Bear Paw Adventure's Wedding Venue

ALASKA WEDDINGS

INFORMATION SHEET

Located at Anchor Point, Alaska, the Gateway to Kachemak Bay
On the World-Famous Alaska Kenai Peninsula

Congratulations on your coming marriage. We are happy to offer our homestead property to you for your important event. You made an excellent choice in deciding to have your ceremony in the healthy, fresh, and clean Alaska environment. We are in a natural, rural area, away from the commercial influences and distractions you might find with city-based venues.

This is the place where a couple can focus on their love for each in a natural venue.

In addition to a wedding venue, we offer honeymoon packages for you and tours for your wedding guests.

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YOUR ALASKA WEDDING

You decided on an Alaska wedding venue. Good choice!

Alaska! The largest state in the USA. The last frontier. The Great Land. Just the word Alaska and the mind fills with the thoughts of clean, healthy air and images of icy glaciers, wildlife, beautiful mountains, pristine coastlines, and so much more. What a place for two people to pledge their marriage vowels to one another, form their covenant and start a new life as one – joined together as one. What God has joined together let no man put asunder.



Immersed in the clean Alaska outdoor air, this couple makes their promises of love, binding each other together. It happened at the Wonder Venue at Bear Paw Adventure, Anchor Point, Alaska

Plan a beautiful wedding at Bear Paw Adventure's Wonder Venue on the Alaska Kenai Peninsula and you will be surrounded by nature's wild beauty. The bride and groom and the wedding guests will have opportunity to enjoy the wonders of the Alaska Kenai Peninsula. Honeymoon packages and adventures for the wedding guests can be provided for you by your venue host.



Alaska view, photo taken on the drive from Anchorage to Anchor Point. This is God's country!

THE WEDDING VENUE – THE WONDER

When you choose this venue, your, rehearsal, rehearsal dinner, wedding, and reception can all take place in this unique structure called “The Wonder”. It is an open structure with a clear roof that lets in lots of light and the sun’s warmth. Six large, arched entrances provide plenty of egress. Occupancy inside the Wonder is limited to 125.





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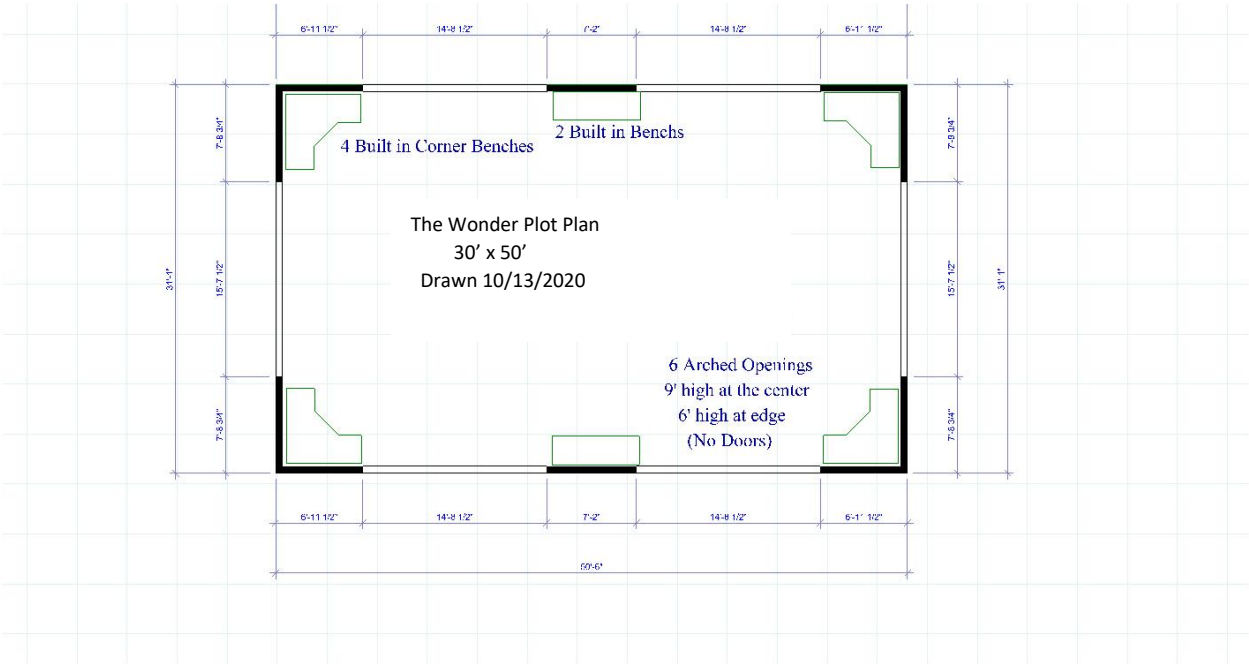

You will be amazed at the detailed craftmanship in The Wonder.

