

Loughcrew House
County Meath



Steeped in History & Romance

Loughcrew house and estate provide an exclusive, bohemian style wedding venue which is steeped in history.

Loughcrew estate has been owned by the Naper family since 1681 and the original houses which stood here were thrice destroyed by fire, most recently in 1964. The main house you see today was sympathetically rebuilt out of the shell of the garden houses. It encompasses many charming original 19th century features, as well many stunning aspects which have been added by the present owner, along with architect Alfred Cochrane, when she took it on in 1981. It is not only a celebration space but a treasured family home.

"Loughcrew is surrounded by a dramatic landscape and classical buildings with greek influence which create a cultured atmosphere. The estate has a romantic and an eclectic charm you will never forget." Owner, Emily Naper

Read on to find out how Loughcrew is a venue which will make your wedding dreams come true.

The Best Kept Secret

Loughcrew Grounds & Gardens

Loughcrew's house and gardens, along with several other historical features dotted throughout the grounds and surrounding estate, form part of an Irish landscape filled with curiosities steeped in religious significance.

Originally built in 1821 by the famous English architect Charles Cockerell, an innovator of neo-classical architecture, the buildings which make up today's main house are attached to a Parisian style courtyard which was designed to complement the grand, greek revival house Cockerell also designed. All that remains of this house is its portico entrance which has been reassembled to look like a mini-Acropolis. The courtyard buildings, which include guest apartments and reception rooms, boast projecting porches with carved limestone detailing, as well as timber sash windows and slate roofs. The courtyard itself has a cobbled floor.



The gardens within Loughcrew's grounds have been created by generations of the Naper family since the 1600s. Six acres have now been restored and are lovingly cared for by the current owner, Emily Naper, and her team. It is made up of a stunning combination of vistas, with water and archaeological features and many trees, shrubs and flowers of interest.

The Tower House is probably the oldest building still standing at Loughcrew. Dating back to the 13th century, it resembles a Norman Keep, and is intact except for the roof. It is built from limestone cut from a local quarry and provides an impressive entrance to the church in which St Oliver Plunkett and his family prayed.

Wedding Day

Preparations



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Dining Experience

You can choose from our recommended caterers for your wedding day, who can deliver everything from an informal picnic to a seated banquet, the choice is yours.

Our specially selected caterers are hand picked and are passionate about providing exceptional food, service and creativity. They strive to exceed expectations and work closely with our couples to create a day which reflects them.

If you'd like advice on which type of caterer to choose, let us know your requirements and we'll be in touch.



Decorations

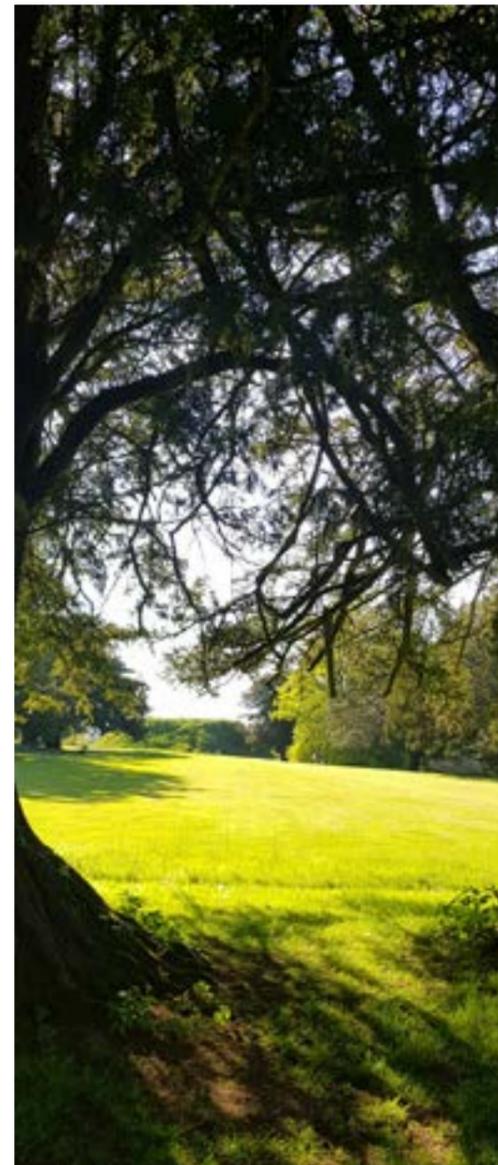
Why not add freshly picked wildflowers from the meadows on the estate to your bouquet or as decoration to make your day extra special? To bring the theme of your day together make sure you chat to the team here at Loughcrew. They will only be too happy to help and advise on making your day special and unique to you.

