

A bouquet of white flowers, including roses and hydrangeas, is arranged in a white ceramic vase. The vase sits on a round table covered with a white tablecloth. The scene is set in a white gazebo with a white railing, overlooking a green lawn and trees. The background is softly blurred, creating a bokeh effect. The text 'DINGLEIGH OF SASSAFRAS' is overlaid in the center of the image.

DINGLEIGH
OF SASSAFRAS



GARDEN WEDDINGS

*At Dingleigh you can be assured of a memorable,
yet completely relaxed day, done your way.*

Micro weddings, elopements, vow renewals, or just an excuse to plan a special day, Dingleigh is a hidden gem in the heart of the Dandenong Ranges.

Tucked away in the national forest on the edge of the famous Alfred Nicholas gardens and the Dandenong Ranges Tourist Trail, Dingleigh is warm and inviting. The 5 acres of gardens include the newly built wedding gazebo, surrounded by ferns and towering exotic trees. The expansive gardens and two character filled cottages mean you will be spoilt for choice for photographic locations.

We have put together a short guide to help you plan your day. If you still have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call or send an email. Site visits are always welcome.

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DINGLEIGH

Ancient Meaning: 'Woodland Clearing'

Dingleigh is one of the original hills properties in the Dandeong Ranges. First settled in the 1870's, Dingleigh was once a gathering place for local writers and poets.

With the Edna Walling inspired gardens, and almost 10 years of restorations, Dingleigh is now open to host small garden weddings and special events.

At Dingleigh you have a range of mid-week, or weekend packages available, for small 2 person ceremonies to micro-weddings of 20 people.

Dingleigh offers luxury accommodation for up to five people in our character filled cottages. All wedding package options are daytime only.



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2025 PRICING GUIDE

SILVER

ELOPEMENT

Exclusive use of the gazebo and surrounding gardens for up to 2 guests.

Day use of the Reader's Cottage for photographs and amenities.

(Mon-Thurs : 10am to 4pm)

Excludes public holidays

\$1.250

GOLD

GARDEN CEREMONY

Exclusive use of the gazebo and surrounding gardens for up to 20 guests

Day use of the Reader's Cottage

White wedding chairs plus ceremonial table and gazebo drapes

Wedding flowers (full bridal package)

Photographer 2 hours

Celebrant and two witnesses

(Mon-Thurs : 10am to 4pm)

Excludes public holidays

\$4.600

PLATINUM

DELUX GARDEN WEDDING

Exclusive use of the gazebo and surrounding gardens for up to 20 guests

White wedding chairs plus ceremonial table and gazebo drapes

Two nights accommodation (2-3 pp)

Wedding flowers (full bridal package)

Bride hair and make up

Grazing table for 20 guests

Photographer 3 hours

Celebrant and two witnesses

Site visits and preparations

\$7.200

All of our packages can be adjusted to suit your needs including additional accommodation or hair/makeup requirements.

For same sex marriages we can add on an extra bouquet or extra hair and makeup or remove these items.

We offer a number of different catering options, including canapes, banquet tables for sit down meals or a high tea option.

Prices may vary depending on supplier costs and time of year. A 15% surcharge will be applied for public holiday bookings.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Hair and makeup

Our talented hair and makeup artist will arrive at the cottage in the morning to create a bespoke bridal look for your special day. Our trusted artist will ensure a tailored and unique experience, adapting to the preferences and needs of each and every client. We recommend setting aside at least 2 hours.

Flowers

Our experienced florist will curate a timeless design for your flowers, sourcing only the freshest locally grown and seasonal flowers. Our full bridal package includes a bridal bouquet and buttonhole corsage, a centre arrangement for the signing table, six flower posies for the aisle chairs and two flower arrangements for either side of the gazebo front arch. You have the option of a green/white, white/blush or seasonal natives in burnt orange and browns.

Food

Dingleigh has partnered with one of our experienced local chefs to create a variety of food options. Our approach is that the food is fresh, cooked well and tastes great. Keep it simple with a grazing table, add a whimsical feel to your day with a high tea, or we can set up the trestle tables and chairs for you to enjoy a banquet style meal with your guests in the garden.

Photography

Our photographer specialises in smaller, more intimate wedding ceremonies. With more than 15 years of experience you can be assured that the special moments of your day will be captured beautifully. An unlimited number of images can be taken on the day which will be supplied in both colour and B&W, fully edited in High Resolution via a DropBox download within 30 days of your wedding.



CANAPES

PRICE PER PERSON \$100 min 20

Nine canapes each carefully curated by our experienced chef. Includes 4 hour service.

- Gourmet finger sandwiches
- Prosciutto wrapped asparagus
- Crostini w black olive, artichoke, salsa verde
- Wild-caught tiger prawns, marinara mayo
- Garlic & parmesan chicken skewers
- Capricciosa stuffed fried ravioli
- Roasted pumpkin arancini w molten gorgonzola
- Italian meatballs w melted provolone & tomato sugo
- Tempura zucchini flowers w lemon & caper ricotta

HIGH TEA

PRICE PER PERSON \$55 min 20

The perfect choice for a garden tea party. Includes 2 hour service.

