

Carrigan Farms, LLC
Picnic Planning Guide
 2021 Edition
 www.carriganfarms.com

About The Farm

Located approximately 40 minutes north of Charlotte, Carrigan Farms, a 250-acre farm in Mooresville, North Carolina, includes three-generations of hard-working farmers, and specializes in growing the finest fruits and vegetables. Depending on the time of year, you will find strawberries, asparagus, lettuce, apples, and pumpkins, to name a few. Almost all the produce is sold at the farm or served at our catered events, making Carrigan Farms truly “farm-to-table.”

For many years, the Carrigans have welcomed visitors to explore the natural beauty of their farm. A “North Carolina Century Farm,” Carrigan Farms has farmed in the same location since 1902 and has hosted weddings since 1988.

In the late 1960’s half of a million tons of granite stone was taken from the farm to build part of I-77, creating what is now “The Quarry.” The Quarry at Carrigan Farms is described by many as a piece of “Heaven on Earth.” Quarry visitors marvel over the perfect ambiance, not knowing if the scenery is more reminiscent of the mountains or the beach.

Fed by a natural underground spring, the Quarry holds ten million gallons of water used for swimming and irrigation purposes. Its natural granite walls define the private location and rise 70 feet. Chiseled rock benches and overlooks are perfect for sitting or for jumping into the 25 feet deep water below. The Quarry’s curving boardwalk, filtering into a white sugar-sand beach, is reminiscent of time-honored beach style. The large covered pavilion and beautiful grassy area are the definition of charm and provide a breathtaking photo backdrop.

The Quarry at Carrigan Farms is the perfect place to host your outdoor company picnic, or other special event. Pictures and words fall short in describing the beauty of the quarry. Whatever the occasion, the Quarry is the ideal secluded, private, and picturesque venue to hold your next gathering. You won’t know if you’re in the mountains or at the beach!

SCHEDULING YOUR EVENT / RESERVING A DATE

Carrigan Farms, LLC can accommodate events up to 1,000 people and we schedule events on a first-come, first-serve basis both in the daytime and evening--two events per day. Our staff is experienced in cleaning up and re-setting from one event to the next.

Daily event start and end times are listed below. **The start time is the earliest outside vendors; guests or other personnel may arrive. The end time is the time that all vendors, guests and other personnel must be off the farm.**

Summer Access:

Starting Memorial Day Weekend lasting through the second weekend in September, we host Open Swim at the quarry from 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM. We also host regular evening Open Swim events, so summer availability is very limited.

October Access:

Each October, we host a haunted trail, Scarrigan Farms, on Thursday - Sunday evenings. We have all days of the week open in October for daytime events, however, we only have evenings open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the month of October.

Monday – Friday Morning Event Times (Excluding June, July and August):

Morning: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM (35 person minimum)

***Note that there is no morning availability from Memorial Day through Labor Day due to Open Swim hosted.**

Monday – Thursday Evening Event Times:

Evening: 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM (50 person minimum)

***Note that there are no Thursday evenings available in October**

Friday Evening Event Times:

Evening: 5:00 PM – midnight (100 person headcount minimum)

***Note that there are no Friday evenings available in October**

Saturday Morning Event Times are (Excluding June, July and August):

Morning: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM (100 person headcount minimum)

***Only available February through mid-May, then again in mid-September through December.**

Saturday Evening Event Times are:

Evening: 5:00 PM - midnight (150 person headcount minimum)

*Note that there are no Saturday evenings available in October

Sunday Morning Event Times are (Excluding June, July and August):

Morning: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM (100 person headcount minimum)

*Only available February through mid-May, then again in mid-September through December.

Sunday Evening Event Times are:

Evening: 4:30 PM – 11:00 PM (100 person headcount minimum)

*Note that there are no Sunday evenings available in October

DEPOSITS TO RESERVE / HOLD A DATE:

A non-refundable, but deductible, deposit is required to reserve a date. No date is considered reserved until Carrigan Farms, LLC confirms receipt of your deposit and confirmation form. **All deposits will be deducted from your final bill, but are non-refundable in the event of cancellation or date change.** When sending your deposit, please fill out and include the last page of this document which includes contact information and event details. Please note dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis.

Deposit Amounts Are:

Saturday Night, \$2000 deposit

Any Non-Saturday Night date, \$600 deposit

The last page of this brochure is a confirmation form that should be returned with the deposit to hold your date. Once the deposit has been received, this booklet constitutes a contract between your group and Carrigan Farms, LLC. Please note the minimum number of guests required above.

