



Wedding FAQ

What are the steps to secure my wedding date & venue at Semiahmoo Resort?

Upon selection of your wedding date and event space, a contract will be prepared by your Sales & Events contact. A non-refundable initial deposit and signed contract are required to confirm your wedding date. Your event must be paid in full prior to your wedding date, per the individualized deposit schedule detailed in your contract.

How long do I have access to the space? What time do vendors have access to the venue to set-up?

You have access to the event venue for a total of nine hours, including three (3) hours of set-up, one (1) hour of tear down, and five (5) hours of event time. If you or your vendors require additional set-up time, please speak with your Sales & Events contact.

What is included in my facility rental?

Included in your facility rental are both your ceremony and reception venues, as well as house event chairs, round tables for reception, white linen, three (3) complimentary votives per table, and extra tables for your guest book, gifts, place cards, and cake.

What facility fees and taxes are applied to my event? Do the fees and taxes go towards my food & beverage minimum?

The food, beverage and miscellaneous prices quoted are subject to a 23% facility fee and applicable Washington state sales tax, currently at 8.7%. Facility fee and tax does not contribute to your food & beverage minimum.

Can I secure a guest room block for my guests? Is there wedding guest room rates?

A variety of options are available to secure onsite accommodations for your guests. Please speak with your Sales & Events contact for more information.

What are the parking options for my guests?

Complimentary self-parking is available for all event guests.

What type of décor is allowed in the venue?

You may bring in décor to personalize the venue for your special day. Please keep the following decorating rules in mind: no nails, tape, tacks, or other adhesive that could damage the walls are allowed. Hanging or staging of decor and specialty lighting will require additional labor fees. Linens in a variety of specialty fabrics are available for rent. Semiahmoo can also assist in arranging for rentals of specialty chairs.

Can I bring in candles?

Semiahmoo provides three (3) complimentary votive candles for your reception tables. You are able to provide additional candles for your event space. Adhering to fire regulations, all candles must be in a holder or votive glass that extends at least one (1) inch above the flame. Taper candles are not allowed.

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Can I book a menu tasting before my wedding day?

A group tasting showcase is offered each spring for our wedding couples to experience our culinary team's expertise and our locally sourced menus. The cost of a ticket to the showcase is \$75 per guest and will feature our most popular food and beverage selections, plus a chance to meet some of our local vendor partners. Please speak with your Sales & Events contact for additional information and dates.

Does Semiahmoo provide wedding cakes? Is there a cake cutting fee?

We recommend local bakeries which can be found on our Preferred Vendor list. The cake cutting fee is complimentary in our wedding packages. Semiahmoo does not provide wedding cakes. If you are interested in something non-traditional for your wedding dessert, please inquire with your Sales & Events contact.

Is there a designated place for the bridal party to get ready?

With plenty of comfortable seating, natural light from windows overlooking the water, and a private bathroom, our hospitality suites are perfect as a getting ready room before the big day. Please speak with your Sales & Events contact to discuss availability and applicable rental fees.

Can I have a wedding rehearsal?

Please arrange with your Sales & Events contact to schedule your one (1) hour ceremony rehearsal for you and your wedding party, to be directed by your wedding planner or day-of coordinator and your officiant. Rehearsals are based on availability. Time and space are confirmed up to two (2) weeks prior to your wedding date.

What is the role of my Semiahmoo Resort contact?

Your Sales & Events contact will help plan the details of your wedding as it relates to Semiahmoo Resort.

- Contract and secure your event space, date, and any guest room needs.
- Arrange and collect all deposits.
- Facilitate planning process for all venue details, including menu selection, floor plan and set-up requests, rental needs, and timeline planning.
- Prepare an Event Order detailing the specifics of the event and collect all final charges.
- Act as the onsite liaison between the Semiahmoo event operations team.

Does Semiahmoo provide day-of coordination? Who is my contact on my wedding day?

Semiahmoo Resort does require all onsite weddings to hire a professional coordinator or planner for the rehearsal and day-of coordination. Refer to our Preferred Vendors List for recommendations on dedicated day-of coordinators and wedding planners. This individual would be responsible for:

- Provide rehearsal and ceremony coordination
- Design and set-up of items such as placecards, menus, and all tabletop or additional decor not provided by the venue
- Act as onsite liaison and main point of contact for the venue, and handling all vendor communication

May I bring in vendors of my choosing?

For outside vendors, a certificate of liability insurance is required. All vendors on our Preferred Vendors List meet this requirement. A liability release waiver will be sent to all vendors for signature prior to arrival on property.