



WALTHAMSTOW
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WEDDINGS

You'll find Walthamstow Wetlands in the heart of Lee Valley, 15 minutes from Central London

Europe's largest urban wetland nature reserve offers an exquisite setting for a wedding like no other



Walthamstow Wetlands is a 211 hectare nature reserve located in London. Supplying 3.5 million people with drinking water, the area has now been regenerated and opened to the wider public for the very first time in 150 years.

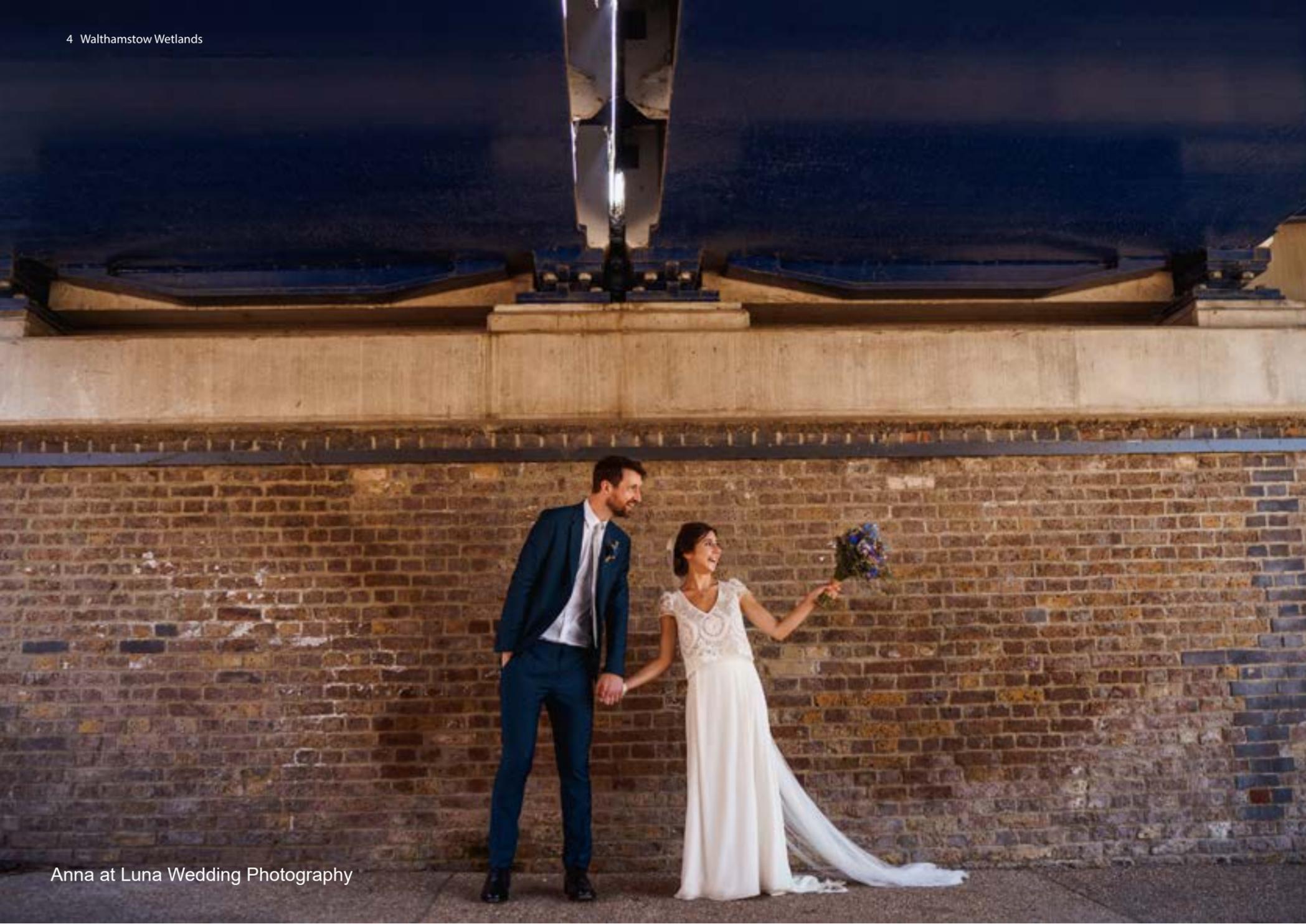
An oasis of calm in the heart of the city, Walthamstow Wetlands' 10 reservoirs are home to an abundance of wildlife and a rich industrial heritage. The site's conservation and industrial value is nationally and internationally recognised and is becoming an increasing focal point for wildlife enthusiasts and visitors who wish to connect with nature.



