

# Nature



## Nature Wedding Packages, Availability, & FAQ

Nature is a 80 acre resort/retreat that hosts many kinds of accommodations and events. When used as a custom destination wedding facility we offer the freedom of a creating an event that is unique to you, your friends, and family. We are not a wedding factory that does single day weddings or multiple weddings in a day – we are something as unique as the people that come here and as the experiences that happen here. Our mission is to create bonding experiences with your friends, family, and nature. Investing your wedding in the Unity of the 2 families and friends into 1 community of support for your marriage and couple is the best service we can offer. We encourage people to make it not just a weekend but a week to build bonds that last a lifetime. Being based in Nature and going to see all the sights and experiences in Leelanau county is a really amazing vacation that you and your family will not forget with our over 30 preplanned day trips. Our spaces are luminous and have a simple yet profound elegance, a very authentic and real experience, that we feel is a beautiful important way to start a marriage. After creating this amazing experience with your new greater family group at Nature we hope that you will regather on your anniversaries and renew that bond. It could be on a beach somewhere, at your home for a pot luck, or return here to stay while you visit the group of trees we planted in honor of your new family. We create this experience in the context of the nature here on our resort property and the greater bioregion of Leelanau County and its neighbors. Stay for a week and see all that the region has to offer for a deep experience with our curated day trips, or perhaps with your closest friends and as people gather over the course of the week, the ambiance is already primed for the big event, or just stay for the weekend of peak experiences. The magic happens with this alchemical experience of the gathering of the people you love, the love of your couple, the no time limit after party, and the natural beauty here. Combine this with our talented preferred vendors that provide more support to make your custom experience a pleasure to organize. But you always have the freedom to choose any vendor you like.

Nature has a contemporary venue building called the Great Nest. This \$2M facility on our \$4M resort has all the spaces you need to get ready, protect you from inclement weather, to play in our game area

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mezzanine (kids and adults), high speed broadband internet/WiFi, a beach on a natural pool/swimming pond, bar spaces, and much more. All in a private setting with a timeless contemporary simplicity that is elegant yet professionally and neutrally designed for you to place your own style. Our main building can hold 220 standing or 170 seated with a dance floor, and our tent pad is large enough (40'x120') to hold 300+. While staying on site a guest, family, or group may glamp inexpensively in our 25 basic glamping tents with 2 queen beds. They may also stay in one of our 3 luxury glamping tents or our 25 basic Glamping tents. All have 2 queen beds, raised off the ground on a frame, with all the pillows, sheets, and blankets to make you comfortable. All our packages come with our King bed Deluxe glamping canvas tent on a platform just a short distance from our glamping bathrooms and showers (open 24/7).

You and your guests may come and stay before an event, with priority pre-booking, to enjoy the resort and region before the main event. We are near the town of Glen Arbor, many parks like Sleeping Bear Dunes and many attractions in Leelanau County and nearby to Traverse City with its conveniences. You can enjoy biking, kayaking, surfing, hiking, arts, great foods, music, yoga, wine, spirits, and many other wonderful experiences to share. (All our guests who sleep on site receive a 10% discount on M-22 merchandise and kayak/bicycle rentals.) Our onsite outdoor kitchen or "Truck-less Food Truck" can provide everything from breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinners, late night snacks, or hors d'œuvres while you get ready for your big day.

The large tent and tent pad is a beautiful place to have a rehearsal or reception dinner on our natural pool and beach overlooking our gorgeous valley. The Great Nest is used for welcoming, cocktails, lounging, fun activities, and music until 11pm in our ballroom. Most places in our region close at 10-11pm but we have an amazing bon fire area for an after party in our forest without a time limit for our guests to sit under the Milky Way, Northern Lights, and enjoy the life of the forest. The forest can come to life with light, color, and excitement all night with a silent disco or just be a place to sit around the fire and share a deep moment. It is a true comfort to be able to all stay together and not drive home after the party. A gathering at Nature has all the advantages of going on a glamping trip to commune with nature, but with luxury and comfort. This helps create that unique bonding experience that build a platform of support for your marriage in a natural context that lasts a lifetime with just a little renewal each year. Come start a family tradition at Nature and create or build your community with our unique experiences. Bonding two families into one big family through the love of a new couple and the wonders of Nature's forest and meadows is an epic experience.

Resort Activities, services, and accommodations are now open to the public all week (all week long in the winter) and are able to be reserved for private events like your wedding. We are the place to hang out in Nature for Spring, Summer, & Fall; and glamp during the week for the public. We have a full schedule of year round activities, including Winter, but continue to expand on those. Online ordering, meal plans for your stay, and on-site delivery are available soon. Our outdoor Kitchen is open and serves breakfast, sack lunch for your picnic or adventures by pre-order, and dinner - daily on demand. Check out our weekly resort activities on our webpage [www.naturemichigan.com](http://www.naturemichigan.com) and click "Resort Events".

Our outdoor kitchen/"truck-less food truck" is available for catering: reception, rehearsal dinners, snacks while you get ready, lunch, late night snacks by the after party area, and/or brunch. It is on site available for serving 3 meals a day from scratch local foods including vegan, vegetarian, & omnivore options (20 person minimum). Please check our facebook and Instagram daily stories for current offerings and daily food hours or our website.

We have 25 basic Glamping tents with 2 queen beds each. These are simple glamping accommodations but are very affordable for our region. 2 queen beds = 4 people, max 8 occupancy. Over 100 people may stay on site.

