

Weddings

A Special Venue For That Special Occasion



RIVER VALLEY
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Restore, Rejuvenate, Re-Create, Regenerate

Welcome to River Valley - a truly one of a kind wedding venue for those with an adventurous spirit or a love of nature and the outdoors.

River Valley was originally founded by the family on the genuine dream of sharing the remarkable landscape and the river that makes up the Rangitikei District. The dream lives on through now four generations of family, and committed staff. On the river there can be over 80 years of guiding experience amongst the senior guides.

Why Choose River Valley?

We are a small, family run business and this allows us to offer you a more personal service. We want to help you make your wedding a memorable experience, and understand that everyone is different. We can offer you exclusive use of the venue, allowing you to personalise things to your needs. And if you have any special requests, we will work with you to tailor make the wedding you've always wanted.

River Valley is a truly unique and exclusive venue, providing deluxe accommodation, Farm-To-Table food, and a range of adventure activities. A River Valley wedding will be different to anything either you or your guests have ever been to before and the memories will last a life time.

Is River Valley The Venue For You?

River valley is not your 'main stream' (pun intended) wedding venue.

Does the idea of planning a traditional wedding give you stage fright? Especially when you could be planning something fun like your next adventure together? Well, why not combine the two! If you love the outdoors and adventures, and want to incorporate this into your wedding, then River Valley could be the perfect venue.

To help you decide if River Valley is right for you, we put together this handy quiz...

Do you want a small, intimate wedding?

We can only seat up to a maximum of 90 people in the lodge, perfect for an exclusive, intimate and cosy wedding. A small wedding can still be a big celebration but less stressful and less expensive!

Will your big day be ruined if your wedding dress gets dirty?

River Valley is a great venue if you are an 'outdoorsy type' and have a love of nature. If the thought of getting your shoes or dress dirty on the big day worries you then perhaps this is not the right place for you. We want people who will make the most of the location - the river, waterfalls and native bush right on our doorstep make an amazing natural backdrop for wedding photos.



Are you up for an adventure?

How many of your friends can say they went white water rafting, or horse riding when they got married? Our wedding package includes a free adventure activity for the bride and groom - a great way to test your relationship! We encourage you to get your friends and family involved too!

Are you a 'viewer' or a 'doer'?

Due to our remote (but beautiful) location, we do not have cell phone coverage at the lodge and rural WiFi is temperamental. River Valley is not the right choice if you're hoping to spend your wedding day posting photos on Instagram, or updating Facebook.



Our Wedding Package

Cost: \$12,800 (Inc GST)

Exclusive Hire

Our exclusive venue hire means you will have River Valley all to yourselves from 3pm the day before your wedding, until 10am the morning after. Unlike other venues you will have exclusive use of the entire lodge, grounds, and all the facilities.

The Package

Planning a wedding can be a stressful time, so we wanted our package to be as simple as possible, and include everything you'll need to get started - just choose a date!

The Package Includes:

- Your wedding ceremony and reception at River Valley.
- Exclusive venue hire from 3pm the day before your wedding, until 10am the next morning.
- All our deluxe ensuite accommodation for 2 nights (11 rooms).
- A 3 course dinner with a complimentary drink for the wedding couple on both nights.
- Cooked breakfast for the wedding couple on both mornings.
- A gourmet bridal hamper (on request).
- An adventure activity for 10 people. Choose from our grade 5 white water rafting, scenic rafting, e-bikes, or a Burn The Breeze horse trek.
- Complimentary use of our spa and sauna facilities.

What Is Included In The Venue Hire

A lot of wedding venues these days will try to charge you extra for anything they possibly can. We don't believe in that, and want our venue hire to be simple and value for money. Below is a list of what our venue hire includes, and if you have any additional requests we are happy to help you with these...

- Exclusive use of the grounds and facilities from 3pm the day before your wedding to 10am the day after.
- Provision and management of staff to be of service to you throughout the time.
- Use of furniture, equipment and accessories.
- Table cloths and cutlery (although we can't guarantee all the cutlery will be matching!)
- Complete room set up and clean up after the wedding (excluding styling items, that's up to you).
- Ceremony bench seating for up to 27 guests
- Signing table and chairs for the ceremony.
- Use of our sound system including microphone (which can also be set up outdoors).
- A complimentary shuttle for wedding photos (within an 8km radius)
- A bridal hamper for the wedding party, if requested.
- Complimentary tea and filter coffee during the set up (you'll probably need it!)

What we won't charge extra for (but some places do!)...