MENU OPTIONS

You will experience a complete farm-fresh meal from start to finish. Most foods served are grown at Carrigan Farms and picked the day of your event. Our field-to-table approach allows only the best quality, in season foods. Our job is to suggest menus that correspond with the season’s finest fruits, vegetables and herbs that are picked right on the farm. Grilled foods are prepared in view of the group. We invite everyone to smell the aroma in the air and share in the experience.

All meals are served buffet style. To ensure the quality and safety of the food, serving is limited to a maximum of ninety minutes. We do not allow food or beverages to be brought on to the farm without prior approval. If you would like a menu not outlined in a package, please let us know. We can adapt to fit your needs or culture.

Meal prices include the facility rental, rental of tables, chairs, catered food and non-alcoholic beverage items, set up and clean up.

Meal prices listed below show adult meal costs for events hosted in 2021. Guests ages 12 and above are considered adults. Guests between the ages of 4 and 11 are half of the adult price as listed below. Guests ages 3 and under are free.

Step One: Choose a Main Course from the list below:

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| • Hamburger, Hotdog with all the fixins | \$42.00 |
| • Grilled Chicken Breast with Rosemary Cream Sauce | \$50.00 |
| • Barbeque Chicken Halves / “Chicken Pickin’” | \$52.00 |
| (requires at least 100 guests) | |
| • Barbeque Pig Pickin’ and Barbeque Chicken Pickin’ | \$55.00 |
| (requires at least 100 guests) | |
| • Grilled Ribeye, Fillet and Chicken Breast + Rosemary Sauce | \$62.00 |
| • Grilled Ribeye, Fillet and Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce | \$65.00 |
| • Grilled Salmon and Grilled Chicken Breast | \$62.00 |
| • Grilled Ribeye, Fillet, Chicken Breast with Rosemary Sauce
and Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce | \$67.00 |

Note: Gratuity and tax are not included in the above prices. Please contact Carrigan Farms for an individualized quote on any of the above packages or other special menu requests.

We will do our best to accommodate any allergies or dietary restrictions but please let us know in advance. Vegetarian options are available upon request with any package: Grilled Portobello, spicy black bean burger, etc. These can be included with an advance request and number of vegetarian meals needed, for no additional charge

Step Two: Choose a combined total of six appetizers, side items and desserts.**Appetizer Choices:**

- Seasonal Fruit Platter with Honey-Yogurt dipping sauce
- Veggie Tray- carrots, cucumbers, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, etc. with ranch dip
- Cheese Tray- assorted gourmet cheeses and crackers
- Grilled Bruschetta- fresh tomatoes, basil, onion and parmesan cheese on toasted baguette
- Fresh-made Pico de Gallo Salsa + Corn Chips (tomatoes, jalapeno, onion, etc.)
- Thai-High Shrimp Skewers (add \$5 per person).

Side Items:

- Fresh Garden Salad: leaf lettuce, spinach, sweet peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots
- Spinach Salad: baby spinach, bacon, red onion, tomato, sliced boiled egg
- Classic Caesar Salad: romaine, parmesan, croutons
- Rocket Salad: arugula, lemon, extra virgin olive oil, tomatoes and parmesan
- Watermelon Slices
- Sweet Summer Cantaloupe Slices
- Vine-Ripened Sliced Tomatoes
- Summer Squash, Zucchini and Vidalia Onions with Lemon Pepper
- Sweet Corn on the Cob
- New Red Potatoes with Butter and Parsley
- Pasta Salad with Feta Cheese, Basil Pesto, Bell Pepper, and Black Olives
- Classic Potato Salad
- Coleslaw (specify mayo. or vinegar-BBQ type slaw)
- "Sweet Heat" Baked Beans
- Baked Potatoes
- Baked Sweet Potatoes (Fall)
- Steamed Asparagus (mid-April- mid-May only)
- Steamed Green Beans
- Steamed Broccoli (October and November only)
- Fresh Strawberries (May only)

Dessert Choices:

- Homemade Pound Cake with seasonal fresh fruit topping
- Chocolate Cheesecake Swirl Brownies
- Banana Pudding
- Hand Dipped Ice Cream

Fresh Bread: Included with all menus except Hamburger / Hotdog

Beverages: (available all day)

- Coke and / or Pepsi products
- Sweet Iced Tea
- Water

Beverages: (by advance request only)

- Coffee (spring and fall only)
- Apple Cider (fall only)
- Beer and Wine (addl. cost and restrictions apply)

ALCOHOL

Beer and Wine Options: All beer and wine served at your event must be purchased from us. Multiple options and packages are available. Please contact us to design a beer and wine package. You may not bring your own beer and wine as it violates our license.