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

### ❖ Can you provide a price estimate or pricing guide?

**3 weekdays Rental | \$5,500 + 8 units rented for 2 nights** (For main event space and priority bookings of accommodations before general public)

- Best offer ever! Exceptional package for the main event building and all 80 acres. \*\*
- perfect for vacation time and wide selection of availability! Includes A/V equipment, high speed WiFi, and more.
- Full access to the Great Nest all day (end of the night in the building is 11pm)
- 3 days/2 night events with late check out and load out.\*
- Tent Pad access for all three days and a 40' x 120' Tent included (2022) – sides or extras are clients option/expense\*\*
- 4+ Ceremony Sanctuary options. After party Northern bonfire area
- One complimentary glamping tent (\$400 value)
- **reservation payment = \$4,000.** Final payment : \$1,500 plus any unrented units of the 8.

**3 day 'Weekend' Rental | \$10,000 + 8 units rented for 2 nights min.** (Friday – Sunday, 2 night minimum on accommodations)

- 3 day event\*. Can be Wednesday to Friday or any 3 days.
- Great Package for a weekend getaway and bonding; Friday reception party and after party, Saturday main event and after party, Sunday Brunch. Includes A/V equipment, high speed WiFi, and more.
- Full access to the Great Nest all weekend (Friday-Sunday or any 3 days). Thursday event set-up and rehearsal
- Tent Pad access for the weekend and a 40' x 120' Tent included (2022) – sides or extras are clients option/expense\*\*
- 4+ Ceremony Sanctuary options. After party northern bonfire area
- One complimentary Glamping tent (\$800 value). 10% discount on 2<sup>nd</sup> glamping tent, free late check out.
- Priority booking for all accommodations back to the previous wedding date until end of the February before your wedding.
- **reservation payment = \$7000.** Final payment : \$3,000 nine months prior to event plus any unrented units of the 8.

**5 or 7 day "1 week Event" retreat | \$15,000 + 8 units rented for 4 nights minimum** - Sunday to Sunday, full access

- 5 or 7 day events in the main building, The "Great Nest", Generally Sunday to Sunday but flexible.\*
- Nature staff will help develop a custom experience catered to your interests with local attractions
- Full access to the entire site, A/V equipment, high speed WiFi, and more. Event starts anytime during the week.
- Tent Pad access for the full week and a 40' x 120' Tent included (2022) – sides or extras are clients option/expense\*\*
- 4+ Ceremony Sanctuary options. After party bonfire unlimited unrestricted access [no fees for additional tent(s)]
- Two complimentary Glamping tents (\$2,600 value) 10% discount on all accommodations on site for all guests. Free late check out.
- Priority booking for all accommodations back to the previous wedding date until end of the February before your wedding.
- **reservation payment = \$10,000.** Final payment : \$5000 plus any unrented units of the 8

**10 - 14 day "2 week Event" - Full retreat | \$20,000** - Sunday to Sunday 2 weeks later, full access

- 10 - 14 day events in the main building, The "Great Nest", Generally Sunday to Sunday but flexible.\*
- Nature staff will help develop a custom experience catered to your interests with local attractions
- Full access to the entire site, A/V equipment, high speed WiFi, and more. Event set-up starts anytime during the week
- Tent Pad access for the full week and a 40' x 120' Tent included (2022) – sides or extras are clients option/expense\*\*
- 4+ Ceremony Sanctuary options. After party bonfire unlimited unrestricted access [no fees for additional tent(s)]
- One complimentary deluxe (\$3,900 value), staff housing with 15% discount.
- 10% discount on all accommodations on site for all guests. Free late check out. Priority Booking.
- **reservation payment = \$12,000.** Final payment : \$8,000

**Small "Elopement" Event - Single Day | \$4,000.** (Weekday's only or any day of low season November, Jan., March-May)

- Great package for the Big Day or a business lunch/dinner for 50 people or less
- 32 tents available with 2 queen beds each, 2 glamping tents (1 king or 2 queens).
- Full access to the Great Nest all day (end of the night in the building is 11pm)\*
- Rehearsal day available (must be coordinated with Nature and other events)
- Tent Pad access for the day and a 40' x 120' Tent included (2022) – sides or extras are clients option/expense\*\*
- 4+ Ceremony/Sanctuary options (great for break out groups and meetings), natural swimming pool ("pond") with beach.
- Includes one complimentary basic glamping tent, A/V equipment, high speed WiFi, and After party Northern bonfire access

\* additional rental days are priced at a flat rate of \$4,000 for access to all of the spaces

\*\* Tent, sides, and bistro lights included. Additional drapery and décor at an additional charge with external vendors.

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- What is your current availability for reservations?

## Available Weekends as of 1-11-2023:

### 2023 - Available weekend dates (Wednesday Wedding / 3 weekdays already booked in parentheses):

- **February, March, April**, : All
- **May: 19-21, 26-28**, Wednesday Wedding/ 3 weekdays available (Monday-Thursday)
- **June:** All weekends booked (Wednesday Wedding / 3 weekday packages available except 5-8)
- **July: 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30** (all weekday packages available)
- **August: 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27** (all weekday packages available)
- **September: 1-4, 15-17, 29-1** (some weekday packages available except 12-14)
- **October: 1, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29** (Potential public Harvest/Halloween festival)
- **November: All** (except 5-18 "full retreat" booked)
- **December: upon request** – depends on Holiday Festival program

### 2024 - Available weekend dates (Wednesday Wedding / 3 weekdays already booked in parentheses):

- **January, February, March, April**, : All
- **May: 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26** & Wednesday Wedding / weekdays available (Monday-Thursday)
- **June: [31+] 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, 28-30** (Wednesday Wedding / 3 weekday packages available)
- **July: 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28** (all weekday packages available)
- **August: 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 23-25, 30-31[+1]** (all weekday packages available)
- **September: 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29** (some weekday packages available)
- **October: 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27** (Potential public Harvest/Halloween festival)
- **November: All** (except 5-18 "full retreat" booked)
- **December: upon request** – depends on Holiday Festival program

[2025 – Available upon request (booking has started, some dates already not available)]

\* - denotes backup date. Waiting list available for all dates. Dates become available as soon as earliest booking date is observed.

