



Cold Water Canyon & Pavilion Amenities

Cold Water Canyon Description:

Cold Water Canyon is a beautiful, shady tributary glen that cuts deep into the east bank of the Wisconsin River. The Canyon was formerly one of the regular stops on river excursions offered by Dells Boat Tours. Today, Cold Water Canyon is an exclusive retreat for private excursions, parties and gatherings, and is only offered through Dells Boat Tours. The Canyon provides a variety of locations for ceremonies, such as weddings, and a historic stone building for sit-down meals, meetings and entertainment events. Guests can explore the site on foot via a wooden boardwalk that winds through the unique sandstone cliffs, deep into the canyon lush with beautiful foliage. The dramatic scenery provides a gorgeous backdrop for weddings and other special occasions.

Getting There:

All events at Cold Water Canyon start at the Upper Dells boat dock, located in downtown Wisconsin Dells. Guests board a private charter boat excursion through Dells Boat Tours that take them to the canyon. Charter rates run from \$900 - \$2,500 for a three-hour booking depending on the group size. Wedding packages that include the charter boat rental range from \$2,750 - \$5,000 (more details below). There is land access to the site for event set up; however, all guests must arrive by charter boat. Special arrangements will need to be made for individuals requiring wheelchair access to Cold Water Canyon.

Pavilion:

The 70-year-old historic stone Pavilion on-site at Cold Water Canyon once served as a concession area. For decades, tourists would visit the site as part of a stop on a regular Dells Boat Tour. Today, the beautifully restored building and grounds is reserved for private parties. It is a perfect spot for wedding banquets, family reunions, special occasion dinners, meetings and other private events. The building's interior has been refurbished in stone and wood décor, along with stylish wrought iron lighting that is suitable for elegant affairs or more casual gatherings. The Pavilion is equipped with a built-in bar service area and a gas fireplace. The Pavilion can be arranged for 80 sit-down guests at round tables or up to 120 people seated at rectangular banquet tables. Either sit-down meal service or buffet options are available. Larger groups can be accommodated for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments in a cocktail/reception type set up. As well, a 40x40-foot framed white-colored event tent is located onsite to accommodate additional seating outside. Restrooms are also available on-site.

Rates & Packages:

The standard Pavilion rental rate is \$750 for three hours, which includes table and chair set up, with standard white linens. The full-service wedding package for the Pavilion is \$5,000 and includes full use of the site from 2 p.m. to midnight on the day of the event, the charter boat rental and shuttles throughout the event. The package also includes access to the area for a rehearsal, decorating and cleanup. A basic wedding package starts at \$2,750 and includes a double-deck boat charter to carry guests to the site for a three-hour event at the Pavilion.

Ceremony Sites:

Cold Water Canyon has three areas that are suitable for wedding ceremonies and other services or programs. One site is located on the main riverbank and allows up to 200 guests to remain seated on the boat while watching the service. This is a sunny area. Two other more secluded and shady areas located just outside the Pavilion are more suitable for smaller ceremonies and gatherings.

Entertainment:

The Pavilion has an area inside the building suitable for a DJ or a band. It also has a dance floor illuminated with track lighting. The building is wired with an inside/outside speaker system and has a cordless microphone available for use.

Meeting Amenities:

The 800-square-foot Pavilion is a great location for small group meetings and retreats. The building is wired for audio/visual needs and our planners can provide contacts to arrange for equipment rentals. Table and chair set up with standard white table linens is included in the rental; however, pipe and draping for display tables would have to be arranged separately. The Pavilion has two outside patios suitable for break areas or attendees may choose to enjoy a leisurely walk into the canyon during a pause in your meeting.

Canyon Walking Tours:

Cold Water Canyon features a wooden boardwalk that winds deep into the ravine for a close-up look at the stunning sandstone rocks and flourishing landscape of the region. Event guests can wander the boardwalk at their leisure or guided tours can be arranged for an additional cost. The Canyon is thick with pine trees, ferns and other vegetation against the striking layered sandstone, some areas swirled into giant pots. The narrow canyon can also be lit with torches for evening events.

Catering & Other Planning Services:

Dells Boat Tours group planners have a variety of contacts to help with your event arrangements including: caterers, wedding planners, florists, officiates, audio/visual equipment, table linens & tent rentals and transportation services.

Group Planning Contact:

For additional information, or to book an event, please contact Stephanie Gunderson at Dells Boat Tours at (608) 254-8555 or email her at groups@dellsboats.com. Additional details and photos can be viewed at dellsboats.com. Tours of the Pavilion and Cold Water Canyon are available by appointment.

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