Guest Entertainment

Great moments live in your memory for a lifetime. Our passion is to create exceptional memories for you and your guests by planning and running your wedding to perfection. We can help to deliver flawless experiences, on time and on budget, in unforgettable style. Check out the suppliers directory at the back of this brochure for inspiration.

Do you believe?

Follow the fairy trail in the gardens and find the little people of Loughcrew. You won't be the only guests staying at Loughcrew on your wedding night.



Wedding Getaway

Stay with us

You're going to be in a pre-wedding haze, shortly followed by a newlywed bubble so it goes without saying we will make your wedding getaway perfect for you. If you want some practical inspiration we've popped some ideas below which will help and your guests relax and have fun.

Gathering everyone you love in one place is a recipe for overwhelmingly good times. If you're still not entirely sure on what should or could happen during your wedding day, or over the course your mini break here, we have a wealth of experience in what works, what is fun, where to go and who to talk. If you need them, Emily and her team at Loughcrew will even run things on the the day for you.

Invite your best girls to join you for a relaxing yoga retreat to unwind and relieve yourself of any last minute wedding stress. If the weather is playing ball, set up your mats in the garden before the rest of your guests arrive and take in the beautiful surroundings.

Who says men don't love a pampering? Whilst you and the girls are getting reacquainted, book a mobile barber to groom the menfolk. We're talking last minute haircuts, beard trims and hot towel treatments.

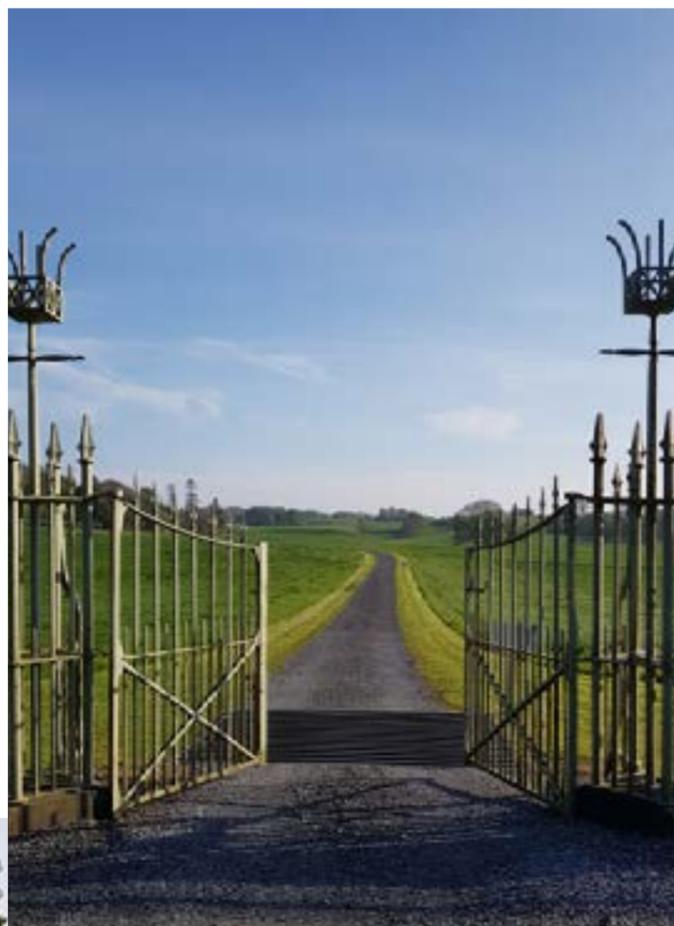
Kick the weekend off with an early evening, low key drinks reception. Earlybirds can grab a bite to eat beforehand, whilst others can join you for a tippie before heading off to explore and find their new favourite restaurant in the nearby town of Oldcastle. If gin is your thing then you won't go wrong with our gin or cocktail bar. Your drinks will be complete with complementary garnishes and made before you by our knowledgeable bar staff.