\*\* - denotes temp hold deposit made. Interested party required to make full reservation payment and temp hold has 24 hours of right of first refusal to decide or full payment prevails. (See Reservation/temp hold question below.)

- Do you have a preferred vendors list?

Note that we allow any vendors of your choosing. Preferred Vendors have worked with/at Nature, had 5 star reviewed service on site, and succeeded in excellence having solved a difficult challenge. These are professionals that deliver no matter what – in our experience YMMV. They are not listed in any particular order and you are not required to use them and may use any professional vendor with pre-approval from Nature. Planners often can offer discounts on booking of other vendors, we recommend you hire one first after you have secured your venue.

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## Nature's preferred vendors list:

### **EVENT PLANNING & DESIGN** (an approved planner is required at Nature to maintain quality of experience):

Conradie Event Design (<https://www.conradieeventdesign>)  
 Orchestrated Grace ([orchestratedgrace.com](https://www.orchestratedgrace.com))  
 Paper Hat Weddings (<https://www.paperhatweddings.com/>)  
 Juniper & Lace ([juniperandlaceevents.com](https://www.juniperandlaceevents.com))  
 The Revel Rose (<http://www.therevelrose.com>)  
 Sincerely, Ginger ([sincerelyginger.com](https://www.sincerelyginger.com))

### **DESIGN & FLORAL:**

The Windflower Design Company ([www.windflowerdesignco.com](http://www.windflowerdesignco.com))  
 Bloom Floral Design (<https://www.bloomfloraldesign.com>)  
 Amy Kate Designs (<https://www.amykatedesigns.com>)

### **DJ's &/or SILENT DISCO:**

2Bay DJ's. (<https://2baysdjs.com/2bays-nature-rates/>)  
 They can do normal sound, DJ's, and/or Silent Disco. Silent disco with headsets also has normal amplified sound and is not mutually exclusive from a typical music set up. Silent Disco is the only amplified sound allowed for the after-party area. Silent Disco's show to increase guest experience +20% positively (no hoarse voice from screaming, no ringing ears, better age group integration, and guests stay longer and don't want to leave). See images page 22

### **TENTS, TABLES, Linens, CHAIRS, DECOR:**

Meggison Tents & Events ([www.meggisontentsnevents.com](http://www.meggisontentsnevents.com))  
 GJ's Party Rentals ([www.GJsrentals.com](http://www.GJsrentals.com))  
 Timeless event Rentals ([www.timelesseventrental.com](http://www.timelesseventrental.com))  
 Serradella Vintage (<https://www.serradellastyle.com>)  
 Event Theory (Traverse City location <https://eventtheory.com/>)  
 307 Events (<http://307events.com>)

### **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Nicole Geri Photography (<https://nicolegeriphotography.com>)  
 Josh Hartman Photography (<https://www.facebook.com/joshhartmanphotography/>)  
 Orchestrated Grace & Hitching post photo ([orchestratedgrace.com](https://www.orchestratedgrace.com))  
 Mae Stir (<https://www.maestierweddings.com/>)  
 Melian Photography ([www.melianphotography.com](http://www.melianphotography.com))  
 Ben & Joanna Law Photography ([www.benlawphotography.com](http://www.benlawphotography.com))  
 Photography by Scarlett (<https://photobyscarlett.com/>)

### **VIDEO:**

Ingalls Pictures (video shown at the end of the wedding. <https://ingallspictures.com/>)  
 Heart + Soul (<http://heartsoulfilms.com>)  
 Sculpting with Time Productions (<http://www.sculptingwithtime.com>)

### **CATERING** (All exterior Caterers must be approved by Nature):

Our outdoor kitchen – Serving meals, snacks, pig roasts, and catering. Outside chefs may rent this

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kitchen instead of tent. ([www.NatureMichigan.com](http://www.NatureMichigan.com)) please call for details/reservations  
 La Bécasse (world class cuisine) (<https://restaurantlabecasse.com/catering/>) only available at Nature!  
 Chef Henry Bisson ([www.smokeandporter.com/catering](http://www.smokeandporter.com/catering))  
 Broomstack Catering (<https://eatdrinkcurl.com/>)  
 Uptown Catering (<https://www.uptowntc.com/home>)  
 Grand View Catering (<http://www.grandviewcateringtc.com>)  
 West Bay Catering (<https://www.facebook.com/west-bay-catering/>)  
 Catering by Kelly ([www.cateringbykellys.com](http://www.cateringbykellys.com))  
 She bakes A Lot (wedding cakes) (<https://shebakesalotmi.com>)  
 Pigs Eatin' Ribs (BBQ etc [www.pigseatinribs.com](http://www.pigseatinribs.com))  
 Graze Catering ([www.graze-catering.com](http://www.graze-catering.com))

**ALCOHOL PACKAGES** – available with catering or advised through Bartenders.

#### **BARTENDING:**

Tonic and Lime (<https://www.tonicandlimemi.com>)  
 Soufrière Dining (optional stand alone Alcohol packages and/or Bartenders)  
 (<https://restaurantlabecasse.com/catering/>)

#### **Budtending:**

Options available with Dunegrass Dispensaries and private certified budtenders.

