



THE WASHINGTON
at historic yellow springs

Welcome to Your Self-Walking Tour: The Washington At Historic Yellow Springs!

I am so happy you are here and have decided to take a walk around the village to consider having your wedding day at the Washington.

I am so excited to show you what we have to offer. We are certainly in unprecedented times and I wish I could be there to show you around in person.

Until that time comes, please enjoy our grounds & take a walk and learn a little more

about us. I hope that this self-tour will help you to start your journey to find the ideal spot for your historic day.



Okay, let's get started 😊



Washington Breezeway & Portico

This garden space is actually one of the choices for your ceremony

When you park in the parking lot you will be **next** to the venue. As you walk up to the Washington, the large stucco building; you will be walking along our famous porch and breezeway.

This area is a great spot for photos and also adds a nice addition for putting high top tables outside.

Once you walk down the porch and breezeway - you will come to the **garden fountain area**, that will be on your **left**; this is where we will begin!

We have **three outdoor ceremony** spots you are going to see; each one is breathtaking in its own right.



Garden Ceremony Set Up

Imagine your chairs facing forward toward the wall and your guests seating on either side as you see the space around the fountain for you to walk down the fresh green grass aisle. The two of you would stand right in front, with your bridal party by your side.

Please, go and stand in front of the garden where the stone wall serves as your back drop and imagine your friends and family sitting in front of you on either side of the fountain. 😊

This area is so beautiful, it not only serves as your ceremony site; but it is also cocktail hour.

The Washington venue is directly beside this spot and houses the restrooms and bar for cocktail hour. Your guests can mingle between the garden area, the historic brick room, where the bar is located and in front of the venue under the breezeway (*where you will see lights are strung*).

Please Note* If you choose to have your ceremony here, the chairs **will** stay out at cocktail hour, because as soon as your ceremony is over.... Cocktail hour begins! (Congratulations! **Cheers!**)

At the back of the Washington and straight behind where you would stand for your ceremony, we have the 'terrace' garden. You will notice that when you stand in the garden space, facing the venue, the shape of grounds makes a U; this allows for you & your guests to enjoy the entire area, as it all flows together, while outlined by our beautiful seasonal plantings!



If you choose another ceremony space, you may want to use the garden as JUST your cocktail hour - you certainly can! Now, we have two more ceremony sites,

let's keep walking some more ...

as you leave the garden area and go back to the porch, begin again by **heading left** and walk up a few steps to a porch by the white Lincoln building, **then continue left** past the Lincoln on your right and walk up the steps! **Note**** This is the starting point to the other ceremony spots, on the hill. **BUT**, if you have guests or family who cannot take the stairs, you can drive them to those ceremony areas.

Continue up the stairs, taking in the beauty of the trees surrounding you, when you get to the top; enter through the open space in the fence; walk down and look up... there she is! Our big beautiful Copper beech tree; or as we like to call her....the Loving Tree!



This is one of our most popular ceremony locations. If you decide to utilize the garden as your cocktail hour, the tree, offers great shade for summer time weddings along with a bounty of colors for fall; making it a stunning scene



Our third ceremony option can be seen, by just turning around. Want some true history for your ceremony, how about our ancient ruins, built during the revolutionary war!

Although, each of our other ceremony locations can accommodate 150 guests, the ruins are limited to 100 guests or less. Both the ruins themselves and the limited guests really make this location very intimate.

Now that you have said your vows; it is time to breath, relax and celebrate.



Let's walk back down the steps to the garden and back toward the Washington. You will be coming down right into your Cocktail hour. Picture high tables outside in the garden under the porch, (high tops or low top tables; cafe style with chairs around), maybe some live music, corn hole in the garden or your own special twist and charm! A truly perfect backdrop for your cocktail hour, if you ask me.

Considering that you can't go inside right now, I will do my best to explain each room while you look in from the windows 😊

When you're walking along the portico, under the breezeway, you'll see a big white door with a **step up to your right**. Please take a look in those windows. That is the "Brick

Room" where I mentioned that the bar is located. The "Brick room" -

is often considered a mini museum! Your guests can browse around the room exploring pieces of history that took place at this very venue that you chose. I am sure you can see some of it!

In this room: you can do a few tables, for guestbook, gifts, or maybe your seating chart, these are just a few options. This room can also offer the addition high top tables.

