

Say “I Do” At Slippery Rock River Ranch

A Bridal Veil Lodging Wedding Guide



AN INTIMATE RIVERSIDE CELEBRATION.

WELCOME TO YOUR WEDDING WEEKEND



Tucked along the Dolores River in the heart of Colorado's Four Corners, Slippery Rock River Ranch offers the setting couples dream about when they picture a mountain wedding: 36+ private acres, a private 1,100+ foot stretch of the Dolores River, and mountains on every horizon. If you're considering the ranch for your big day, here's everything you need to start planning.

THE VENUE

Slippery Rock River Ranch is a riverside retreat built for gathering — the "Confluence" main lodge anchors the property with a chef's kitchen, dining area, and game room, surrounded by rustic-modern bunkhouses, a barn apartment, and riverside glamping tents. It's an intimate setting best suited to smaller, close-knit celebrations rather than large-scale receptions.



Just down the steps from the main lodge, a large open field spans half an acre. along the Dolores River. This field is the natural spot for the wedding ceremony itself. A ceremony platform and tents may be installed.



Scan the code to preview the ranch and ceremony grounds.

Or visit bridalveillodging.com/properties/slippy-rock-ranch

A FEW THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK:



3-night minimum stay



Maximum of 12 guests on-property



Waiver form required for all bookings



No RV parking on the ranch, however Priest Gulch RV park is 0.6 miles up the road.



Access to fly fishing on-site, and hiking, mountain biking, and skiing nearby



Contact Bridal Veil Lodging directly at admin@bridalveillodging.com or (970) 973-7054 to confirm ceremony capacity, vendor policies, and event fees before locking in a date. Our team is here to help!

GETTING THERE

AIRPORT OPTIONS:

- Telluride Regional Airport — about 39 miles from the ranch
- Cortez Municipal Airport — about 41 miles from the ranch
- Durango–La Plata County Airport — more commercial flight volume, about 84 miles and 1.5 hours away

We highly recommend arriving at the ranch with personal transportation or a rental vehicle. While nearby attractions are within a short drive of the ranch, you will need a car for access.



GUEST LODGING

Since the ranch itself only sleeps 8–12, most couples set up a guest lodging list or room block in the surrounding towns:



Telluride (~55 minutes from the ranch) Travel to the ranch via Highway 145 over scenic Lizard Head Pass. Reach out to the Bridal Veil Lodging team — we're happy to help coordinate your group's lodging across our available properties.



Cortez (~45 minutes from the ranch) Holiday Inn Express Mesa Verde-Cortez, Hampton Inn Mesa Verde/Cortez, and a handful of Wyndham properties (Baymont, Days Inn, Super 8), plus independent cabins and B&Bs.



Mancos (~51 minutes from the ranch) The Mesa Verde Motel — a lovingly remodeled boutique motel with a bar, fire pit, and guest lounge. Mancos also offers fun daytime activities for guests, including an arts district, Fenceline Taproom, and Mesa Verde National Park.



Dolores (closest option, more limited inventory) A handful of vacation rentals and cabins, plus Dunton Hot Springs nearby for guests wanting a luxury splurge.



Durango (~1.5 hours from the ranch) A good basecamp option for guests who want more restaurants and nightlife alongside their stay, plus Durango Hot Springs Resort & Spa for post-wedding R&R. Durango is famously known for its scenic 45.2-mile route through the remote wilderness of the San Juan National Forest between Durango and Silverton.

DINING

For rehearsal dinner, consider whether to host it on-site at the ranch's main lodge or in town. Telluride has many spectacular options that our concierge team can advise on. If you want something with a bit more local character than a standard restaurant, a few options stand out:

- **The Prospector** (Rico) – A culinary gem run by esteemed Chef Eamonn O'Hara. Chef Eamonn is former Executive Sous Chef at Hotel Bel Air in Los Angeles, California, where he worked with world renowned chefs such as Wolfgang Puck. The Prospector offers contemporary modern American cuisine with heavy emphasis on local organic meats and produce with a distinctively regional flair.
- **Dolores River Brewery** (Dolores) — a laid-back beer garden and brewpub known for wood-fired pizza and live music, and the closest brewery option to the ranch itself.
- **Mancos Brewing Company** (Mancos) — a small-town taproom that works well for a casual, come-as-you-are gathering.
- **Sutcliffe Vineyards** (near Cortez) — if you'd rather pour wine than beer, a working local vineyard with tastings and event space.
- **Fenceline Cider (Mancos)** – a small-town cidery with craft ciders and wines and beautiful river-side patio for gathering and live music.

For grab-and-go breakfast, Rico's **Fireweed Cafe** has become a community gathering spot with excellent espresso, baked goods, savory breakfasts, and reliable wifi. And, don't overlook the **Dolores Food Market** on the main street of Dolores – a local favorite known for its deli spread and scratch-made pies.



Catering

Local caterers serving the Cortez/Dolores area include South Mountain Provisions and Backcountry Catering.

If you'd like a Telluride-based team to make the trip, Chef Honga Im (as seen in the New York Times, In Style, 5280, Ski Magazine) or Mountain Top Catering are worth contacting.

BACHELOR & BACHELORETTE WEEKENDS

Telluride makes an easy home base for a pre-wedding celebration before everyone heads to the ranch. **Reach out to Bridal Veil Lodging's concierge team for tailored recommendations and support on planning your bachelor & bachelorette weekends.** Some things we can help with:

- A guided scavenger hunt through downtown Telluride
- A spa day
- A picnic gathering by the river
- Guided fly fishing
- Private off-roading / 4x4 tours through the surrounding mountains
- Colorado's best-known Via Ferrata course is right in Telluride, for the adventurous group
- A ride up the free gondola followed by dinner in town for something easier-paced
- The drive to the top of Bridal Veil Falls itself (4x4 recommended) makes for a scenic, photo-worthy outing

Have questions about extending your Telluride stay with BVL around your wedding weekend? We're happy to help coordinate your group's lodging before and after the big day.



A FEW MORE THINGS TO PLAN FOR

- **Guest transportation:** if guests plan to stay off property, a shuttle or van service for wedding day is worth arranging.
- **Weather backup:** afternoon thunderstorms are possible during the summer months— ask the ranch about their rain-plan option. The ranch field is a great location to set up tents.
- **Marriage license:** ceremony location determines the filing county, so confirm requirements with Montezuma County (where Dolores is located) ahead of time.
- **Guest communication:** cell service can be spotty through the canyon between Rico and Dolores (although service at the ranch is good) — a simple info sheet with driving directions, road conditions, and local essentials goes a long way.

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