#### **GOLF CART RENTALS:**

On Site through Nature. Call to reserve. \$200 for 3 day minimum (normally \$100 day weekdays)

#### **Valet Services:**

Parking Solutions (231-645-4163)

#### **Hotels, Inns, Motels**

The M22 Inn – Empire aka Maple Lane Resort (Glen Arbor <https://www.m22inn.com/m22-inn-empire/>)  
 The Sylvan Inn (Glen Arbor [www.m22.com/sylvan-inn/](http://www.m22.com/sylvan-inn/))  
 M22 Inn – Glen Arbor ([www.m22.com/sylvan-inn/](http://www.m22.com/sylvan-inn/))  
 Foothills of Glen Lake (inexpensive option very close, a great breakfast [www.foothillsofglenlake.com](http://www.foothillsofglenlake.com))  
 Clarity House of Glen Arbor ( <https://www.airbnb.co.in/rooms/42275827> best rate by contact  
[ClarityGuestHouse@gmail.com](mailto:ClarityGuestHouse@gmail.com) @clarity\_guest\_house )  
 Little Traverse Inn (<http://littletraverseinn.com/>)  
 Sleeping bear B&B (<https://sleepingbearbedandbreakfast.com/>)  
 The Homestead, Leelanau vacation rentals, <http://glenarborcottages.com/>, VRBO, & AirB&B also.

- Does Nature only do weddings, business events, family reunions, and social events?

Nature is not just for weddings or business events – it is a resort for accommodations, meetings, and fun, both public and private. **We currently accept glamping reservations outside a wedding on our website ('book now' tab) or by phone.** Nature also hosts public events, activities, and festivals of its own design and ethos. See our Resort Activities page of our website. Bring your own tent or car camping is only allowed by phone call request.

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- What accommodations does Nature have on site - right now? Do you have any onsite activities or services??

Glamping (Basic & Deluxe), camping: 2 night minimum

**Camping** : Bring your own tent (or car) and supplies. Assigned space. Access to Spa level glamping locker rooms 24/7. \$50/night, 7 day package deals, no discounts. Access to full 80 acres, sanctuaries, trails, etc.

**Basic Glamping** : 25 Core 18' x 10' "Cabin" tents, 2 queen beds on 14" tall bed frame. 4 portable toilets roughly 50' away. Tents are paired near one another and that pair sits on 2-9 acres. (Guests are required to bring their own pillows, sheets, and comforter or sleeping bag. 1 "pod" per tent.) \$120 per night, 5+ day package deals. 24 tents currently available. 2 night minimum. Bring what you like to be comfortable.

**Deluxe Glamping** : 1 large 16' x 20' Safari style Canvas tent with King size bed, fold out couch (full size bed, very comfy), wood burning stove, chest of drawers for clothing, rugs, table and 4 chairs, end tables, private fire pit, outdoor chairs, and more on a platform deck – just across the street from spa level glamping locker rooms with two car parking. &

1 large 18' x 20' Safari style Canvas tent : same as above except with 2 queen beds and located 4 minutes walking distance from main building bathrooms. 2 nearby portable toilets (50'). Free transport by golf cart to tent to check in and check out. Features beautiful view over forest valley and near to the communal bon fire area. \$200/n Friday's & Saturday's, \$180/n Sunday – Thursday's. 5+ day package deals.

**Activities** – Every day from Sunday brunch - Thursday night in the "Great Nest" or main building/lodge. Music, yoga, games, DJ's, singing bowls, movies, campfires, Guest Chef pop-up dinners, or just hanging out at the beach of our swimming pond or playing some pinball with food and beverage. Check our website for our calendar and specifics. We also will have guided hikes, foraging lessons, storytelling, and culture events happening on site. Scenic bus tours of Leelanau County leaving from Nature also available. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> : Tuesday – Morning yoga and evening Singing bowls, Wednesday – Yoga Yin & Nidra, Thursday – Music & Open Mic, and Pop-up dinners with guest chefs. Every Sunday we have brunch at 11am and the last Sunday of the month we have a special Yoga Nidra event.

Golf Carts Weekend minimum is 3 days for \$300. This is the most fun way to get around the property and an effective way to shuttle groups around. Weekdays carts are for rent for \$100/day for 6 people. Extended stay discounts for 4+ days. Carts may include a one time global delivery fee to get them onsite.

Room and Board packages – Nature is now offering meals from its outdoor kitchen (quaintly referred to as the truck-less food truck). We offer Plant Based (Vegan & Vegetarian) & Omnivore meals – 3x a day. For 3+ day events we offer catering for the big event, welcome dinner meals, nibble plates for while people get ready, lunches (quick or fancy), Late night snacks by the bon fire, and brunches every Sunday (or whenever you like upon request). We have a special every day that is based on local, seasonal foods made from scratch. We also have some staples, but we can make any type of food that interests you.

Large Events – Coming Spring 2023; weekend public events (ex. Harvest festival, music festival, etc.)

Spa services – coming Spring 2023; massage, self care, & natural health education.

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Merchandise – practical, useful, artistic, local, & fun items for sale to enhance your experience or replace something lost.

- How much is the reservation payment? Or a Temporary Hold??

