



WADSWORTH MANSION
AT LONG HILL

It is the most special day of your life. It is the day you have thought of often and now it is approaching and you have but one opportunity to make this day yours.

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Where do you want the rest
of your life to begin?

THE QUINTESSENTIAL COUNTRY ESTATE

Framed by formal landscaping and 100 acres of wooded parklands, the historic Wadsworth Mansion is the quintessential country estate. Constructed at the turn of the century, its style is reflective of the gilded age when the art of entertaining was perfected.

Gracious in its historic elegance and exclusive in its setting, couples can create an unforgettable experience for their family and friends.





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CEREMONIES

Choose between the vista, framed by century-old cedars, or the secluded Tennis Pavilion, enclosed by a rose trellis, and your ceremony will be just steps away from your reception.





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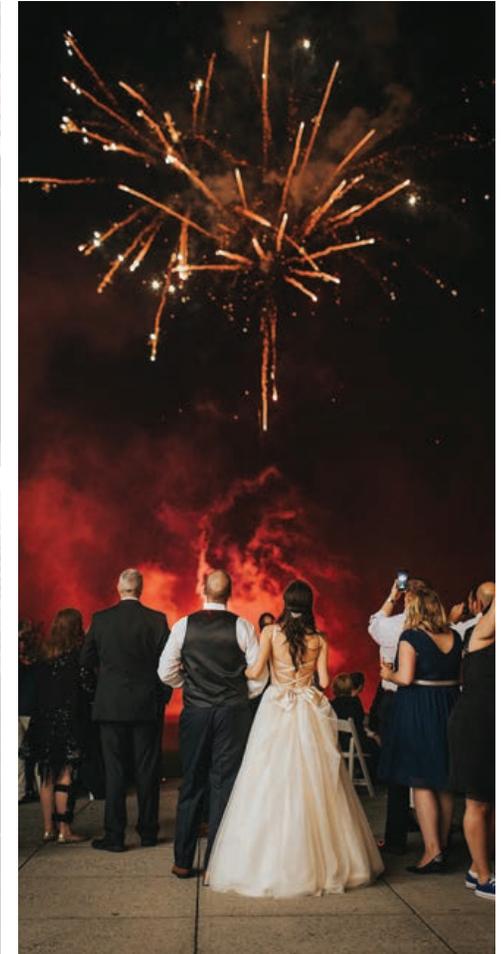
DINING

Guests seated under dimly lit chandeliers will feast on a delicious menu created by you and your caterers. The ballrooms are individually decorated and have working fireplaces. Each ballroom boasts an intimacy that will make you and your guests feel at home.



MINGLING & MERRIMENT

The Italianate facade of the building is a majestic background for our patio. Many newlyweds dance their first dance under the stars, and guests gather here for cocktails and dancing.





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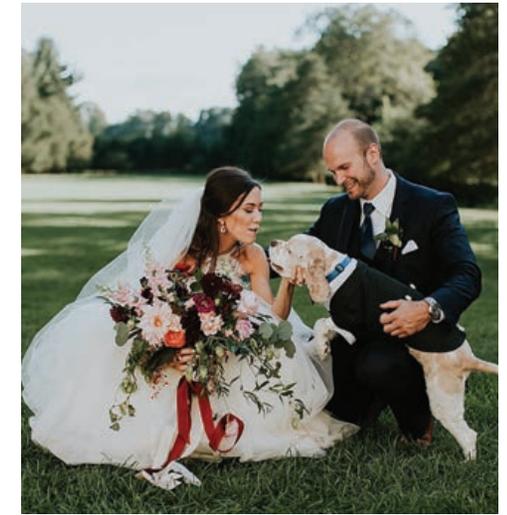
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Feel the grandeur of a Wadsworth Mansion
wedding: intimate, elegant, and unique

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THE ESSENTIALS

- The Mansion hosts only one event each day
- The Mansion can comfortably accommodate up to 200 guests for a seated event and larger numbers for cocktail parties with minimal seating
- The patio may be tented, and with multiple-day mansion rental, the lawn can be tented for large outdoor events
- Choose the time you want your event to begin
- Select the caterer of your choice from our preferred list
- On-site ceremonies
- Bride's Dressing Room
- Full catering kitchen
- Air-conditioned
- Working fireplaces
- 103 acres of manicured grounds and parklands
- Tables, chairs, and dance floor provided
- Mansion supervisor present throughout the event
- Fully accessible to people with disabilities
- Reduced midweek and off-season rates
- Free on-site parking
- Many nearby hotel accommodations
- Centrally located in Connecticut and only two hours from New York and Boston

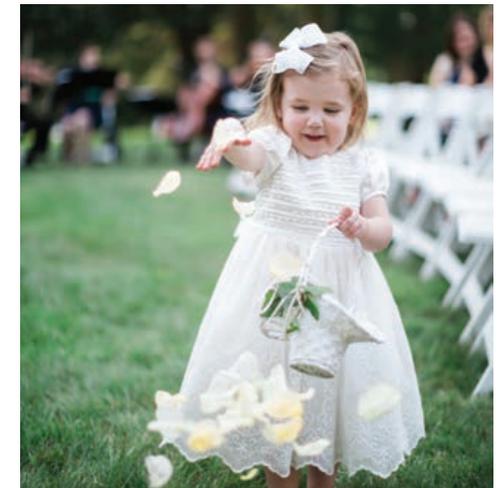


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HISTORY

In 1900, three years after his marriage to Katharine Fearing Hubbard, Colonel Clarence S. Wadsworth began creating "Long Hill" in the rolling hills of western Middletown. Working with the nationally renowned Olmsted and Sons landscape architects of Boston, he acquired 500 acres and transformed the land into a traditional working landscape with pastures, orchards, and forests. The New

York architecture firm of Hoppin and Koen designed a mansion on par with the "cottages" of Newport, Rhode Island. For over 30 years, Long Hill was the center of ceremonial life for the Wadsworth family. In 1934, a thousand guests escorted by the governor's foot guard celebrated the wedding of the Wadsworths' son, Julius, and his wife, Cleome, at Long Hill.



After the Colonel's death in 1941, a portion of the land was willed to the state of Connecticut for use as a public park. In 1947, the estate was sold to The Religious of Our Lady of the Cenacle, and for nearly forty years the estate was a retreat for shelter, meditation, and religious instruction for those who visited. The property became known as the "The Cenacle" and is well remembered by many citizens of Middletown. During this era, several parcels of land were sold off, and the estate was reduced to its current 103.5 acres.

The Religious of Our Lady of the Cenacle sold the property in 1986 to a developer, who then sold it to another developer. As the fortunes of the developers waned and a bank took ownership, both land and buildings fell into decay, vandalism and overgrowth. The plight of the estate was taken up by preservationists who urged the City of Middletown to salvage the remains. Finally, in June of 1994, Long Hill Estate became the property of the City of Middletown.



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