

Dear Friends and Family:

Welcome to Vermont! Thank you so much for traveling to be with us for our wedding weekend. We hope you will enjoy the beautiful Green Mountains as much as we do.

The rehearsal dinner, wedding and reception will all take place at Mountain Meadows Lodge. The rehearsal dinner is at 6:30pm on Friday followed by a bonfire and s'mores, and the wedding is at 5:30pm on Saturday followed by dinner and dancing. Here are some suggestions for filling the time between events:

HIKING: Todd and I strongly recommend a walk on the Appalachian Trail! The AT can be most easily found by walking towards the lake at Mountain Meadows. Wander in either direction, just follow the white blazes!

About 2.5 miles to the south is Maine Junction, where the Long Trail and AT split. From Maine Junction, turn around and follow the AT .1 mi to the blue-blazed Deer Leap trail, which leads south to the Inn at Long Trail. Have lunch or a beer at the pub. From the Inn, follow the blue-blazed Sherburne Pass Trail north to its junction with the AT, then take the AT north back to Mountain Meadows.

Mountain Meadows provides a short guided hike to a waterfall on Saturday morning beginning at 7am. Please sign up at the front desk by 10pm on Friday.

SWIMMING, BOATING, ETC: Spend the day at Mountain Meadows swimming in Kent Pond. We brought frisbees for the lawn and some board games in case of rain. Canoes and kayaks are available, as well as a games room. Don't miss Alice the pig and her barnyard friends.

WOODSTOCK: Twenty minutes east on Rt. 4 is the charming town of Woodstock. This quintessential Vermont town offers lots of dining and shopping opportunities.

RESTAURANTS: Inn at Long Trail makes an excellent breakfast in their dining room, and the attached McGraths Irish Pub offers shepherd's pie, Guinness stew and other pub fare, plus Guinness on tap. You might even come across some AT and LT hikers. How can you tell? You'll know right away! Inn at Long Trail is just a few minutes west of Mountain Meadows on Rt. 4. (800.325.2540)

We haven't tried it, but the Long Trail Brewing Company is just east of Mountain Meadows on Rt. 4. They have a restaurant and offer beer tastings. (802.672.5011)

East of Woodstock on Rt. 4 is the Quechee Gorge. Just east of the gorge is the Farmer's Diner which serves diner fare made primarily of locally raised meats and vegetables (802.295.4600). West of the gorge is the lovely restaurant at the Simon Pearce Mill overlooking the river (802.295.1470).

Please let us know whether you have any questions at all. With much love,

Haidee and Todd

Alcohol is not permitted to be brought onto the Mountain Meadows property. Smoking is not permitted in the buildings or on the balconies.