The day after the big day, let your guests enjoy a lie in while you open your cards and enjoy your first cuppa as newlyweds. Once you are ready to re-emerge as a couple, brunch in the dining room, banqueting hall or in a marquee in the garden, brunch (cooked by your own private chef) can be served in the dining room, banqueting rooms or in a marquee in the garden. It will allow you to spend a little more time with your favourite folks before saying goodbye.



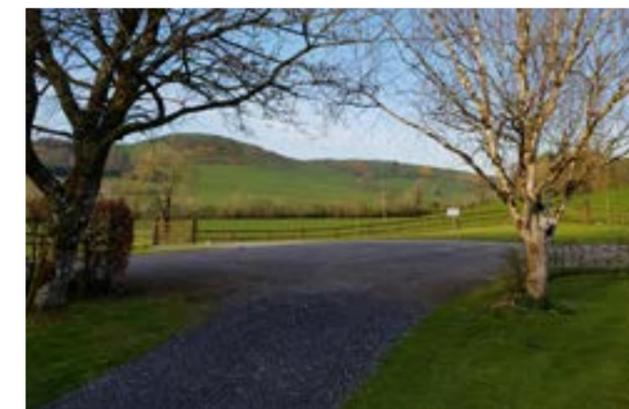
Loughcrew

Arrival



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St Oliver Plunkett's Church

Ceremony

Born at Loughcrew in 1625, Oliver spent the first 22 years of his life here in his family house in Loughcrew's grounds. He also prayed in the family church which is also within the grounds. One can imagine the young Oliver, playing in the gardens, swinging from the boughs of the ancient yews, fishing in the garden stream, helping out in the garden corn mill and walking up to the 6000 year old Cairns to wonder upon the faith of those who had built them.



It's easy to see why the spiritual nature of Loughcrew must have launched the young Oliver on his journey to priesthood and eventual martyrdom. Mass is celebrated every 1st of July at the church in memory of Saint Oliver's death in 1681. Come and visit Loughcrew and experience for yourself this unique place full of history, spirituality and beauty, and see for yourself Saint Oliver's home, Tower House, and church.

The church is approached through a gorgeous lime tree avenue, and is a space you and your guests will be able to enjoy as you explore the grounds of Loughcrew during your stay. Civil, Humanist and Spiritualist ceremonies are also permitted within the church's characterful, old walls as well as under the lime tree avenue and in the palm house.



The Lime Tree

Avenue

The stunning lime tree avenue within Loughcrew's grounds leads to St Oliver Plunkett's church and is a potential location in which you could tie the knot. Imagine yourself walking over a stone bridge and along an aisle under lime tree boughs, before getting married with their gorgeous scent lingering in the air.

The Palm

House

The palm house has an intricate wrought iron roof designed by the famous architect Charles Cockerell. The walls are still adorned with original plaster work and luscious green plants have been left to grow wilfully in pots inside. Both these features are a nod towards this building's past and create a wonderful place for your ceremony. We recommend you dot lit candles around the room to help enhance the natural and calm ambience you'll find in the palm house.

In addition, there is a balcony where a violinist or singer can perform as you and your guests enter and leave the palm house to create a magical atmosphere before and after the ceremony.

Photography

Capture your memories



There are so many wedding photo opportunities at Loughcrew, you'll be spoilt for choice! Here are a few ideas as to where you can have your memories captured by camera...

Add a pinch of history and enjoy your first few moments as a couple in front of the ruined portico. It was once the entrance to the original house before it was thrice burnt and was erected by the present owner of the estate. It stands majestically on the mowed double terraces within the estate grounds. Alternatively, head over to St Oliver Plunkett's church to add a more spiritual feeling to your photographs.

Add some natural beauty to the shots and have your photos taken next to the colourful and fragrant wildflower meadow or under the lime or yew avenues. The walled garden, lake and the surrounding dramatic landscape will also provide perfect backdrops.