Specifications

Structure*: The Wonder is a pavilion-type structure, open of all four sides and rectangular shaped. It is located on Lot 18 Camai Subdivision, Anchor Point, Alaska*

Dimensions*: 30 feet by 50 feet inside. (1500 sq feet)*

Height: *10 feet at outside walls, 15 feet in center of the structure (4/12 pitch roof)*

Number of Stories*: 1*

Occupancy*: Intended to be used for events:*

Type of Construction*: Concrete, steel reinforced curb foundation, frame construction.*

Interior Finish*: Wall sections are painted exterior grade plywood with built in tables in the corners.*

Roof: *2x8 rafters with 2X6 cross braces, log ridge and log purlins, covered with clear Lexan Panels that provide great lighting and warmth inside the structure.*

Floor*: soil and gravel cover with artificial turf matt.*

Exit Facilities*: All four sides of the structure have large, arched opens, permitting egress through six large openings.*

Electrical Systems*: None (power available from nearby building)*

Fire & Safety*: A fire & safety review of the wonder has been completed and approved by the Alaska State Fire Marshal.*

Bear Paw Adventure's all-inclusive Alaska wedding package brings together our signature outdoor venue, The Wonder pavilion, on-site lodging in two of our premium log lodges, and the homestead property's scenic photo locations, all under one straightforward venue charge. Explore everything included and current pricing below.

THE ALL-INCLUSIVE ALASKA WEDDINGN PACKAGE INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING

INCLUDES

- Use of our unique pavilion, The Wonder, for rehearsal, rehearsal dinner, wedding, and reception
- Indoor space for day-of ceremony preparations in the **Bear Den Vacation Home** and in the **Captain Cook Lodge**
- Access to the beautiful homestead property with picture-perfect photo spots, including a reflection pond
- Firepit with firewood
- Conveniently located nearby restroom building with running water
- Refreshments/bar area
- Gravel parking area for guests
- Recommended vendors to help you pull together the perfect wedding
- Bride & Groom head table along with tables and chairs for guests, and serving tables
- Cake table
- Wedding aisle markers
- Linens
- Flowers, hanging baskets and in-ground
- Propane space heater with fuel
- Sound system with Bluetooth streaming & wireless microphones
- Outdoor decor lighting
- Use of our premium log home, **Bear Den Vacation Home**, as a bridal suite and overnight accommodations for two (Up to seven additional guests may stay in the Bear Den, at an additional cost)
- Use of our premium **Captain Cook Lodge** as indoor space for the groom and his party and overnight accommodations for two (Up to six additional guests may stay in the Captain Cook, at an additional cost)
- Beach volleyball court
- Mosquito control

Additional items you may choose to add:

- Catering for dinners (cost will be like restaurant charges)
- Day of Coordinator
- Addition Day use of the venue and lodging in Bear Den and Captain Cook
- Additional Lodging nights or buildings (we have capacity for up to 29 guests)

THE BRIDAL SUITE

A Bridal Suite is a special area for the newlyweds. At this venue, it is hidden in a uniquely Alaskan log building, called the Bear Den, situated on our property, about 30 yards from the Wonder venue structure. Although the Bridal Suite is a separate area in the Bear Den, the entire Bear Den building is exclusively for the use of you and your wedding party during your event.



The Bear Den and its Bridal Suite is for your exclusive use during your event.



The Bear Den is a fully equipped log vacation home with 2 full baths and beds for 9 guests. The bed count includes 2 queen beds, and 5 twins. The building is equipped with Wi-Fi and USB internet access. The first floor has a full kitchen, breakfast bar, and dining table. The big family room has leather-recliner furniture, a log entertainment center, HD flat screen satellite TV, and a foosball table. Also on the first floor is a laundry room with large capacity washer and dryer and a library area with 3 work or play stations. The piano is in the front entry room.

Upon entrance to the Bridal Suite area from the Bear Den's family room, you first step into as small entry room that connects the family room with the bedroom chamber and the bridal suite's bathroom. There is a fourth door that opens to outside and to a raised deck where the couple can enjoy their morning coffee, breakfast, evening cocktails and meals in the fresh, clean, Alaska air - as they watch for moose that may be waking by. This small entry room also serves as an Alaska Native culture area where a few educational cultural exhibits are displayed.



