshire pudding watercress and seasonal vegetables & potatoes
- Baked pave of salmon served with hollandaise sauce crushed new potatoes creamed cabbage, smoked bacon and green beans
- Nut roast walnuts and cashews with butternut squash, sweet potato, served with seasonal vegetables & Potatoes

Desserts (Please choose one option)

- Tarte au citron with raspberry coulis and pouring cream
- Creme brulee with raspberries and lemon shortbread
- Dusted salted caramel chocolate tart with chantilly cream

Complimentary Tea & Coffee station in the bar area available for guests to help themselves.

- Half bottle of wine per guest to accompany the wedding breakfast (choice of red, white and rose).
- Champagne toast to the bride and groom.

100 guests - Evening reception with finger buffet

Freshly prepared sandwiches plus 8 extra items from the menu below.

Sample buffet menu

Freshly prepared sandwiches (ham, egg & cress, salmon & cucumber, cheese & onion) plus;

- Jacket potato wedges with chive & sour cream dip
- Yakitori skewered chicken
- Chicken goujons
- Mini vegetarian quiches
- Crudités - carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes & hummus dip
- Sausage rolls
- Mozzarella sticks

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Drinks Packages and Upgrades

Drinks within the wedding packages can be tailored to your specific needs and be upgraded. Our wedding coordinators will be pleased to discuss this with you.

Something extra for the evening ...

Add the services of our In-House Disco to your day for only £350!

- Cheese board - 3 cheese, chutney, crackers & grapes - £5.95 pp
- Bacon or Sausage Baps- served with tomato or brown sauce -£5.95 pp
- Pulled Pork Rolls - with stuffing, crackling & apple sauce, wedges - £9.45 pp
- Platter of Desserts - £5.50 pp
- Canapes £5.95 per person
- Olives, Breads & dipping oils - £4.95 per person/ £20 per table.



Everyone You Love

While that lovely human being you're engaged to is at the centre of your heart, another big chunk of it?

It belongs to the four-legged wonder that wagged his or her way into your home.

For couples who have adopted a dog together, it may be important to think of your dog attending your big day. In fact, according to a new Wedding study, 91% of pet owners include their pet in their wedding day in some way. With or without them at your actual ceremony, they can still be honoured as part of your shared love story.

Decide the dog's role. Depending on his obedience level and personality, you have lots of options.

Pup of Honour

He/she can walk down the aisle with the wedding party and then sit alongside them for the ceremony.

It may be best to keep them on a lead; get creative and decorate the lead to fit your wedding theme.





Utterly Amazing

Where do I start reviewing the best day of our lives?! Rufford was utterly amazing! The team were absolutely fantastic from start to finish! I can't thank them enough. Planning our wedding was a dream, the team couldn't do enough to accommodate our every need. The venue was beautiful, the food even better and the hospitality was just 10/10! The day was better than we could have ever imagined. It was perfect.

Looking for a Wedding Ceremony Without The Reception?

We know when you're planning your big day it's inevitable you want it to be perfect and unforgettable. However sometimes our couples don't want a big party or reception after which is perfectly fine with us at Rufford Mill.

There are so many other options that can make your special day memorable without going over your budget with an evening reception. You could plan a small dinner at your favourite restaurant or even arrange a garden party with nibbles. It's your special day after all, and you can do whatever you wish!

For a Ceremony only at Rufford the team will calculate a room hire price for you. Room hire prices will vary depending on the day of the week and month.

To arrange your ceremony at the Mill please contact us directly with your desired date for room hire prices.



Wedding Breakfast & Evening Reception

Have you dreamt of getting married in your local church? Or another venue other than us? And thinking of where to have your wedding breakfast and evening reception?

Then think no further than Romantic Rufford Mill.

We can still accommodate your Wedding Breakfast and Evening Reception to be at the Mill even without the Ceremony. Everything from Reception Drinks as you enter the Mill to a 3 Course Wedding Breakfast and Evening Buffet we can tailor a quote to your requests. Our Talbot Bar is licensed until midnight in order for the party to go all night long and have a range of evening food options for your guests to refuel before dancing the night away.

Contact our professional team who will create a unique quote for you, made according to your requirements for your special day.



The Bridal Suite

If not included in your wedding package, the Bridal suite is available at an additional cost, please speak to us directly if you would like to book as an add on.

What is the Bridal Suite?

The bridal suite is a room where you prepare (both physically and mentally) to say "I do" in front of all your family and friends.

It's where the bride gets to relax (as much as one can), get her hair and makeup done, and toast to the day's events with her bridal party before walking down the aisle. It's the ultimate wedding pre-game event, filled with music, laughter, and maybe even a few happy tears.