NOTE: If you feel some of your guests will become legally intoxicated, guests can leave their car and prior arrangements should be made for a shuttle or a bus, or guests can take an Uber, Lyft, or a taxi, etc. We do not mind if cars are left at Carrigan Farms until the next day if a guest cannot drive home safely. But please, under any circumstances, do not drink and drive.

FUN EXTRA ACTIVITIES:

Consider the following additional activities to enhance your next picnic at Carrigan Farms, LLC.

• Sand Beach Volleyball, volleyballs included	FREE
• Catch and release fishing, bring your own gear	FREE
• Fishing with fishing expert, 20 poles, bait & tackle included	\$300
• Dragon Themed Bounce House	\$300
• “5 in 1” Bounce House with slide	\$400
• Climbing Wall with gear and attendant(s)	\$400 to \$600
• Canoe, includes paddles	\$50 / canoe
• Helium Tank and balloons	\$125
• Popcorn Machine and Popcorn	\$125
• Face Painter	\$50 / hour
• Clown or Caricature Artist	\$175 / hour
• DJ	\$150 / hour
• Live Band	Price varies

TABLES & CHAIRS

Tables and [chairs](#) are included with your rental. We furnish [round tables to seat](#) eight (8) guests. They are 60” (5-foot) round tables at which a maximum of eight (8) people can sit. For each buffet line we use two rectangular tables (each 8’ by 30”). Our chairs are white plastic folding chairs with padded seats. A white *plastic* lap length table cover is provided for all tables at no charge. Real linens are available for rent for an additional cost, see below.

LINENS

Carrigan Farms includes disposable, white **plastic**, [lap-length table cover](#) on all tables for free. If you prefer the use of real linens, we can provide those at an additional cost. You may choose a lap or floor length linens for the guest tables at your event; however, floor length linens are recommended for the cake table, buffet lines, bar area, and any other supplemental tables you wish to have. Prices are as follows and include delivery and Carrigan Farms staff to set up.

White Lap-length Round , (90” round)	\$15 each
White Floor-length Round , (120” round)	\$20 each
White Floor-length Rectangular , (90” x 156”)	\$20 each Please contact us in advance for details on colored linen rentals.

CHINA AND PLACE SETTINGS

We provide disposable, white plastic plates, clear plastic forks and knives, white paper dinner napkins, and clear cups included in the price. If you wish to rent real china and glassware, see below for pricing, which includes delivery, set-up, and clean-up. Menus that include steak or grilled chicken breast automatically include real silverware at no additional cost.

China, Cutlery, and Glassware Prices: \$0.55/item

[Appetizer Plate](#), [Dinner Plate](#), [Cake Plate](#), Fork, Steak Knife, White Linen Napkin, Wine Goblet, Tea Glass, and Champagne Flutes are all **\$0.55** per item. **Note: All rental items arranged through Carrigan Farms, LLC include delivery, set-up, and clean-up. If you use real china and cutlery, it costs about \$4.00 per person.**

RECEPTION PAVILION

The Quarry at Carrigan Farms has a [4000 square foot open– air pavilion](#) which, when furnished with tables and chairs, can accommodate up to 300 guests. The pavilion contains many effective ceiling fans that help immensely on hot summer days. Additional seating can be set up on the sand or grass for total capacity of up to 1000.

MUSIC

The quarry is equipped with a stereo and port for your IPod, iPhone, MP3, laptop, etc. You or your guests are welcome to bring devices containing any music you wish to be played, just make sure your battery is fully charged in advance. There is **no cost** to bring your IPod or music device and hook it up to our system.

For phones, tablets, and laptops, we have a standard headphone jack adapter (3.5mm) to plug into your device. You will be able to plug your phone, tablet, or laptop into our system and be able to place your music around the whole quarry.

For DJs, we have standard stereo XLR plug-ins that will allow you to plug in your mixer or converter into our full system. We have a mix of speakers at the venue, under the covered pavilion there are both passive and powered speakers for the reception, and passive speakers around the rest of the venue. There are speakers by the ceremony area that are a part of our full system.

Permanent, high-quality speakers are located throughout the quarry and provide good acoustics. DJ's that wish to plug into our in-house system often only need to bring their mixing board, microphones, XLR cables, and laptop / tablet. Please inquire about recommendations for DJ services. You may bring your own DJ or band, but we need to know in advance. Bands **are not** permitted to plug into our system and should bring their own sound equipment. We also reserve the right to control all volume levels. There are four dedicated 20 amp circuits that should accommodate all electrical needs.

EVENT STAFF

We will provide the appropriate amount of staff for the event based on the number guests and menu selected. Our friendly and polite staff are attired in Carrigan Farms polos, aprons, and khakis. We provide meals for the Carrigan Farms staff, and they eat last. Outside vendors should be included in the headcount if you wish to provide a meal for them.