- Gourmet finger sandwiches - 3 fillings
- Homemade scones, jam and whipped cream
- Lemon tarts, macarons and eclairs
- Served with your choice of tea

Menus are sample only as options change seasonally. Special menu requirements can be catered for but may incur a surcharge. All drinks are BYO. Corkage charge of \$10pp includes glasses and ice cooler (min 20).

BANQUET

PRICE PER PERSON \$100 min 20

Choice of 4 mains, served with warm sides and seasonal salads. Designed as a feasting option to share, served in the garden on our characterful outdoor trestles tables. Includes 4 hour service.

Mains (choice of 4)

- Poached salmon, cucumber, salsa verde
- Olive oil, lemon & rosemary grilled chicken
- Tuscan agnello arrosto (roast lamb shoulder)
- Porchetta (pork belly) fennel & garlic
- Beetroot, walnut & Swiss chard vegan sausage

Sides and salads

- Crispy potatoes, confit garlic & parmesan
- Post pumpkin, French lentils, ricotta, capers
- Grilled season greens, black olive & round bean tapenade
- Torn ice-burg lettuce, heirloom leaves, salsa verde

ADD 3 CANAPES \$20pp and/or seasonal dessert \$15pp

GRAZING TABLE

PRICE \$750 Serves 16-20 people

A festive feast packed with local and seasonal produce. Includes a selection of cold meats, lavosh, homemade dips and relish, antipasti, seasonal and dried fruit and fresh bread, with sweet macaroons to finish.





ACCOMMODATION

The exquisite furnishings of Dingleigh provide the perfect backdrop for preparations for your special occasion. Each of the character-filled cottages looks out onto beautiful garden surrounds, and includes luxury bed linen and towels, with warm cozy fires.

THE READER'S COTTAGE

The 'Reader's Cottage', filled with treasures and antiques from around the world, is centred around a huge bookcase in the lounge. The cottage includes one queen size bedroom and one single. The outdoor areas include a private stone-walled courtyard that backs onto the open horse paddock. Sleeps 3ppl.

THE WRITER'S STUDIO

The 'Writer's Studio' is a one-room retreat in the centre of the Dingleigh gardens with a queen-sized bed and original open fireplace. The outdoor area includes beautiful stone paved areas with garden water features and a seating area. Sleeps 2ppl.

QUESTIONS:

Q: Can we do our own catering?

A: All catering for your event must be via our approved partners, with the exception of your wedding cake.

Q: Can we add flowers or make up & hair?

A: Yes! Costs depend on whether it is for the bride, mother of the bride, bridesmaids or flower girls. For additional floral arrangements, please let us know what you have in mind, our florist can make almost anything! Costs vary depending on choice.

Q: Can we play music?

A: Any acoustic music during your ceremony is great, although please no speakers as noise can travel pretty easily through the forest.

Q: Can we meet the celebrant before the wedding?

A: Absolutely! Our very friendly celebrant is available to meet with you to discuss your plans and to create the ceremony that is perfect for you.

Q: Do you serve alcohol?

A: Guests have the option of BYO. We can provide you some suggestions of great local suppliers. A charge of \$10 pp applies for corkage (min 20 persons) and can be added as part of one of our menu options.

Q: Do you have a wet weather option?

A: The garden gazebo can accommodate up to 20 standing guests, for a sit-down option, a marquee is needed and can be hired as an additional cost.

Q: Do you still operate on Catastrophic Fire Days?

A: For the safety of you and our guests we cannot. In the unlikely event that this happens, every effort will be made to rebook to another day within 12 months.

Q: What time does our function need to finish?

A: We are a day time only venue. Mid-week functions that do not include catering must finish by 4pm. Weekend functions must finish by 8pm.



WHAT OUR BRIDES SAY



"I could not have chosen a better place to celebrate my wedding - the day before to prepare with my bridesmaid and the wedding night. The cottage was perfect for both. You went above and beyond in meeting our needs as a team. We will be back as it is in our hearts. The cottage does not describe it - it is perfect in its design and function. And your grounds equal any botanical gardens."



-Fiona, April 2024.

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WHAT NEXT?

Do you offer Site Visits?

A: Yes! We are happy to show you around, so you can get a feel for the place before booking. Please allow at least 48 hours notice before visits. Cottage viewings are available if we do not have guests already staying with us.

How do I secure my booking?

A \$1,000 non-refundable deposit is required in order to secure your date. 50% of the remaining amount is due 3 months prior and the remaining 50% of your balance is due two weeks prior. Payments can be made via direct bank transfer, or over the phone using your credit card.

Can children join?

Please be mindful that we have several open water features throughout the gardens. Children under the age of 5 years must be supervised at all times.

Do I need to book accommodation?

For mid-week ceremonies that do not include a catering option you do not need to book accommodation (Mon-Thurs). For ceremonies Fri-Sun, guests must book the main cottage (both rooms) for a minimum of two nights. The studio is also available to book if you need the extra space. Bookings can be made directly via our website.

NOW RELAX AND JUST HAVE A GREAT DAY!

DONT HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH!

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