**First come first serve basis – if a particular date is imperative place a hold asap.**

Reservation payment of the total exclusive package cost is due for holding a license for a date. Remaining balance is paid 9 months in advance of the event date in high season (May - Oct) and 6 months in advance of low season (Nov - April).

Small Event/Wedding/Elopement - Single Day (non-exclusive) | \$4000.

-reservation payment is full price.

Wednesday Wedding 3 Day Rental 2021 | \$6,500

-reservation payment = \$5,000. Final payment : \$1,500 + any unpaid nights of the 8 minimum tent rentals

3 day 'Weekend' Rental | \$10,000

-reservation payment = \$7,000. Final payment : \$3,000 + any unpaid nights of the 8 minimum tent rentals

7 day "Event" - Full retreat | \$15,000 - Sunday to Sunday, full access

-reservation payment = \$10,000. Final payment : \$5,000 + any unpaid nights of the 8 minimum tent rentals

14 day "Retreat" - Full retreat | \$20,000 - Sunday to Sunday, full access

-reservation payment = \$12,000. Final payment : \$8,000 + any unpaid nights of the 8 minimum tent rentals

Reservation Payment purchases a 'license' for an event at Nature that is flexible in time, but also holds a date that can be rescheduled. Cancellations can only be made 9 months before, after that the event can only be rescheduled – **this payment is not a refundable deposit.**

For a **temporary hold on a reservation date** for one month for a specific available date is available at the discretion of the Director: \$300 **nonrefundable payment for the right of first refusal.** As business is first come first serve and we have high demand, we can help sometimes by offering a hold to give you a chance to decide. *If another client requests the same date and is prepared to pay the full 50% reservation payment immediately then the Temporary reservation holder will receive an email and phone call for the right of first refusal within 24 hours of the request. The \$300 applies towards the full reservation.*

Due to demand and the amount of time and work of managing that demand: Nature does not accept temporary or refundable deposits. Defaulted credits can be applied to another date or accommodations. Nature has the right to refuse a hold and generally only does this for very distant dates over a year away.

- What is your reservation policy ? What is the Quantum Superposition Reservation?

Quantum Superposition Reservation defined : "when a particular state or event (in this case your wedding) exists in multiple spaces and times at once until the state or event is observed. Once observed the event has a the classic single position in time and in space. (So the other times are freed up to other events)". Quantum Superposition is when something occupies multiple spacetimes at once until it is observed at a specific date (or time and space), then the other dates (spacetimes) are free – your reservation at Nature is like this ! You may rest easy that you can have a backup date that is available if needed and can make arrangements with Vendors in advance. You can't lose your event or investment protected in Superposition!

Once you make your reservation payment to hold your date – you may chose to reschedule to another date free of charge. We offer a free backup date to the available following shoulder season (dates

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outside of 2nd half of June to end of August) or a Wednesday (or other weekday) date in the peak season. Once the event has occurred the backup date will be released to the public immediately and available for events on waiting lists by priority and then general circulation. Choosing dates less than 9 months in advance are wide open and subject to availability.

- [What is your current pandemic, endemic, or COVID-19 policy ?](#)

We have returned to a new “normal”. All events are at your own risk and comfort level.

- [Is it true that no single day events are being sold in 2022 and onward??](#)

Our weekday 3 day package is the same price as our old single day price. Nature will not be doing single day large weddings in 2022 and afterward, they are fictitious, and we do not feel they work well with our ethos and mission. We are currently booking 2022 and have sold out our high season weekends 3 months early this year (2020) – but we are not planning on raising our prices currently. Nature **will do** small (less than 50 people) single day weddings, business events, corporate renewals, social gatherings (family reunions, SMERF, Memorials, ...), etc. Please inquire for these on a case by case basis, we can help.

- [What is Nature’s mission as a business and Ethos??](#)

To create a bonding experienced Unity between two families and groups of friends into one single family of support to your marriage and couple. To promote ecological consciousness in a non-political way and to develop Community. To have deeply bonding experiences in real life in nature that build you community of friends and family to support your relationships – in hopes you will continue to have family gatherings annually at nature or anywhere else. Also to support our community locally by food and events produced on our property. (ex. We plant a guild of trees for each event and these guilds combine to create a food forest that produces food for local food kitchens for people facing challenges and community gardens on site.)

Our Ethos is to celebrate life in a refined elegant way; virtuous leisure ([Otium](#)). Be free and as always Keep it Safe for everyone. This goes deeper, but we can explain more during a tour or phone call.

- [How do accommodations reservations or blocks work at Nature?](#)

If you have reserved a date or dates for a private event package then starting immediately after the payment you may start to reserve tents. Our online system will take bookings from your guests using a special link. They will choose the style they want, the duration of the stay, and any extra amenities. Guests have priority booking from Sunday (prior to the weekend) to Sunday. The exception is if a weekday event is booked then your guests will be limited to the weekend. But 98% of the time you may arrive early and enjoy the resort for the week prior. All guest booking must be completed by the end of February of the event year. Any un-booked accommodations left will be opened to the public in march but will be relegated to areas of the property that do not mingle with wedding.

If the hosts are holding an exclusive event (no outside guests on the 80 acre property) then all accommodations must have a 1<sup>st</sup> payment by the end of February of the calendar year of the event (starting for 2022) or a flat fee of \$7000 to rent all units for 2 nights (for 3 day events). After this right of first refusal if the amount of units rented is inferior then standard

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package rates apply for the Great Nest (listed above) to reserve exclusive access. Alternatively Hosts can elect to have a non-exclusive event where guests not involved with the wedding party may stay on site. The main wedding spaces will not be open to the public and all wedding rentals we be grouped in a way to have maximum privacy. We have done this many times now without any issues whatsoever.