STANDARD LIGHTING

The Quarry has adequate lighting both along the length of the boardwalk and along the rock wall. The covered pavilion has white Christmas lights strung in the rafters. The lighting provides an aesthetically pleasing evening and/or night setting and is adequate for all events. This is always included in your rental package.

OPTIONAL LIGHTING UPGRADE

[Super-bright, color changing LED's](#) illuminate the [quarry wall along the sand and lawn](#), as well as shine along the water's edge, illuminating the reflection of the rocks into the water. The lights are able to change colors and can be pre-programmed to your desired color scheme. Cost: \$600.

***Note:** Waterfall and upgraded lighting combination price is \$1000; inquire about Monday - Thursday packages.

WATERFALL

[Unity Falls, where two waterfalls unite and become one](#), cascading into the quarry. Cost: \$600.

***Note:** Waterfall and upgraded lighting combination price is \$1000; inquire about Monday-Thursday packages.

DECORATIONS

The Quarry is so naturally beautiful that decorations tend to be unnecessary; however, should you wish to decorate, you may only decorate the day of your event. Any decorations you bring and put up should be removed at the close of your event. We cannot be held responsible for anything left after your event; however, if things of value are left by mistake, we will make an effort to save them and notify you.

Prohibited Decorations:

Confetti, glitter, fake flower petals, silly string, sparklers and sky lanterns are prohibited, as well as anything that might blow in the wind and litter the area. Any real burning candles must be in a candle holder with sturdy base to prevent blowing over or dripping wax. If you have a question about your candle/ candle holders just ask. Staples, nails and tacks are not permitted to fasten things in the pavilion or to trees. For fastening items, we permit the use of fishing line, tape, or wire; our staff will aid in decorating to your specifications.

BATHROOMS

We have very nice [restroom facilities](#) with flush toilets for men, women and handicapped guests.

SIGNS & DIRECTIONS

Directions to Carrigan Farms are provided on our website.

**It is very important that you instruct all attendees to
“Enter at the ‘Carrigan Farms West Entrance’.”**

And include the physical address in the invitation of 1213 Oak Ridge Farm Hwy. Otherwise guests might turn into the wrong entrance. The printed directions on our website are the best directions. If your guests will use GPS, give them the following address, with the caveat that unless their device is up-to-date on software updates, this address may or may not lead them here.

GPS ADDRESS FOR THE QUARRY:

1213 Oak Ridge Farm Hwy, Mooresville NC 28115.

This will take them to the West Entrance. Please note, this is NOT our mailing address so please don't send mail to that address.

Carrigan Farms does not post additional signs for your event. The vast majority of guests arrive without getting lost, provided you tell them to use the directions on our website. **We recommend indicating on the invitation to enter at the West Entrance located at 1213 Oak Ridge Farm Hwy.**

PARKING

Carrigan Farms has ample parking for your group. We can provide parking space for up to 1000 people. The main parking lot is approximately 100 yards from our quarry facility. **You should direct all able-bodied individuals to park in the main lot, including bridesmaids and groomsmen.** The lower service parking lot is for Carrigan Farms service vehicles but we try and reserve five parking spots there for handicapped guests or grandparents. At most events these spaces will be used by the handicapped guests, bride, or other vendors you arrange (i.e. band, DJ, photographer), etc. (To get to the lower parking lot, follow the “Wrong Way” sign.) Handicapped guests may be dropped off in the lower parking lot; however, if there is not adequate space for their vehicle, we request that the car be parked in the main lot. Wheelchairs are available by advance request.

PRIVACY

Carrigan Farms is a working farm that is open to the retail public, and may have other activities taking place on the day of your event. However, if an event is scheduled at our private Quarry facility, it is exclusively for your group. We will work to ensure that your event remains private for its duration. If you do see a guest that is not invited, let us know and our staff will kindly ask them to leave.

SWIMMING

The water is 25 feet deep; therefore, we enforce strict rules concerning swimming as described below.

Anyone who wishes to swim must wear a lifejacket at all times while in the water, unless they successfully pass the swim test.
We provide life jackets.

Participants ages 12 and above are able to take a swimming test, which assesses their ability to swim and tread in deep water. Those who pass the swim test may swim without a life jacket. The swim test is administered by certified lifeguards. Arrangements for lifeguards must be made in advance, as the number of lifeguards needed depends on the size of the event.