- Playing your own playlist
- Taking photos on our property and using our beautiful natural backdrop.
- Toilet paper, or using a certain number of toilets.
- A table and a knife for your wedding cake.
- If you want to hire your own marquee and set it up on the grounds (as long as you put it up and take it down!)
- An administration fee for us communicating with your wedding planner, florist or guests.

What we do charge extra for (but highly recommend)...

- Food and beverages (we are a licensed premises so you cannot BYO)
- Hire of horses or rafts for the ceremony
- Music played down into the valley
- Additional people taking part in activities (10 people included in the package)
- Any additional accommodation not included in the package.



The Menu

At River Valley Lodge we celebrate our Farm-To-Table style cooking. Our on site vegetable garden (River Valley Acres) compliments almost all of our dishes, ensuring freshness, taste and nutrition.

Our wedding dinners consist of three courses of freshly prepared dishes made on site, with seasonal produce from our gardens. Most dietary requirements can be catered for with notice.

In winter the huge open fire provides an ideal atmosphere for any occasion.

Our food and beverage team will be delighted to work with you on the catering for your wedding. Our wedding catering costs \$85 per head (\$38 for children), for 3 courses. This includes platters served after the ceremony, followed by family style main and desserts. We also include a hamper for the bridal party (on request) to enjoy while getting ready or for photos.

Our sample menu, and bar menu, is available on request, or on our website, and our catering team are happy to work with you to create a custom menu.

**The minimum spend across our catering is \$2000*

The Bar

Our licensed 'Fulcrum Pit' bar serves a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, from New Zealand wines to craft beers, ciders and spirits. You are welcome to pay as you go at the bar, or set up a tab for the group.

As we are a licensed premises **you cannot bring your own alcohol** but if you have any drink preferences for your event please let us know, and we will endeavour to accommodate them where possible.

**The minimum spend across our bar is \$2000*

Please note: All refreshments and catering for the function are to be purchased through River Valley, unless prior arrangements are made with management.

Accommodation Options

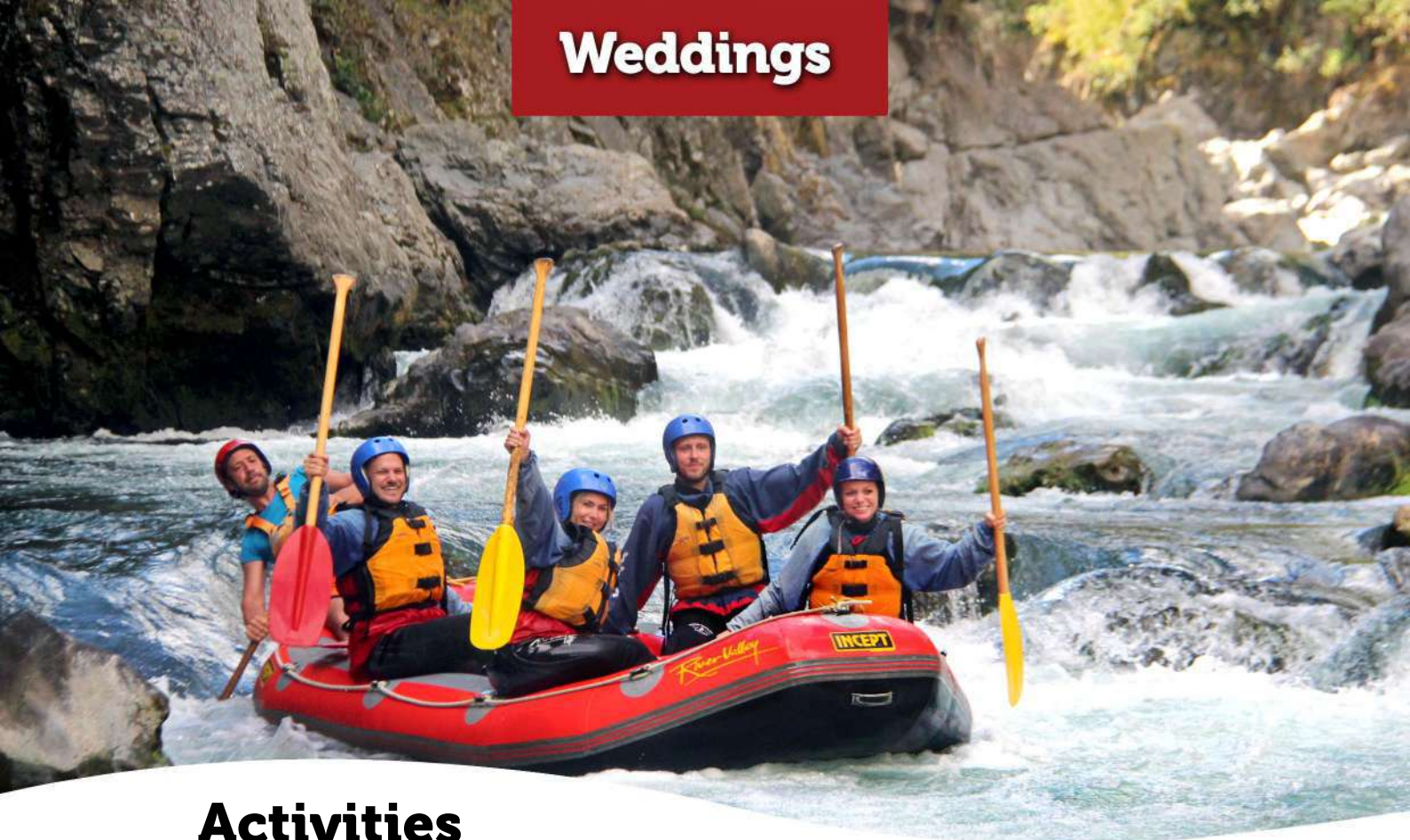
Deluxe Rooms, Included In Wedding Package

