

Flaxmere Garden

Often quoted as “a little piece of paradise” Flaxmere Garden is the perfect place for weddings. It is private, secluded & exclusive, just over one hour north of Christchurch.

It is a large country garden (7 acres) boldly designed to include long vistas of the Southern Alps. Heavy old bridge timbers and stone walls all add to the country style, and a feeling of peace & romance abides here, with spectacular change of seasons.

Water contributes enormously to the overall appeal, with a series of ponds which support a variety of bird life. Plantings are lush and in keeping with the colours in the landscape. There is a large area of indigenous plantings which adds great interest.

There are many different areas which lead from one to the next each distinctive in their planting. These include clipped boxwood creating the approach to a formal rose garden with many varieties of old fashioned roses. Formality gradually merges into the countryside with the use of perennials & grasses. Trees have been planted well beyond the fence lines!

All of this offers prospective brides the unique opportunity to create their own weddings in very distinctive styles.

An old grass tennis court well sheltered from the winds is an ideal setting for a marquee. A rustic barn is another option for weddings of 70 or less people. There is a cottage available within the garden, which sleeps 4-5 people to use for weddings, and great accommodation within the district.

The Homestead is also available for brides to make their preparations.

A large area for campers to stay the night within the garden is another option.

An advantage is being able to supply your own beverages with no corkage.

Penny views gardening as an art form and uses the garden to showcase New Zealand artists at the annual Art in a Garden event, held every year at the end of October.

It is a garden which is an ideal canvas for wedding celebrations and photos.

The garden is clearly sign posted from Hawarden

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