Bridal Suite Bathroom

The bedroom is a carpeted room with its east-facing wall full of windows with blackout blinds that can be raised or lowered and opened or closed. The queen-size bed has a comfortable mattress and silky, satin sheets to lie on, with four pillows and a warm comforter.

The bedroom also has a large, lighted mirror, makeup table and chair, and a hanger rack for wedding dresses. You will also find bottled water, snacks, emergency kit, extra chairs, and a steamer.



The Bear Den is included with your use of The Wonder venue

Bear Paw Adventure is a unique Alaskan lodging and adventure service, located on the west side of the Alaska Kenai Peninsula near historic Anchor Point. This area is well known for scenic beauty, and for exciting Alaskan outdoor adventures. This is a family business owned and operated by John Ogle, Sr; and by John Ogle, Jr and Leo Ogle who live on site year-round. Beginning in 2021, Bear Paw offers a unique outdoor wedding venue service where couples can make their wedding promises in a clean, healthy, open Alaska environment. Our staff will be "At your service" during your event.

AT YOUR SERVICE - MEET YOUR HOSTS.



John Ogle, Jr., will be your host. He is the builder of The Wonder and all the other structures and improvements you will see on the property, including the Bear Den where the Bridal Suite is located. John has lived in Alaska since 1986 and has 5 children. He is a carpenter, log furniture and log cabin builder, and a retired commercial fisherman and sports fishing guide. His hobbies include all the Alaskan outdoor adventures including gold prospecting and gardening. He also enjoys sailing in Florida and the Bahamas in the winter months. John has hunted and fished much of Alaska and is a valuable resource for guests seeking advice about fishing or what to see in Alaska.



John Ogle, Sr. is the reservations and pre-check in information contact for this family business. John enjoyed working as a professional engineer in the Chemical Industry, primarily in Hydrocarbons and Energy production and on Environmental projects before joining John Jr. in this exciting Alaskan adventure. His hobbies include Alaska outdoor adventures, photography, and gardening.



John (Leo) Ogle is the onsite jack of all trades. Upon graduating high school, Leo decided he wanted to take on the legacy of the family business. Since then, he has lived onsite and has worked as host, cabin maintenance, carpenter, and more! Leo is an avid fisherman and enjoys clamming and shrimping when he has the opportunity.

Sophie Wettach-Ogle works behind the scenes with Bear Paw completing administrative tasks. Growing up on the Bear Paw property, she has gone on to college, traveled the world, and became an accomplished pediatric nurse living in Oregon. Sophie enjoys exploring the beautiful scenery in Alaska through hiking, camping, fishing, and kayaking. She holds the distinction of being the first to be married in The Wonder. Sophie is one of our two Wedding Specialist and available to help you as a day of the wedding coordinator.





Corinne (Ogle) Henderson is also providing administrative services for the Bear Paw operation and will serve you as a day of the wedding coordinator. Corinne has received her bachelor's and master's degrees and is currently teaching high school agriculture and welding in Alaska. During the summer Corinne sometimes works as a Bear Paw Adventure guide - accompanying guests on their adventures as a local expert. Corinne's favorite Alaskan adventures include hiking, fishing, visiting unique Alaskan locations such as glaciers, and berry picking.

Wedding Service Vendors

After you make your venue reservation, a complete list of trusted local wedding service vendors will be provided. The list is intended to cover all aspects of your wedding, although you need not apply all the functions to your event. Service areas listed will include:

• Photography	• Hair	• DJ/MC
• Video	• Makeup	• Beverage
• Wedding Cake	• Catering	• Event Rentals
• Wedding Officiant	• Floral	• Lodging



On the overlook of Alaska's Cook Inlet waters – photo taken after their wedding in the Wonder.

About Bear Paw Adventure

- We are certified as sustainable tourism by Alaska's only such certification program (Adventure Green Alaska)
- Three members of our staff are certified by Travel Alaska as "Alaska experts".
- Three of our staff are Alaska-born (Homer) &
- Three of our staff are Alaska Residents.
- We are a Long-time member of the Homere Chamber of Commerce, Alaska Travel Industry Association, Travel Alaska, Visit Anchorage, and the Homer Bed and Breakfast Association.
- Our lodging property is listed on Expedia, Booking.com, Vrbo, and Airbnb, as well as on our own website – www.bearpawadventure.com. Please book lodging directly with us from our website or by phone. That will avoid added fees and save both you and Bear Paw money.
- We are licensed to operate by the State of Alaska, business licenses 715850 (Bear Paw Adventure) and2221300 (Alaska Outdoor Destination Weddings)
- The Wonder (our venue) has undergone a plan review and has been approved by the Alaska Office of the State Fire Marshal.