Nature has agreements in place with our preferred local hotels and motels to fill any gaps necessary.

- How can we “do a hotel block” (group reservations) close to Nature but off site?

We have had many clients express unfamiliarity with how to book a block of rooms off-site for the people who want to stay off site. First off – they are crazy to not want to stay with us, unless it is full, and in that case it is simple. To help with large events we have established a set of preferred partners on local accommodations (listed below). Please contact Bryan (co-owner of Nature) to discuss options or just call our preferred hotels, motels, or inns. They will explain their packages and you can choose, place a deposit, and you are all set. An actual block does not particularly help or necessarily discount rates since these facilities fill up every year. If you choose instead to call up LVR, glenlakecottages.com, the Homestead, or AirBnB then you will not be able to do a block AND we would recommend not mentioning it is a wedding unless asked. There is a fear that there will be partying/drinking/inebriation and that guests will trash the place, so they wont want to rent to you. Please be sensitive and considerate of this for future guests and treat everywhere you rent with care and respect. We ask that the hosts of the events communicate this to there guests very clearly.

- Is your venue/resorts name just ‘Nature’ or ... what?

We are called one word simply : **Nature**. Not Nature michigan. Not Nature Michigan Retreat. Not Nature a Michigan Retreat. But like a rose by any other name - its all the same. Nature is our name and we are described as “in Michigan” or “A Michigan Retreat” – a description is not a name. We are named Nature because we love nature and promote ecological consciousness in a non-political way. We also help to create life-long lasting bonds in groups of people; developing community through bonding 2 groups of family and friends together into 1 group acting as a community of support to your marriage.

We think the best way to do that is to remove the obstacles and inconveniences of being in real life together without a screen and to bond with nature in an elegant leisurely way. (Otium) We hope you also discover something about your own inner nature while you visit and bring that renewed energy, vision, and love back home with you to those who did not visit and that it grows. You are always welcome back to renew all this anytime. After your married here, come back and visit the guild of trees we plant in honor of your event. Also we hope you contemplate your own nature while you are here or on a retreat or a renewal with us. What is your nature? What is your ultimate nature?? We are a *sandbox* to play in and a *foundation* of community.

- How is a reception typically set up at Nature?  
(i.e. venue set-up, tablecloths, dance floor, sound system, etc.)

Set-up is provided by vendors and planners. We are a custom event facility. No additional dance floor necessary (beautiful wood floor). No tables, chairs, or linens included. Sound systems are always

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included with bands or DJ's or officiants hired. We have a house sound system but no battery/generator system for ceremonies in the forest.

Guests use Outside vendors for other materials, furniture, or additional decor (see preferred vendor list) *We generally require a wedding planner to help with these logistics. We provide the scene and setting - many different spaces that you customize with rentals. We are designed for a custom event and are not a wedding factory that just does the same cookie cutter event for every client.* See preferred vendors list for wedding planners. Hiring one is the best money you can spend and makes the difference of you attending the wedding vs hosting a wedding. Imagine the difference between going to a party and hosting; a planner makes it so that you may go and attend – not fix problems for your “most important day”.

\*- A 40' x 120' tent is often included in the package price that is a better price than available if you rented yourself for your event.

- Does your venue provide catering, or do we need to find an outside caterer?

You may use hire or rent our outdoor kitchen & staff for snacks, meals, brunch – or an outside caterer. We have a catering assembly space and space for a “built out kitchen” for on-site cooking. See recommended caterers further in this packet. Room Service is available in Glamping tents with advance notice.

- Does your venue provide a bar package, or do we need to find an outside vendor?

As you prefer. We now offer optional alcohol packages through La Bécasse/“Soufrière Dining”. Our partnership with them maintains a high level of excellence and professionalism. Although they also offer bartenders and food catering you may also choose to hire outside bartending service like “Tonic & Lime” (who do not provide alcohol anyway) and with Nature’s partnership with Soufrière Dining we can handle all the alcohol to be purchased. You may also inquire with Nature about Cannabis based events and budtenders.

- Do you have parking on site?

Parking for 200 cars hidden from view. Up to 500 including our parking along our private access road. *We recommend an usher system (6 people) or valet service for the hidden parking.*

- Is there an outdoor space for our guests during the reception?

Yes, 80 acres of spaces. The immediate area of the building has many different spaces to use, as well as the rest of the property. Images on Instagram or Facebook should clarify this.

- Is there a food and beverage minimum?

No. This may change once we have a liquor license. You may use any provider of alcohol and use any TIP certified server (most restaurant workers have this and it can be learned in 1 day online). However there is a \$300 minimum for Nature’s outdoor kitchen being on standby for your guests (for over 30 people).

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- Is there an option to host the ceremony on-site?

Yes. 4 different sanctuaries of your choice (three of them for 250+ people, 1 for small groups)

Note: The 3 sites in the Forest (northern 40 acres) require people to walk 5 minutes to the High Sanctuary or After Party Space or 7 minutes for the Forest Sanctuary or transport. Golf carts available for rent. Optional Nature officiant (the owner – see below) included in every package. *You can have the ceremony at a different location (Church, beach etc.) and come here for the festivities.*

- What would be the price estimate for the ceremony and officiant?

Ceremonies are included with all packages. But standalone is \$800-1000 (Officiant is free with any package, but a tip is customary.)

