

Summit Chalet at Lutsen Mountains



Uniques

Surrounded by Lake Superior, Lutsen Mountains and the North Woods, the Summit Chalet is a place that takes your breath away.

With 100-mile views of Lake Superior and the Superior National Forest, and the casual elegance of the chalet and the Summit Express Gondola ride, it's an experience that you will treasure forever.

Celebration

After an outdoor ceremony overlooking Lake Superior, our chalet's warm and festive ambiance welcomes the bride and groom, and all of their guests inside for a memorable celebration. The Summit Chalet accommodates groups up to 175. After the mountain top festivities guests will transition to the Papa Charlie's After Party.



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Planning

The staff at Lutsen Mountains wants to make planning your event part of the fun! We will help you plan out the timing and details of your event, making the entire process as stress-free as possible. You will be the guest of honor on the day of your event, and the Lutsen Mountains' staff will exceed your expectations by providing you and your guests with excellent and thoughtful service.

To schedule a site tour or discuss plans for your celebration contact our group sales department.

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Reviews

We love Lutsen and knew we wanted our wedding there...and the Summit Chalet was perfect for us! Our guests loved the gondola ride ("so unique") and the view was incredible from all areas of the deck! The food was very good and the staff was excellent to work with! Also, the gondola ride down at the end of the night is unforgettable! Complete darkness with a sky full of stars. You won't get a change to do that again!

If you want a unique wedding that your guests won't forget, this is the place for you!

Jena and Steve, bride and groom

My husband and I are very happy with our choice of ceremony and reception at the Summit Chalet. It was an unforgettable and unique experience for us and all of our guests. It was key that a coordinator was provided by Summit Chalet's management and was available throughout the planning process through the end of the wedding day. It was also really great that the coordinator organized an open house event the Fall prior for all couples to be married the following year. I would recommend this venue to any couple searching for a unique wedding experience.

Laura and Rafe, bride and groom

Read more reviews on [TheKnot.com](https://www.theknot.com)!

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Summit Chalet Services

Rehearsal Assistance

Your facility coordinator will be onsite to answer questions and help direct the positioning of the wedding party during your rehearsal.

Gondola ride to the Summit Chalet

A truly unique experience, your guests will enjoy the panoramic views as they are brought up the mountain via our Summit Express Gondola. This is a per-person line item charge on the event invoice.

Outdoor Ceremony overlooking Lake Superior

Use of our outdoor deck and included ceremony items: arch, aisle carpets, ceremony chairs, sound system and set-up/take-down.

Reception Space

Our indoor space accommodates up to 175 guests and includes: tables, chairs, table & stem ware, staffing, sound system and set-up/take-down.

Linens & Skirting

A Summit Chalet event includes white linens, skirting, and napkins. Additional options available for an additional fee.

Outdoor Decking

As the evening commences our outdoor deck is transformed into a relaxing space with cocktail tables and a fire pit for enjoyment throughout the night.

Wedding Weekend Basecamp

Eagle Ridge Resort

Compliment your mountaintop wedding with mountain view accommodations at Eagle Ridge Resort! Within walking distance to the Mountain Tram and Papa Charlie's, Eagle Ridge Resort is the perfect basecamp for you and your guests. With a number of unit styles available from studio units to multi room condominiums, the resort is sure to have something to fit each of your guests' needs.

When booking in your room block guests will receive a 10% discount off of the nightly rate with a two night stay, or we offer 3 nights for the price of 2 based on our standard rate.

To book in your room blocks guests will inquire with Eagle Ridge Resort directly by calling 800.360.7666.

Eagle Ridge Resort does have a two night minimum for weekend stays including in a wedding block. Rooms booked online at eagleridgeatlutsen.com or online travel agencies cannot be applied towards the Facility Fee Discount..

Papa Charlie's Restaurant and Tavern

Located at the base of Moose Mountain, Papa Charlie's is the perfect spot to host a variety of your wedding weekend events.

Our Upper Deck is available with an advance reservation for rehearsal dinners and offers a variety of menus to suit your tastes. Rehearsal dinners are schedule for a 6p guest arrival with dinner service beginning at 6:30p. This space is exclusively yours until 8p and includes a private bartender for the event.

The Papa Charlie's After Party is automatically included as a part of your wedding weekend. Food can be pre-arranged for your after party with our group sales department.

Can I set up a site-tour of the facility?

Absolutely! Even after booking we are happy to have you and your planning crew up to view our amazing facility. We have lodging available at Eagle Ridge Resort and encourage you to make a whole weekend out of it! We do ask for you to make an appointment in advance so that we are able to assist you with your tour.