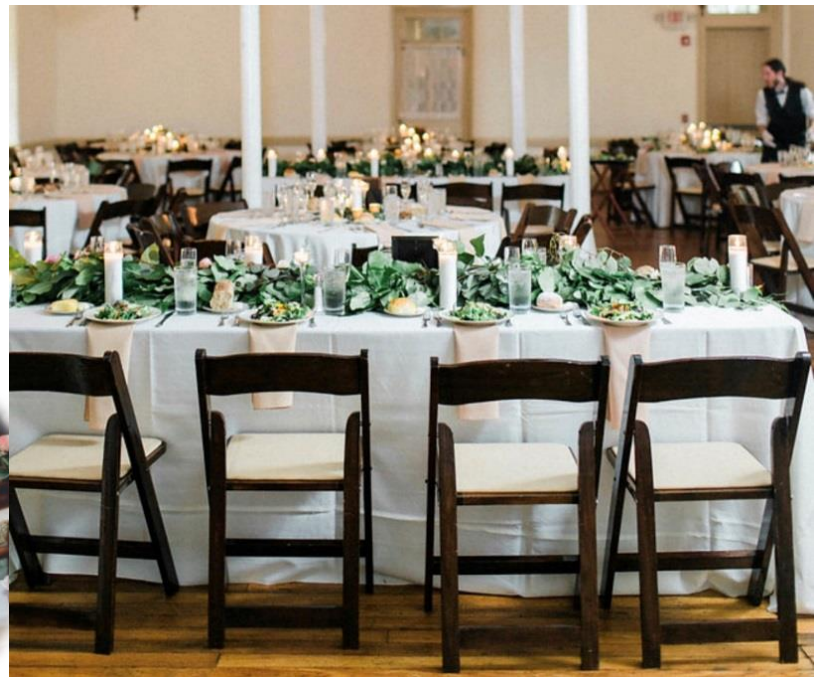


Some people have also chosen to do a photobooth. This area works great for that option, if you put the backdrop along where you can see the steps. (Those steps lead up to bridal suite and to the upstairs ceremony spot!)

If you continue walking down to the porch area where the floor is a blue-gray you will want to take a look in this room. You will be looking at the **main ballroom**.

The brick room is directly next to the main ballroom to the right, and you should be able to see the doorway that connects them. Remember, your bar area will be in the brick room.

The Main Ballroom that you are looking at, is where your reception will take place. This room will have, all your tables and chairs and it will be where you and your guest will be dancing!



You can use your imagination to visualize your decorations; but to help you get started, here are a few shots of the tables that were set up in the past in this area. Your options include all round, or some round and some long tables. We provide you with a table and chair inventory to use. You will work with the caterers who will provide all linens, glassware, flatware, etc.*!



Locating your dance floor:

Take a look through the window and when you see the fire place, pan to the **LEFT** and imagine your D.J. in the far corner to the left of the fireplace. Your guests dancing all the way out to the edge of the fireplace and across the room to the door on the left- hand side, that leads to the foyer area, where we will head next. (If you walk behind the Washington building in the courtyard area, you can look through those windows to get the opposite view that you have currently, as well you can get the backside view of the “Brick Room” and your bar area).



Go to the next few windows and you will see our beautiful farmhouse table; which we love, along the far wall in this area.

This our foyer area.

This table also has history; after the civil war, this building served as an orphanage-our beautiful farmhouse table was once the dining table for those orphans.

This table makes a fantastic place for your desserts. It allows more space for your guests to flow through.

From the garden, to brick room for cocktails, to the main ballroom and now in here for a beautiful spot to display desserts.

Behind the farmhouse table to the left is the door that leads to our kitchen area used by the caterers. **Next** to the kitchen you will see an open doorway, and through that area you will see another door that is directly across from you as you enter in from the white door on the Washington building; this is the door leading to the:

Grooms Room.



Our grooms room has lots of comfortable seating inside & this room houses the door that leads directly to the brick patio area that you notice is next to the parking lot. This gives lots of space for the fellas. You want your guys to have a place to get ready and relax too!

I like to mention this is a good family spot for later in the evening. You might have a grandparent who would like to come in, sit and relax away from the crowd for a bit. A friend with her baby, or others who might want to take in some solace. This serves as a great transition room once the reception begins.

There are also two bathrooms located across from the groom's room. Which means there are restrooms on either side of the building.

The room where the farmhouse table is located- has a **staircase** on the wall across from the table, this staircase brings you upstairs to the *inside ceremony location*, along with the *bridal suite*.



You can try and take a peak of the **indoor ceremony location** upstairs if you travel back toward the parking lot.

Walk **up the little hill** of the lot toward the woods and **turn right to go behind the Washington building**. You should be able to see the covered bridge? This area also allows for some handicap access to the upstairs as well. This area allows for you to drive a car close to the bridge where it is a shorter walk to the upstairs ceremony location. If you walk up onto the bridge, you might be able to see into the windows.



To give you a better peak at the indoor ceremony location, I have some pictures here for you.



While you are standing on the bridge area, note that to the **left of the bridge** you will be looking towards the upstairs **bridal suite**.

This is really a great room, one of my favorites. The room has a lot of natural lighting; which makes it bright, cheerful and great for putting on your makeup! It also has a private bathroom, double sinks and tons of mirrors :)



You can create so many memories in here with your Mom, your girlfriends or all those important to you before you walk down the aisle...

As you can see,

Historic Yellow Springs is a place that has tons of charm, romantic gardens and is rich with so much history... ***We know that you can tie the knot with your own history at our village and make it your own.***

Before you go..... I encourage you to take a walk down to the

gazebo. This is another fabulous location that offers great photo opportunities.

If you walk back to the parking lot across from the groom's room you will see the gazebo *across the street* down by the springs. It is directly across from the Washington, and there are stone stairs that will take you to the deck that leads to the gazebo. This really is such a sweet spot for quiet moments with just the two of you.



I hope this self-guided tour was helpful. I know planning a wedding is never easy. Now, having to consider the Covid-19 restrictions, guidelines and well; more challenges, doesn't make it any easier. I am happy to help you plan from afar.

P.S. Before you go, I suggest you check out our [Instagram page](#). It includes 'highlights' of various months at the Washington. I believe that if you look at the page it might be able to help you paint the picture of your special day a little more, as well.

Thanks for exploring and considering our rare village to be a part of your special day

~ Cait ~