	Sleeping Arrangements	Capacity	Price (Per Night)
The Bus:			
The Bus	1 x Double	Sleeps 2	\$290
Ensuite Family Room:			
Family Room	1 x King and 4 x Single or 6 x Single	Sleeps 6	\$290
Ensuite Garden Deluxe Rooms:			
Paua	1 x King and 1 x Single or 3 x Single	Sleeps 3	\$210
Native	1 x King and 1 x Single or 3 x Single	Sleeps 3	\$210
Blue	1 x King or 2 x Single	Sleeps 2	\$210
Burgundy	1 x King or 2 x Single	Sleeps 2	\$210
Ensuite River Deluxe Rooms:			
Classic	1 x King or 2 x Single	Sleeps 2	\$230
Lilac	1 x King or 2 x Single	Sleeps 2	\$230
Funky	1 x King or 2 x Single	Sleeps 2	\$230
Ensuite Treetop Deluxe Rooms:			
Rua	1 x King or 2 x Single	Sleeps 2	\$230
Tahi	1 x King or 2 x Single	Sleeps 2	\$230

Additional Accommodation (Extra Cost)

Lodge Doubles:			
Middle Earth	1 x Double	Sleeps 2	\$130
Left Twin	1 x Double	Sleeps 2	\$130
Terrace Bunks:			
4 x Bunk Rooms	6 Single Bunks	Sleeps 6	\$50 pp
Marae Style Sleeping:			
2 Rooms, can be set up with up to 26 extra beds		Sleeps 26	\$25 pp
Riverside Camping	Unlimited (no powered sites)		\$30 pp





Activities

If the wedding didn't give you enough of an adrenaline rush and you're looking for your next adventure then why not try one (or more!) of our adventure activities. Our wedding package includes a free activity for the bride and groom - a great way to test your relationship! We encourage you to get your friends and family involved too, we offer a 10% discount for any wedding guests going with the bride and groom - weddings are one of the very few times in life that you have everyone you love together in one place, so take the opportunity to have an adventure together. Give everyone an experience they'll never forget!

Rafting

Grade 5 White Water Rafting (All year round)*

Increasingly claimed to be New Zealand's best half-day white water raft trip. Drive by shuttle 20 minutes and raft 11 kms and 25 rapids on the spectacular Rangitikei Grade 5 Gorge over the next 2-3 hours. A full adrenaline experience that will have you talking about the adventure for a long time to come. The trip finishes right outside River Valley Lodge to finish with hot showers.

\$255.00 per person

*Please note we need a minimum of 4 people to run this trip

The Awesome Scenic Rafting Adventure (October-April)

Allow a whole day. We pack a picnic lunch as you take in the truly beautiful scenery of the Rangitikei River. More than likely you will have this special piece of the river all to yourselves. With over 30 Grade 2 (easy) rapids, a side hike to a spectacular waterfall (weather dependent), the 13 km scenic section of the Rangitikei River downstream from River Valley Lodge is a great full day activity to get your group immersed in the outdoors.

\$230.00 per adult / \$99 per child



Horse Trekking

Please note, the stables is closed 1st May-1st November

At River Valley Stables we offer half and full day 'rides for riders'. Our rides are only suitable for intermediate-advanced riders. We practice natural horsemanship, which uses natural training principles (and our horses are ridden bit-less and barefoot).