What is the maximum capacity at the Summit Chalet?

The Summit Chalet accommodates up to 175 guests, with a guest minimum of 50.

What is included in the Summit Chalet Rental Fee?

We provide the set-up of the facility for the reception and ceremony (arrangement of the tables and chairs), white linens, tableware, house sound system, and staffing.

What is the closest lodging facility?

Eagle Ridge Resort is your wedding weekend base camp! The resort is located at the base of the mountain and is within walking distance to all of Lutsen Mountains' amenities. Your guests will receive 10% off of a 2 night stay (2 night minimum on weekends) OR 3 nights for the price of 2 based on our standard rate.

What is the facility fee discount?

When your group stays at Eagle Ridge Resort, each room booked in your wedding block will earn you a discount off of the facility fee up to 30%!

How do our guests arrive at the Summit Chalet?

Your guests will arrive at the Summit Chalet by way of our Summit Gondola. This truly unique ride provides panoramic views of Lake Superior and the forest around us as they are brought up to the summit of Moose Mountain.

What is your back-up ceremony location in case of rain?

In the event of rain you may choose to move your ceremony indoors.

Is the Summit Chalet handicap accessible?

Yes, ramp-ways are provided at both the base and top of the mountain for the ease of your guests.

What is the decorating policy at the Summit Chalet?

Couples are responsible for their own decorating and all decorating must be done in adherence with our timelines. Candles are allowed but must be in a holder. We DO NOT allow confetti or floating Chinese lanterns and sparklers only on a case by case basis dependent on fire conditions. All decorations do need to be boxed up at the end of the evening and can be picked up the following day.

Are there other linen options available?

White linens and skirting are provided for your Summit Chalet wedding, but we do have black or ivory linens and skirting available for a surcharge as well as a variety of napkin color choices to compliment your day.

Do you have recommended vendors?

Yes, we have a list of tried and true vendors who have serviced multiple weddings at the Summit Chalet. Our recommended vendors are fully accustomed with working within the logistics involved with a mountain top venue. Couples are welcome to have vendors on the list, we do have vendor policies which must be signed by vendors not on our list.

When do we have our rehearsal?

A rehearsal will typically take place the day prior to your event. Rehearsals will be scheduled with your facility coordinator based on all weekend events on site.

What about our rehearsal dinner?

Our Upper Deck at Papa Charlie's is a great choice if you are looking to host your dinner onsite. Bookings can be made through your facility coordinator.

What is the Papa Charlie's After Party?

Once your guests arrive back to the base of the mountain the party can continue at Papa Charlie's. After Memorial Weekend live music may be in full swing upon arrival, and if not we will be playing our house radio or you can plug your iPod/iPad right into our system. We also have a variety of after party menu options from Pizza Parties to our Pub Grub menu, which are available for advance purchase, that we can have set up and ready for your guests. The upper deck can be reserved for your group, there is no facility fee as the facility is open to the public. After Parties are strictly 21+.

When do we have our food tasting?

Each fall we host the Summit Chalet Open House weekend. On the Friday of this event we do an informal welcome at Papa Charlie's for you to meet our staff and try our Pub Grub menu options. On the Saturday we host the open house at the Summit Chalet where you will be able to connect with area vendors, do a tasting of a portion of our Tier 2 Buffet options, and tackle some of the items on your wedding checklist. The open house is open to both booked and interested couples as well as their family and friends. An incredibly affordable weekend getaway!

The Summit Chalet Open House is the only available option for tastings.

Do you have any timeline suggestions?

We have put together a timeline for your whole wedding weekend. Our timelines have been put together based on our experience with our mountain top venue to keep an enjoyable flow throughout the weekend for you and your guests. Our ceremony time is at 5p.

Is there someone to assist me with planning my wedding?

Yes! One of our facility coordinators will assist you with all of the details for your Summit Chalet wedding. Your coordinator will assist you with deciding your menu and bar selections, coordinate set up details and make sure your day runs smoothly. Keep in mind that your Summit Chalet Facility Coordinator is not responsible for booking outside vendors and is not responsible for any décor set up at the ceremony or reception sites the day of.

What is your deposit and payment schedule?

A \$1000 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of contract signing, this deposit is applied towards your event balance. Upon confirmation of contract and estimate of charges will be put together for the customer based on their approximate number of guests and based off of the Tier 2 menu food option; 90 days prior to the event date 50% of the estimated amount is due. Final selections and numbers are due four weeks prior to the event date, the Pre-Event remaining balance is due two weeks prior to the event.