Walthamstow Wetlands provides a unique heritage venue for weddings and civil ceremonies. Recently opened in October 2017, Walthamstow Wetlands is located only 15 minutes from central London with a number of transport links on the doorstep to ensure a seamless journey for bride, groom and guests.

Whether it is a grand affair or an intimate gathering, Europe's largest urban wetland nature reserve offers a magical setting with beautiful views and a personalised service to make sure your wedding is a truly joyous occasion.





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Event Spaces and Capacities

Turbine Room

Capacity
 Theatre 70
 Reception 120
 Dinner 60 (5' rounds)

Accessibility
 09:00 - 00:00

Availability
 Thursday to Saturday
 (Alternate Sundays – subject to availability)



Triple Engine Room

Capacity
 Theatre 90
 Reception 120
 Dinner 70 (5' rounds); 60 (cafe tables); 130 (including Terrace area)

Accessibility
 17:00 - 00:00

Availability
 Evenings and weekends only
 (Subject to availability)



Boiler Room

Capacity
 Theatre 80
 Reception 150
 Dinner 90 (5' rounds); 100 (cafe tables); 112 (long trestles)

Accessibility
 17:00 - 00:00

Availability
 Evenings and weekends only
 (Subject to availability)



Showarounds

Site visits can be booked for weekdays between 10am-4pm. There is also the possibility of weekend showarounds depending on staff availability.

Please book a showaround in advance with the Forest Venues team as viewings will not be possible if the space is in use.

Set Up & Early Access

The Turbine Room can be hired all day and therefore access is available from 9am. Please note that this space does have its own separate entrance but the toilet facilities are shared with the main visitor centre.

The remaining event spaces, Boiler Room, Triple Engine Room & Mezzanine, will all be open to the public during the day so event access is available from closing time which is 4pm between October-March and 5pm between April-September. Please note this access is for set up as well - the events team will require at least an hour after closing to turn the space around. There is an option of closing the visitor centre 1 hour earlier for an additional fee - please speak to your coordinator about this option.

Catering

The Larder are the exclusive caterer at Walthamstow Wetlands. With a friendly and dedicated service and a selection of seasonal menus incorporating the very best local ingredients, the catering packages are designed to offer a range of menus to suit all budgets and tastes. Their events coordinator can work alongside you to put together a bespoke package which can include specialised menus like kosher, halal etc.

Wetlands Walks & Tours

The conservation and industrial value of Walthamstow Wetlands is truly unique in London and the regeneration of the site now allows more people access to its natural and architectural heritage.

We welcome you and your guests to enjoy a walk through the 211 hectares of expansive landscape including ten beautiful reservoirs. We can also organise nature tours and trails for smaller groups.

Once the evening festivities commence, access to the wetlands will be restricted but guests can still enjoy breathtaking views over the southern reservoirs and the city's skyline from the mezzanine & balcony.



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Audio Visual, Lighting & Entertainment

You are welcome to organise your own DJ, band or entertainment for your wedding. We do however ask that all suppliers complete a site recce prior to the event to ensure they have all the correct equipment and electrical access required as we can only provide the standard 13 amp plug sockets. Please also note there are sound restrictions in place to ensure our wildlife and local residents are not disturbed. Inside the building, the limit is 90 decibels. Live bands and DJs must be made aware of this, and plan their entertainment accordingly.

We do have a 65" interactive display plasma screen onsite that can be used free-of-charge for presentations and picture slideshows - please ask for availability.

There are no built-in speaker systems in the Engine House, so you will need to speak to your AV provider if you require this function or if you require additional lighting. Again, we would ask that all AV suppliers complete a site recce prior to the event.

Security & Parking

Security is required for all evening events to ensure the safety of guests and wildlife throughout the event. 3 x operatives are required for events with over 50 guests and this is charged at £18+VAT per person per hour (min 4 hours). Security is required from the moment the venue shuts for the general public until event finish time.