YOUR WEDDING GUESTS

Wedding guests are an important element of your wedding. They come to your wedding because they love you, and they are witness to the promises you speak. Bear Paw Adventure's wedding venue goals include making certain that your guests have a most enjoyable and memorable experience in attending your event. Your wedding guests and the other members of your wedding party are important to us.

Lodging for your guests: We invite your guests and the members of the wedding party to stay with us in our unique, first-class log homes. In total, we can lodge up to 32 people in our four buildings.



The Captain Cook Lodge



Kitchen at the Wise Old Hunter Lodge



Moose Cabin Entrance



Bear Den Family Room

Please visit our website for information about our lodging. After you make your venue reservation, we will provide a **discount code** for your guest that they can use in our online system to make their reservation. Or they can call us at 979 415 4627.

Do you have more than 32 guests to lodge? No problem. Call us and we will set them up in nearby trusted accommodations.

Activities for your Guests: There are countless fun-filled Alaska adventures available in the area. These include fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, kayaking, ATV rides, horseback riding, marine tours, and much more. See our website and the next section of this paper for more information about these fun-filled adventures. We will be happy to set up the tours your guests want. All they need to do is call us at 979 415 4627 and we will take it from there, booking them with trusted tour operators on excursions that we are experienced with.



Enjoy a wide range of Alaska adventures, including this guided horseback ride. Photo courtesy of Bardy's Trail Rides.



HONEYMOON & ADVENTURES FOR THE WEDDING GUEST

Here is an idea! After you "Tie the Knot", jump right into a Honeymoon package prepared just for you by Bear Paw Adventure. There are lots of options and can include whatever you want.

Here a few of our defined adventure packages, which are also listed on our website. These are available for your honeymoon or for your wedding guests to enjoy. The packages have a minimum number of nights stay to complete the activities. We will modify any of these plans to meet your needs.

Excitement in the Last Frontier Available June 1 to September 15. Minimum 5 nights stay. This package that will get you close to some of Alaska's most exciting wonders. All the following adventures are included:



- **Bear Viewing** – includes a scenic float plane ride across Cook Inlet with awesome views of the Alaska Range, active volcanoes and glaciers. Get up close to the coastal brown bears of Katmai.
- **Kenai Fjords Marine Tour** – Cruise the Kenai Fjords in a comfortable catamaran and see whales, seals, sea otters, puffin and other sea birds, glaciers and the rugged coast of the Fjords. Salmon and prime rib lunch included.
- **Guided Hiking and Kayaking** – ride across Kachemak Bay for guided hiking through old growth forest and glacier moraine and kayaking among the sea otters, eagles and sea caves.
- **Fossil & Rock Hunting** – explore the Anchor Point beach on your own and collect interesting rocks, fossils, and shells.
- **Lodging** - Your choice of either the Captain Cook Lodge, the Wise Old Hunter Lodge, the Bear Den Vacation Home or the Moose Cabin.

The Serious Fisherman Available May 1 to September 15. Minimum 5 nights stay.
This package includes:



- Two days on Cook Inlet fishing Halibut & Salmon
- One full-day bank fishing for salmon or trout on a nearby river with an experienced bank guide
- **Lodging** - Your choice of either the Captain Cook Lodge, the Wise Old Hunter Lodge, the Bear Den Vacation Home or Moose Cabin.

Alaska Hiking & Riding Tours Available June 1 to August 31. Minimum 5 nights stay.



This package includes:

- Full Day of Guided Hiking & Kayaking across Kachemak Bay
- ATV Wildlife Viewing Tour - 3 or 4-hour Adventure
- Iditarod Sled Dogs Cart Ride - 1.5-hour Ride
- Horseback Riding – 2-hour guided adventure
- Lodging - Your choice of either the Captain Cook Lodge, the Wise Old Hunter Lodge, the Bear Den Vacation Home or Moose Cabin

Individual Adventures: You may not want to book an adventure package but instead want just to do one or more exceptional tours or adventures. We can do that too. You can choose any activity included in the above packages, or other adventures such as flightseeing, a helicopter flight to a glacier for a sled dog ride, have lunch on top of Augustine Volcano (an active volcano), or fish for salmon, trout, or halibut (wade fishing, saltwater, river float or power boat, and flyout options).