***Nature can officiate your wedding!*** Bryan (Co-Owner of Nature) is an officiant, has studied with an advanced degrees in comparative religion/mysticism, seminary, and psychology; he has performed weddings for every faith and orientation. He is a Yogi, specialist and lecturer on Mysticism, Dzogchen, [Nondualism](#) (Western and Eastern). Bryan can recommend books to read for couples communications, chemistry and energy (keep the flame), and non-denominational spiritual contexts of Love. (Feel free to ask for these even if someone else is doing the ceremony – 😊).

- Are there separate dressing areas for each half of the couple?

Luxury powder room (professional make up mirror, private toilet, hook for dress...) The main lobby space transforms into your own spa space.

Glamping bathrooms and well being room are also available different teams getting ready (Include showers/changing rooms, toilets, lockers)

*Glamping baths have a separate entrance from the Bridal team. One group will usually wait in the lounge/rec room on the mezzanine while the other bridal team finishes getting ready (includes 2 modern pinball machines and another children's area). The couple does not have to see one another before the ceremony.*

- How do people typically get to the forest ceremony sites?

People walk on the trail or rent our 5 passenger (+1 driver) golf carts. Ex. 6 carts are advised to transport 250+ people back and forth (**about 1 cart 5 passengers per 30 people**). No cars other than golf carts are allowed in the forest except for vendors to set up chairs, tents or decor at the ceremony sites or after party space. Additional carts may be arranged. Golf cars are an upcharge of \$200 per cart for 3 day minimum. Additional carts may include a delivery fee to get them onsite.

- If the ceremony is outside, would there be an alternative option in case of inclement weather?

Plan B options are under the reception tent, another tent rented for that purpose or in the Great Nest. Generally weather is very predictable a couple days before and in the unlikely event of a summer rain; it usually rains for a short time and is done. Most planners will have a solid plan and flexibility in a schedule to adapt to weather the day before or day of even.

Nature is your sandbox to imagine, design, and create in.

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*We would recommend a tour, virtual or IRL to get the full picture. If you have more questions, please feel free to call us directly 231-709-3838 or Bryan @ 314.504.0203*

For more images please see the social media links below.

[https://www.instagram.com/nature\\_michigan](https://www.instagram.com/nature_michigan)

<https://www.facebook.com/NatureMichigan/>

<https://g.page/NatureMichigan?share>



**Northern Forest and Southern Glade of Nature and surroundings (Sleeping Bear Dunes, Glen Lake, Glen Arbor, Crystal River, Lake Michigan, Manitou Islands, Forest & Meadow**

Main Room with tables



East view of main rooms with bar area from mezzanine/recreational room (150 people)