There is limited parking onsite available. We can offer discounted rates for event bookings however we cannot hold spaces during the day. Parking for guests at evening functions (after 5pm) is complimentary.

Event Furniture

You are welcome to make use of any of the café tables and chairs at no additional cost. We also have 80 white and black conference chairs available for use.

If you would like to hire in furniture from an external company, delivery would need to be the morning of the event and collection by 10am the morning after as storage on site is extremely limited.



Wedding Ceremonies

We have a wedding license for our three main event spaces - Turbine Room, Boiler Room and the Triple Engine Room.

You will need to contact the Waltham Forest Registry Office directly to arrange the ceremony with the registrars.

[Click here for their contact details.](#)

Photography

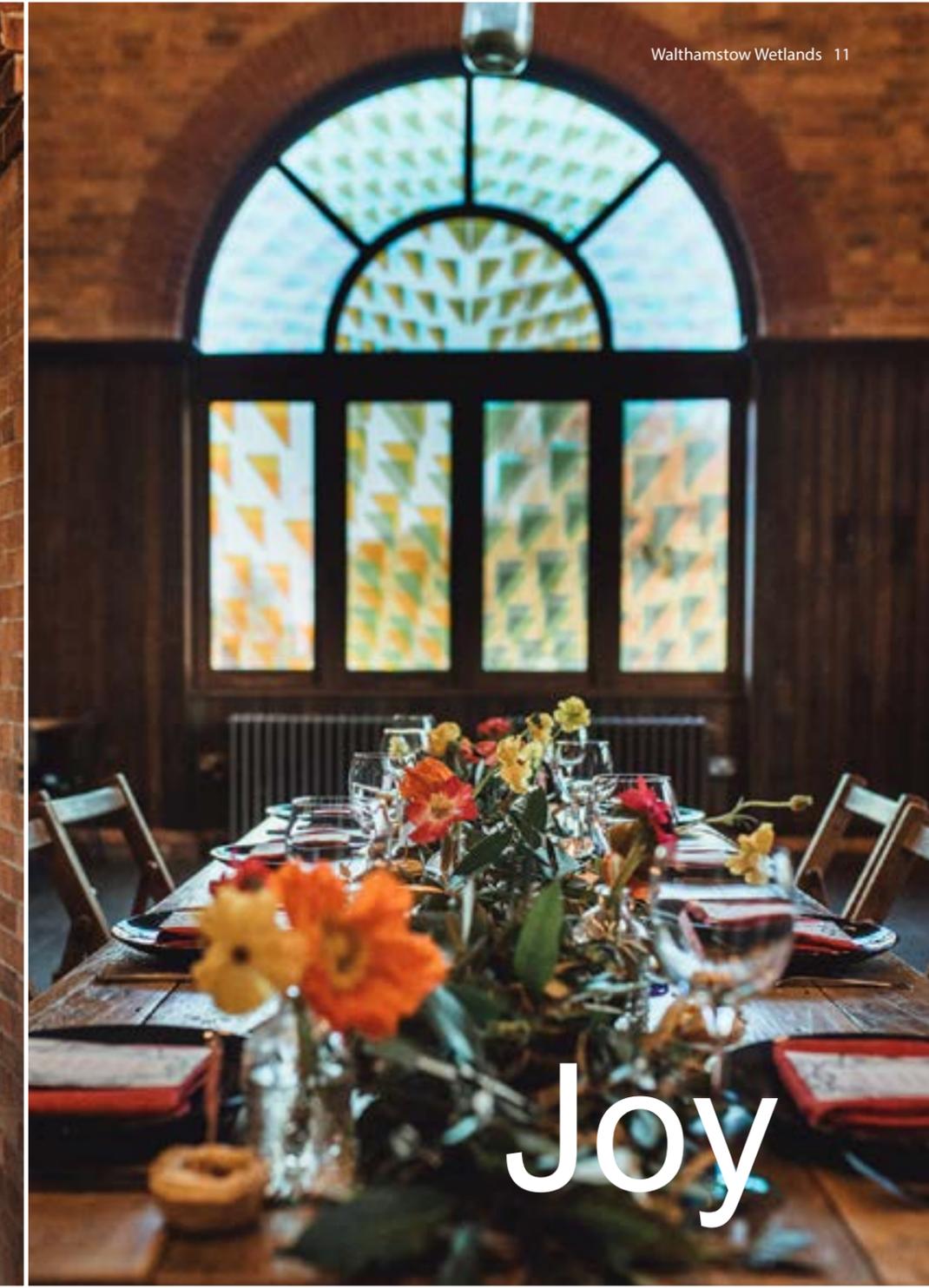
Walthamstow Wetlands is a 211 hectare nature reserve with a number of stunning spaces to take photography including the locally-listed Engine House with its unique Victorian architecture, outdoor Terrace and exposed brick walls, and also the Grade II-listed Coppermill Tower with its grand viewing platform and stunning views across London and the site itself.