Interested? Check with John at 979 415 4627 for more details about the activities. He will book your package or individual adventures for you. ***It is so EASY***!

Your wedding and reception is in the Wonder – Perfect! Now how about an optional honeymoon package with fun-filled exciting adventures to round out your Alaska experience. Great adventures can also be set up for your wedding guests. All of these are carefully selected to match your interests, time available and budget.

CONTACT AND RESERVATIONS

John Ogle, owner and reservations contact at Bear Paw Adventure. **979 415 4627**

To explore some of your wedding reservation options Bear Paw Adventure To request information, email: alaska@bearpawadventure.com or call 979 415 4627.



Bears at Katmai National Park



Nearby small boat harbor





Campfire pit with
driftwood benches


Gold sluice















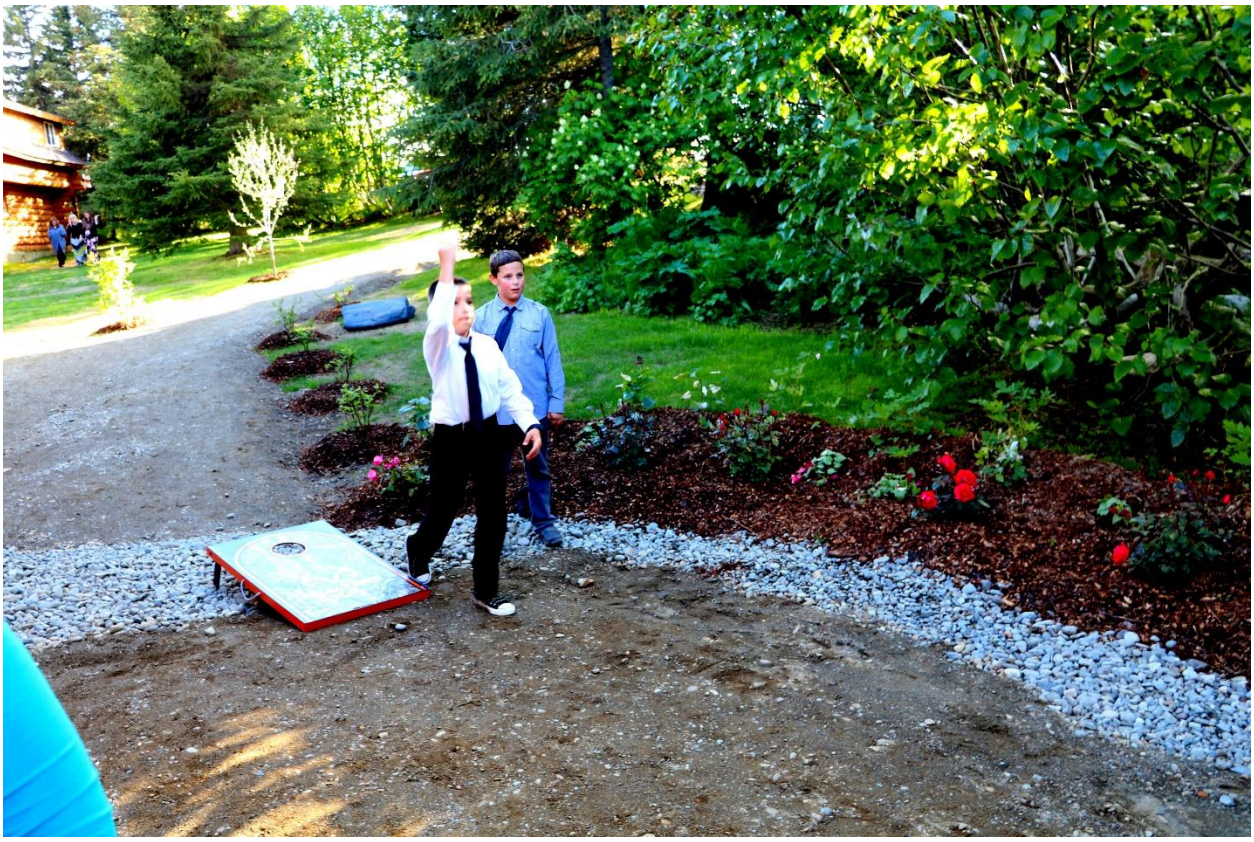



John Jr & Daughter Corrine (day of coordinator)



View of the Wonder and Reflection Pond



Refreshments and Food Serving