When you arrive at Loughcrew you will be able to get a good feel as to which locations you like best for photographs. Of course the one thing you can't guarantee on your wedding day is the weather, but that won't be a problem if you choose to your big day with us as we also have some stunning interior spots for shots too.

Drink Reception

Potential Spots for a Tipple

Plunkett's Bar

Plunkett's bar is located in the original stables of the house and retains many tell-tale features. It has an eclectic mix of décor and furniture and provides a quirky venue for your drinks reception

The Courtyard

Loughcrew House features a central courtyard designed by the classical architect Charles Cockerell and is similar to a small Parisian piazza. It serves as an excellent space in which to host your drinks reception.

Sitting Room

The sitting room within the main house is the perfect spot in which

to host an intimate drinks reception. It is elegant with French window's which it leads onto a private enclosed garden full of flowers and filled with the scent of lavender in the summer. During colder times a stove burns brightly in the middle of the living room which creates a cosy atmosphere, and offers the chance to enjoy the frescoes which adorn the walls and tell the story of Loughcrew.

The Gardens

Choose your favourite spot in the extensive gardens to host your summer drinks reception. Whether it is in front of the portico, next to the wildflower meadows or beside one of the many other gorgeous features within the grounds, we can help to ensure you and your guests have a relaxed and memorable time.

Corkage Information

We can advise on which tipples to serve at your drinks reception and our knowledgeable bar team will only be too happy to, create and pour whatever you choose.



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Banqueting Rooms

Once home to the liveried horses and carriages, the banqueting rooms and adjoining Plunkett's bar are stylishly adorned with gilded mirrors and chandeliers.

With their elegant rustic charm, exposed wooden beams, high ceilings and stone walls these rooms lend themselves beautifully to hosting your wedding feast. The banqueting rooms can accommodate from 20 to 140 guests.

We can help you by providing or sourcing dining room furniture, tableware and decorations, whatever your style or taste.



Al Fresco Dining

A set of French doors open onto the extensive sun-drenched barbecue terrace which is a frequent favourite for al fresco dining. If the weather is kind, you can also host your wedding breakfast on the lawn. The choice is yours!

Marquee in the grounds

We have many spaces and amenities that can be used to facilitate your unique dream wedding. If your guest list is more than 140 we can host your wedding breakfast and after party in a marquee in the grounds. We can cater for up to 250 guests, and we can even accommodate them all here at Loughcrew estate.



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Here at Loughcrew, there are many spaces you can use to continue your celebrations in style after your wedding breakfast. Make use of the gardens, courtyard, Plunkett's bar and the banqueting rooms to entertain your guests with a live band and/or DJ. A warming central fire pit within the courtyard provides a great place for late night chats, as does the living room within the main house. Sink into its velvet sofas and enjoy discussing the day's events with your favourite people.

Post Wedding Banqueting Rooms Celebrations



Exclusive House rental

The main house sleeps up to 17 guests
Accommodation for further 11 available

Bedrooms

Four double bedrooms
Four twin bedrooms
One single bedroom
Three bathrooms & two shower rooms

Rooms

Adjoined living and dining room
Study
Family kitchen
Two sunrooms
Banqueting hall with catering kitchen
Reception lounge with bar

Features

Barbecue terrace
Sheltered courtyard with fire pit
Tennis court
A private garden

Contempo

Flat screen TV
Wi Fi internet
Good cell phone reception

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The interior of Loughcrew House has been decorated with owner Emily Naper's great artistic flair, and with an emphasis on comfort and relaxation for all guests. Most of the accommodation is found at the West end of the main house beyond the kitchen, where seven bedrooms and three bathrooms are staggered across three levels. Each room has an individual charm and all are filled with light. An exclusive stairway leads up from the entrance hall to the impressive master suite which boasts: an opulent bedroom complete with gilt framed cherubs, an ensuite bathroom, an intimate dressing room, as well as a Palladian style oculus window. It really is the perfect bolthole for you and your partner to enjoy quality time together.



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Book A Viewing

Private Tour

"Upon arrival we instantly felt it was a home away from home, heating on, flower arrangements throughout the house and a caterer organised. Deborah and her team went above and beyond to oblige, assist and reassure throughout the whole planning process, as well as throughout the weekend. Couldn't recommend Loughcrew highly enough! All of our friends and family are still raving about it!" Ciara & Thomas - 31st Aug 2018

Viewings are on an individual basis.