Photography can also be taken by any of the 10 reservoirs – some of which have a cityscape background whilst others are home to very special islands where various birds and wildlife both resident and rare reside.

Recommended Suppliers

Couples can tailor their wedding at Walthamstow Wetlands so that it is like no other. We have connections to trusted suppliers from florists and caterers to entertainers and toastmasters to ensure that every detail is perfected in the run up to your big day.

Please ask the team for contact details for our recommended suppliers.



FAQs

Can I set up the night before?

As the Engine House is a busy visitor centre during the day, you will be unable to set up the day before. We do however allow a small box of items to be dropped off the afternoon before.

What decorations can I use?

You can decorate the interior areas with flowers, candles (in holders), fairy lights, bunting & free standing props. For environmental reasons we do not allow balloons, fireworks or glitter.

Can my guests use confetti?

Guests may use dried flower petals only but we request this is only thrown outside the building.

Is there any Audio Visual equipment at the venue?

There are no speakers or music systems built in to any of the rooms. You may provide your own but please check on your show round the nearest available plug sockets.

Can we have a band or DJ?

We do allow bands & DJs; they would need to provide all their own equipment, lighting & sound systems. We recommend they come to the venue for a pre-visit to make sure the set up & electrical sockets are adequate. They must also take all kit away with them on the night of the event as there is no storage space within the venue. Please note the sound limit is 90 decibels.

Can my guests go out on the nature reserve?

We encourage all guests to go out and enjoy a walk on the beautiful nature reserve. We recommend making time for this in the wedding schedule either before the ceremony or straight after. This allows time for you to take pictures too! However once your drinks reception commences or the reserve closes to the public (whichever is first) for security reasons there will be no further access to the reserve for any guests.

Can we leave items overnight following the event?

The visitor centre has extremely limited storage and for this reason we do not have space to store items overnight. Everything will need to be taken away on the night of the event.

What furniture is available for use?

We have 6 x 5ft round tables (linen needs to be hired separately), 60 white conference chairs, 50 x assorted wooden chairs available for use, along with the outdoor seating. If any additional furniture or table set up is required this can be hired separately at an extra cost.

Why do I need security?

Due to the unique operational nature of the site, they are required to maintain security & manage guests entrance/exit around the site after hours.

Is there an area for our guests to smoke?

We would ask that all guests smoke in the designated smoking area at the front of the building by the ashtray on the wall.

What outdoor areas can we use on sunny days?

Once the visitor centre is closed you can make full use of the downstairs terrace area adjacent to the café as well as the balcony on the mezzanine. The area at the front of the Engine House may also be used once the site is closed to the public and we can move the outdoor furniture to this area for use.

Can we use the video screens in the Boiler Room?

The format for the AV screens is very specific so we are unable to switch in alternative videos/pictures. However you can choose whether these are on with the wetlands video rolling or off during your event.

Can I book a guided walk for my guests?

We cannot offer guided walks for large groups; however we do have wildlife spotter sheets & maps that we can hand out to guests to use while enjoying the reserve.





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For more information on our weddings and civil ceremonies and to request a showaround, please speak to our dedicated events team at Forest Venues on 020 8496 8018 or email venues@walthamforest.gov.uk



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The entrance is a 10 minute walk from Tottenham Hale and Blackhorse Road tube stations (Victoria Line and overground)



Buses 123 and 230 stop outside the site (Ferry Boat Inn bus stop)



The Engine House opening hours are 9.30am - 4pm daily.



Please note that parking is limited onsite. Parking charges start from £2 for up to one hour.



The Engine House and main concrete pathway through the site are accessible for wheelchair users and those with walking difficulties.



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