

Weddings at Duke Homestead



Duke Homestead State Historic Site
2828 Duke Homestead Road
Durham, NC 27705

MAKE HISTORY

Your wedding day is a big moment in your personal history. Choose Duke Homestead State Historic Site as your venue to infuse your wedding with Durham history. Duke Homestead preserves the original home and early tobacco buildings of Washington Duke, whose family went on to found the American Tobacco Company and create the Duke Endowment.

The fee you pay to rent Duke Homestead goes directly toward site operations, helping us to preserve the past and serve the public.

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

Weddings at Duke Homestead leave room for couples to make it their own. We provide a beautiful space and you provide the rest! Choose the vendors, décor, and overall flow & style that best suit you.

Included in your rental are the outdoor grounds (historic and “modern”) and access to the Visitor Center kitchen and restrooms.

THE ESSENTIALS

Below are the basics of renting at Duke Homestead. To find out more or reserve your date, contact Jessica Shillingsford at jessica.shillingsford@ncdcr.gov or (919) 477-5498.

COST

Cost is determined by hours rented.

- Public Hours: \$100 per hour
- Non-public Hours: \$150 per hour

Renting during public hours means that you may have site visitors walking through the grounds, visiting the Tobacco Museum and Visitor Center, using the restrooms, and touring the historic area on a guided tour.

Rental hours for an event must include setup and clean-up time for both the support services (caterer, florist, musicians, etc.) and the event party members (wedding party). Rentals are billed hourly, any partial hour will be charged as an hour. If wedding vendors, wedding party, guests, or other involved parties remain past the agreed upon rental time, additional charges will be added to the final bill.

To reserve Duke Homestead, you must provide a 50% payment deposit and \$250 security/damage deposit, both payable to Duke Homestead. If cleaning and/or repairs to the property are required after the event, the amount will be deducted from your damage deposit. The remainder will be returned to you within 4 – 6 weeks after your event. If

costs for repairs and/or cleaning exceed the amount of the damage deposit, you will be billed for the balance due.

Final payment is due no less than 1 week before the event. Any additional charges billed must be paid within 30 days of the event.

CAPACITY

Duke Homestead can accommodate parties of 150 people.

With arrangements for offsite parking, the site can accommodate up to 300 people.

AVAILABILITY

Duke Homestead is available for weddings Tuesday through Sunday, 10am – 12am (midnight).

All amplified music and alcohol service must end by 10:00pm.

Dates must be reserved no less than 45 days in advance.

CONTACT

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