



Cold Water Canyon & Pavilion Amenities

Cold Water Canyon Description:

Cold Water Canyon is a beautiful, shady tributary glen along the east bank of the Wisconsin River. The Canyon once served as regular stop on river excursions offered by Dells Boat Tours. Today, Cold Water Canyon is an exclusive retreat for private charter tours, parties and gatherings, and is only offered through Dells Boat Tours. The Canyon site provides a variety of scenic locations for ceremonies, such as weddings, and a historic stone building for small banquets, meetings and entertainment events. 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 takes them to the canyon. 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 quaint historic stone Pavilion on-site at Cold Water Canyon was built in 1939 and 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 ceremonies, family reunions, meetings and other special occasion 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 has an area suitable for a DJ, band or other entertainment. 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.

The Pavilion is equipped with a built-in bar service area and a gas fireplace. The space can be arranged for 80 sit-down guests at round tables or up to 100 people seated at rectangular banquet tables. Either table 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 on-site to accommodate additional seating outside. Restrooms are also available on-site.

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 150 guests to remain seated on the charter 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.

Meeting Amenities:

The 700-square-foot Pavilion is an excellent 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 along the riverbank path during a pause in your meeting.

Canyon River Walk:

Upon disembarking from the charter boat, guests enjoy a leisurely stroll along a scenic pathway that takes them into the Cold Water Canyon site. The view along the walkway to the Pavilion features the stunning sandstone rocks and flourishing landscape of the region. The canyon is thick with pine trees, ferns and other vegetation against the striking layered sandstone.

Event Packages:

Dells Boat Tours has packages to accommodate smaller groups of up to 75 people, as well as larger gatherings with as many as 150 guests. Planners can arrange for events that run from two to eight hours in length. Packages include charter boats and cruising time, use of the Canyon facilities & amenities as well as pre-event set up. Call for pricing.

Catering & Other Planning Services:

Dells Boat Tours group planners have a list of recommended vendor 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 / Booking 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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