**To arrange a personal viewing with our wedding coordinator.
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P: 087 921 2872

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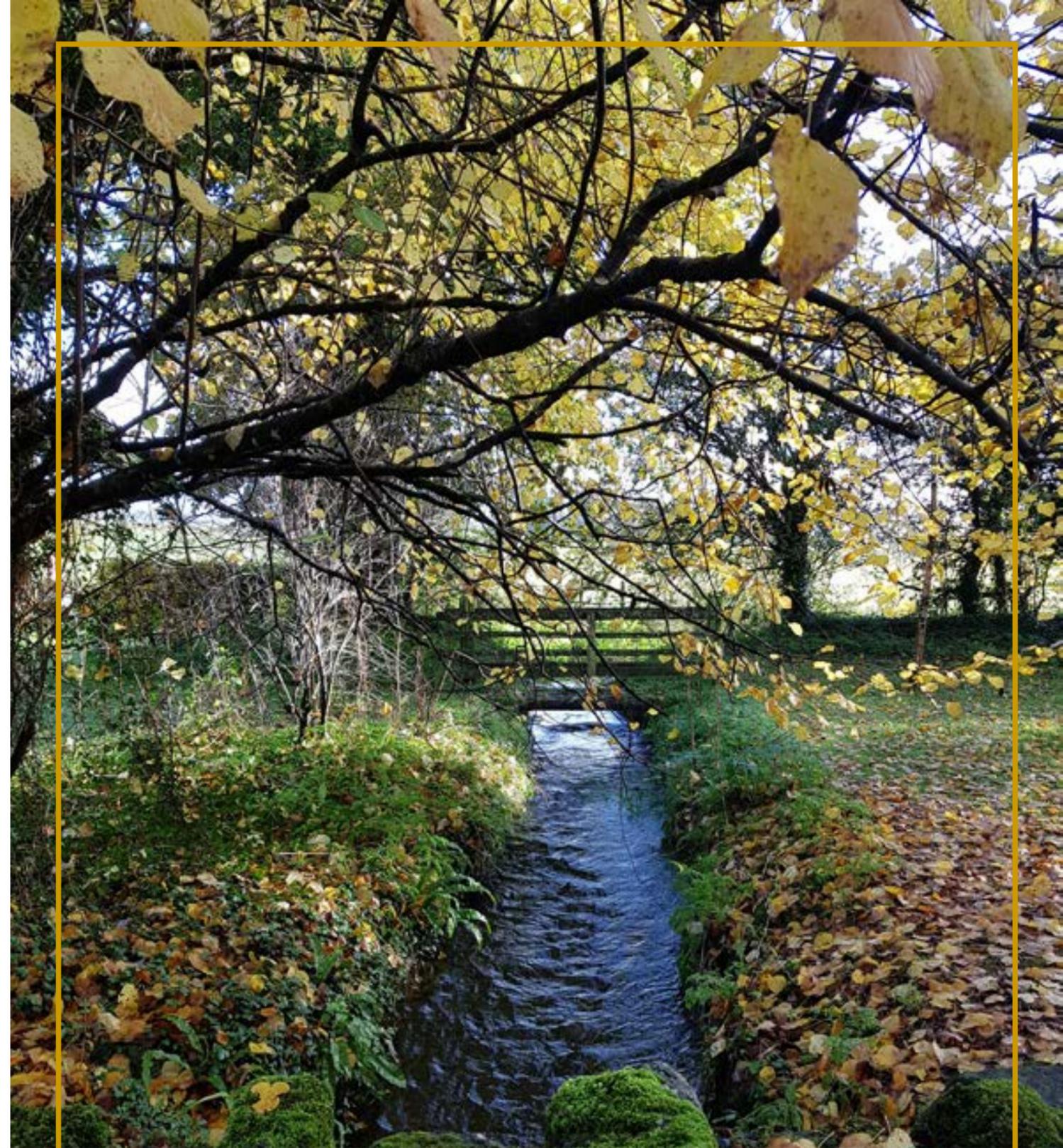
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