

A Marsin Wedding

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“We had an idea to get married at the Marsin Nature Retreat, but for a long time we fretted about space. Where would we have the ceremony? How would we cater? How many guests can we invite?”

It turned out that Marsin was exactly right for what we wanted: a small wedding that felt more like a family reunion than a reception-hall extravaganza. With a tent and chairs set up in the lawn right along the water, we took pictures with the Ranger III passing by in the background (they even honked for us!), prepared from-scratch cupcakes with the help of friends, set up a buffet in the sunroom, and even got a surprise visit from a neighborhood dog during the ceremony! There was plenty of space for our 80-or-so guests to chat, eat dinner, play lawn games, and celebrate.

Many of our guests hadn't been back to the U.P. in several years, and some had never been to the area at all -- it was wonderful to be at Marsin and showcase the Keweenaw and KLT's efforts to keep our region beautiful!”

Marsin can be used as a wedding event, especially for people who want nature to be in attendance.

KLT recommends Superior Rental for a tent, and you may need extra portable toilets. If you plan on holding a wedding and a reception at Marsin, we recommend no more than 75 people. If just the wedding at Marsin with reception elsewhere, we recommend no more than 175 people. Space for 50 cars is available so carpooling may be necessary for bigger groups.

You are welcome to check out the place. Our property manager, Curtis Perala, can show you around with an appointment.

We recommend a donation of \$125 per day of use. We do not provide cleaning services so you will need to include time to set up and clean up after your wedding.

If you decide Marsin may be a fit for your wedding, then email us at marsin@keweenawlandtrust.org.