Half Day Treks \$255 per person / Full Day Treks \$365 per person

E-Bikes

Explore our beautiful surroundings by e-bike. We offer freedom e-bike hires, and can also arrange full day group rides including a yummy picnic lunch.

Other Activities

- Hot Tub (45 minutes)
- Wood Fired Sauna (45 minutes)
- Infra Red Sauna (45 minutes)
- During the Summer season we offer yoga classes & massages at the spa
- Volleyball, petanque or giant chess, free of charge for all guests.
- Access to the hunting block across the river can be arranged (additional cost)
- Bring your fishing rod & license and catch some trout in the river outside



Additional Information

Local Service Providers

We think it is important to support, and be involved with the local community. We are happy to recommend local celebrants, photographers, make up artists and transport providers. Please ask if you would like us to put you in touch.

Room Layout And Presentation

If a seating plan is required, then it will be your responsibility to submit this, and the room layout, at least 10 working days prior to the day of your function. Every endeavour will be made by staff to adhere to the proposed table plan.

Management will advise immediately of any change that is necessary to the plan, in order to better facilitate the function. Any special table arrangements and decorations can be set up from 9am the day of the function.

Preparation and Clean Up

Preparation before, and clean up after, the wedding (with the exception of decorations) is the responsibility of River Valley.

Damages and Breakages

Any damage to, breakage or loss of River Valley property or equipment will be charged at replacement cost.



Additional Information - Cont'd

Child Pricing

- A 'child' is aged 5-12 years. We offer discounted child pricing for meals and our scenic rafting trip (for all other activities the minimum age is 13).
- Infants under 5 stay for free, and also get free meals.

Provision of Staff

River Valley will provide sufficient staff to set up, serve meals and refreshments, and manage all requirements during your stay.

Purchase Of Refreshments

All refreshments for the function are to be purchased through River Valley,

Licensed Premises

River Valley is a licenced premises under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 and therefore reserves the right to refuse to serve alcohol to anyone who does not comply with the provisions of the Act relating to under age, intoxication etc. We do not allow BYO alcohol due to licensing regulations.

Smoke Free

The Lodge is a smoke-free building, including the accommodation units. There are designated smoking areas outside of the Lodge.

Terms And Conditions

To secure your wedding with us we require a 30% deposit at the time of booking.

Any remaining payments must be made 30 days prior to the date of your wedding. Please make sure you have read and agreed with these terms and conditions, prior to confirming your wedding with River Valley.

Venue Hire

Our 'wedding package' must be booked to confirm your wedding with us, and to guarantee the exclusive hire of the venue.

Confirmation of Menu and Guest Numbers

We require final catering numbers 10 working days prior to your function. This will be the minimum number of guests you will be charged for. Please advise us of any guests who have special dietary requirements at this time.

Cancellations & Covid-19 Policy

If you need to reschedule your wedding for any reason, including covid-19 related restrictions, we are happy to reschedule at no additional charge.

If you choose to cancel your wedding completely for any reason, including covid-19, the 30% deposit is non-refundable. If the cancellation is more than 30 days in advance we are happy to refund all other payments except the deposit. If cancelled within 30 days the deposit and any other payments will not be refunded.

Pricing

All prices are GST inclusive.

Due to fluctuating product prices, all menu and drinks prices are subject to change without notice. Please check with us for current menus and prices before making menu choices.

There will be a surcharge for all bookings on public holidays.

Payment

Payment for any bar tabs or extras is due upon check out, unless prior arrangement has been made with management.

All function costs can be allocated to one account, or split between guests - please let us know prior to the function how you would like to pay.

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Recommended Order of Events

Below is a suggested timeline for your wedding at River Valley. Our team will work with you to discuss your requirements and adjust the timings to suit you.

The Day Before

12:00 PM	Arrive at River Valley around lunchtime.
12:30PM	Gather your friends and family and take part in an adventure activity during the afternoon.
Evening	Settle into your accommodation. Enjoy dinner in the lodge (a farm to table meal, or wood fired pizzas) followed by a glass of wine and a relaxing soak in the hot tub.

The Wedding Day

8.30 AM	Start your day with a hearty breakfast buffet, and lots of coffee!
3:00 PM	The big moment - the wedding ceremony
3:30 PM	Bubbles & grazing platters, served by the river if the weather allows.
6:30 PM	Dinner and speeches in the main lodge
Evening	Cut the cake. Drinks, dancing and good times!

The Following Day

9.30 AM	Sleep in and have a late breakfast with your friends and family.
10:00 AM	Check out at 10am, unless you would like to stay longer. Why not make the most of it and extend your stay, or try some more activities.

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