**King size bed glamping tent (1 unit)**



**Pictured with 253 seats**



**Large Tent (40' x 120'), beach, swimming pond (14 ft deep)**



**Southern Glade ceremony space (next to main building)**



**High Sanctuary with 110 people**



Facing west

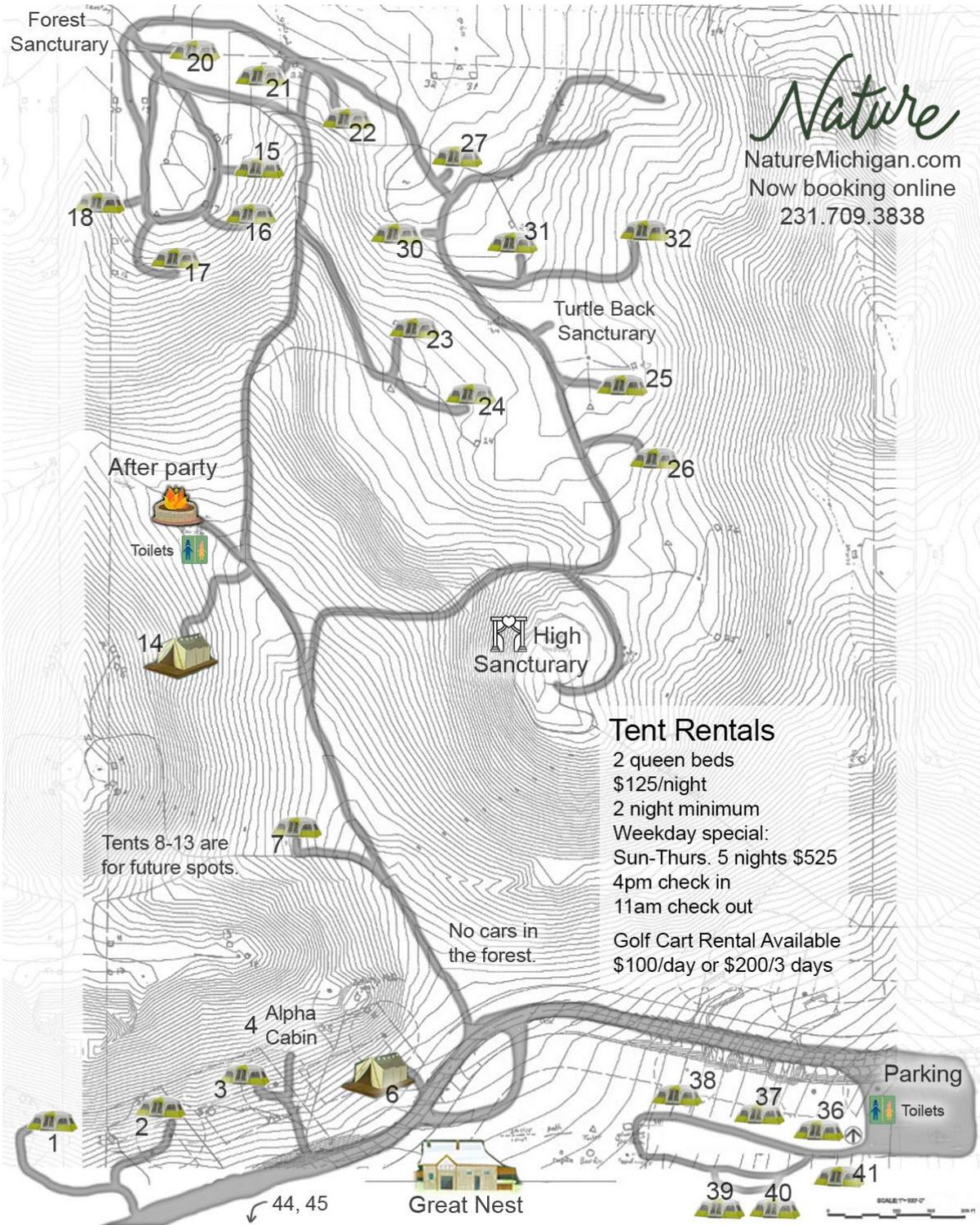


The after party and bon fire area. No time limit for guests



**Main Entrance and Accommodation Locker, showers, & toilets entrance**

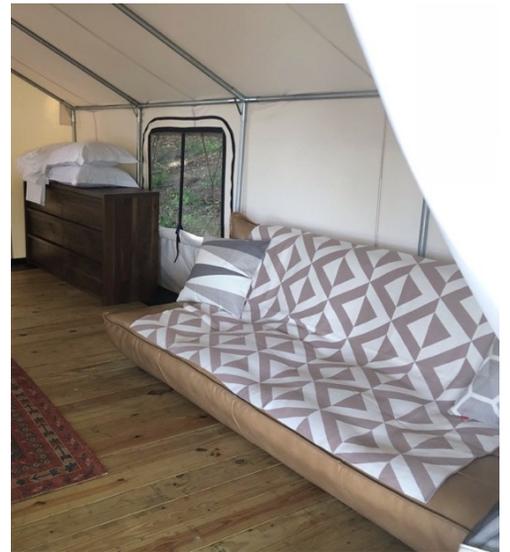
Map of Accommodations on site



Tent 6 pictured above in photos king size bed and full size, Tent 14 is available with 2 queen size beds. Cabin 4 is finishing but does not have toilet/shower. Currently 32 glamping tents available with cabins in construction.

Cabins are located on the southern 40 acres "Meadow" and out of view of the main building aka "The Great Nest"

King Size Deluxe Glamping (tent 6)



Tent 14 2 queen beds below





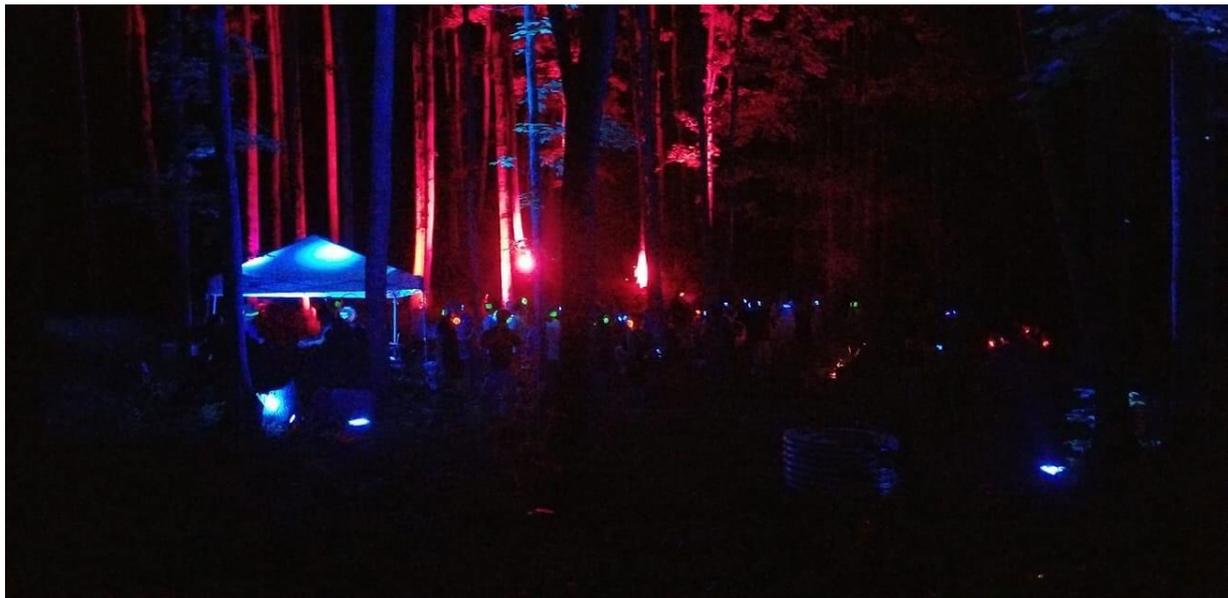
**A wedding ceremony at the “Forest” Sanctuary (physically distanced 2020)**



**A wedding during/with pandemic rules – It was a lot of fun !**



Silent Disco and Fall Colors !



Silent Disco in northern bon fire and after party area in the forest under the Milky Way

Deluxe in Fall and Basic Glamping tent