Our bridal suite at the Mill is split over two rooms: the lounge area and the dressing room. We have delicately designed the layout so everyone has a space to prepare for the big day ahead whether you are lounging on the sofa settling your nerves with a strong cup of tea or making them final tweaks to your hair in our dressing room.

Make sure you allow time for a few precious moments with your loved ones once your wedding preparations are complete. If your Dad is giving you away, he'll love a private moment with his little girl in The Dressing Room before the ceremony.

Don't worry, we'll have some tissues at the ready!

Floor Length Mirror

A floor-length mirror is essential and aids as your quality control checker as you are getting dressed.

You want to be able to get a good look at yourself in your bridal gown from front to back and head to toe before making your big debut.

Hangers and Hooks

Once you get to your bridal suite, your first order of business should be hanging your dress in an open area.

The Bridal suites dressing room is the perfect place for this with tall hooks that allows your wedding dress and Bridesmaids dresses to hang freely without touching the floor.

Light Snacks And Beverages

It's going to be a long day leading up to the reception, so to keep you and your wedding party fuelled we will provide you with a continental breakfast buffet consisting of tea and coffee making facilities, pastries, granola bars and fresh fruit to enjoy in the relaxing Bridal Lounge and will ensure that everyone eats something before the ceremony. And of course, plenty of water, as it's so important to stay hydrated on your wedding day.

Bring Your Robe!

You'll want to wait until the very last minute before you walk down the aisle to put on your wedding dress if you want to avoid any stains, spills, or rips.

It's a good idea for you and your bridal party to get ready in dressing robes so you snack and get styled without worrying about staining your dresses.

Make sure to get a robe that ties or zips in the front. Anything you have to pull your head runs the risk of messing up your hair and makeup.

Emergency Kit

We understand there are so many jobs to be done in the run up to your wedding day, that it's easy to forget about the little things you need on the morning of your wedding. Unfortunately wardrobe malfunctions, makeup disasters, headaches and blisters do happen so we have compiled a little emergency kit within our Bridal Suite for you to use if the worse was to happen. That way if you lose a button or your shoes are prone to give you a blister you can relax in the knowledge we have everything sorted for you to get it sorted.

The Emergency Kit will include all little bits like ; hair spray, hairpins, a sewing kit, safety pins, baby wipes, deodorant, tweezers, a lint roller, first-aid essentials and mints for that first kiss as husband and wife.

Example Order of The Day

12.00 Grooms Arrival

12.00 - 12.45 Guests Arrival

12.45 - 13.00 Brides Arrival

13.30 - 14.00 Ceremony

14.00 - 15.30 Drinks Reception and Photos

15.30 Guests seated and Bride & Groom announced into the room.

15.30 - 16.00 Speeches (these can be after the dinner if preferred)

16.00 - 18.00 Wedding Breakfast served.

18.00 - 19.00 Guests relax, evening entertainment to set up

19.00 Evening guests arrive & evening entertainment to start

19:30 Cutting of cake & first dance

20.00 Evening food served

23.30 Last orders

Midnight Carriages

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How Long Can I Provisionally Hold a Date For?

2 weeks as a standard but we will hold for longer if we can and agreed in advance

2. How Many Guests Can You Accommodate in the Day and the Evening?

Ceremony and wedding Breakfast 80 guests

Evening total of 100 in the Talbot room

3. Do I Have to Use Your Recommended Suppliers?

Yes we have the following suppliers on site in the wedding quarter

John Price Photography

Lucy @ Bennington Blooms

Sharon @ Blush Moments

And we recommend Jemstone for DJ's and Love letters

4. What is the process of securing a date at the Mill?

Once you have a date in mind for your big day and have provided us with what package you would like to book upon we will send you 1, the contract and 2, the terms and conditions which need to be signed and dated by the couple and then along with 3, a £500.00 non refundable deposit all 3 of these items will secure your wedding date at the Mill.

5. When will I know when my next payment is due after booking?

Once we send you the contract at the time of booking there is a payment plan on the first page which we recommend you going by. After the deposit we require 50% of the package price 12 months prior to the big day and then 25% 6 months before and the remaining 25% 3 months prior.

6. Can I bring my own confetti?

Yes, we do allow confetti however all confetti must be biodegradable and can only be thrown in the courtyard area at the Mill.

7. Do you allow fireworks at the Mill?

Unfortunately not, due to our location within a country park surrounded with wildlife we do not allow fireworks.

8. Do you have accommodation on site?

We do not have any accommodation on site however there are a number of different accommodation sites nearby including Center Parcs just an 8 minute drive from the venue.

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