If you want to provide guests with the ability to swim at your event, you must hire lifeguards through Carrigan Farms to keep everyone safe. A minimum of two lifeguards are needed even if every guest is required to wear a lifejacket when they enter the water or guests must pass the swim test. The final amount of lifeguards needs to be determined after the final headcount.

Anyone who has been consuming alcohol or drugs should not swim. No swimming is permitted after dark. All swimming is at your own risk.

The Quarry at Carrigan Farms features a rope swing that can be used when guests are swimming at an event. Guests are required to pass a pull up test to use the rope swing. The test is one dead-hang overhand pull up on a stationary rope swing handle. Guests are only required to pass the pull up test once per visit. Operating the rope swing requires an additional two lifeguards. There is no additional fee to have the rope swing, aside from the cost of two additional lifeguards to operate the swing. For safety, the use of the rope swing by guests is at the discretion of the lifeguards on duty.

RAIN POLICY

Carrigan Farms is an outdoor facility. We have an open-air pavilion, which can be furnished to seat up to 300. We do not schedule rain dates in advance or cancel for inclement weather. Events take place rain or shine, but in the event of rain, we make every effort to offer options-- be they adjusting the timing of the ceremony or drying off chairs after a rain shower.

LOST & FOUND

Carrigan Farms is not responsible for any lost or stolen articles; however, we have “Lost and Found” storage and will keep items turned in to us for a brief (one to three day) period. It has been our experience that the last guests at an event often collect any leftover cameras, coats, etc for safekeeping and later return it to the event organizer, so be sure to first check with the folks that left the event last if you are missing some items. We will let the event organizer know of any found items. If you cannot find an item please let us know as soon as possible after the event.

KIDS AT THE QUARRY

Parents must assume the responsibility for children at all times. Younger children may not understand the possible danger of falling onto the rocks or into the water.

RESTRICTIONS AND REGULATIONS

Some restrictions do apply at Carrigan Farms. Please be aware of the following:

- Any bands / DJs that are hired must control their volume as not to disturb residential areas, and other areas on the farm. We feel that an acceptable volume level is loud enough for everyone to hear, yet still carry on a conversation. **We reserve the right to be the final authority on the proper volume level of any music.**
- No food or beverage may be brought on the farm unless approved by Carrigan Farms.
- **No driving is permitted down into the quarry, either on the boardwalk or the lawn. This includes golf carts, motorcycles, and all other motorized vehicles. All items must be hand carried in and out.**
- **If you have alcohol at your event, please don't drink and drive.** Call a taxi. You may leave your car overnight if needed.
- Carrigan Farms, LLC is not responsible for any alcohol and/or drug induced lack of good judgment.
- Any entertainment you hire is your responsibility regarding insurance and accidents.
- All groups at our farm must be self-insured.
- **SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK, no swimming after dark, lifeguards not provided unless arranged for in advance**

We have worked very hard to provide a safe and enjoyable facility for our guests. However, there are certain dangers that we cannot protect against, such as falling rocks, fish bites, insect stings, and other things that are out of our control. We implore you and your guests to use common sense and exercise safe behavior while enjoying the Quarry's natural beauty to the fullest.

GUEST HEADCOUNT

Your total person count is the total number of adults, children and outside vendors who will be attending your outing. For invoicing purposes, children are classified as those between the ages of 4 - 11 years old, and are half the adult price. Adults are classified as those ages 12 and up. Children ages 3 and younger are free, but we need to know how many will attend. We prepare for the number of confirmed guests; therefore, an underestimation will result in an insufficient amount of food being prepared.

In order for us to schedule staff and prepare the necessary food, it is imperative you provide a firm and accurate count no later than 10:00am, seven days prior to your event. The count provided to us seven days prior to your event will be the minimum number for which your group will be billed. If your headcount falls below the minimum number required for a specific date and time you will still be billed for the minimum number required.

In most cases, nominal increases in total number can be handled as late as the day before your outing. We cannot decrease the count once we are 7-days or less from the event date. In addition, we provide meals for employees and staff of Carrigan Farms at our cost.

BILLING & PAYMENT

Carrigan Farms can provide you with an individual quote if requested, which will be an approximation of your final bill when you schedule your event. Upon confirmation of the final headcount (due no later than seven days prior to your event by 10:00am), you will receive your invoice. Payment in full is due at that time. All events are required to settle their bill prior to the start of their event.

Payment is due upon receipt of the bill. Please note that 2% interest per month (24% annually) will be charged on all past due accounts. For payment, we accept personal checks, cashier checks, money order, and cash. We do not accept credit or debit cards

Event Confirmation Form

If you have read and agree to the terms and conditions in the above brochure, please sign below and return this form and your non-refundable deposit. THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED WITH THE DEPOSIT TO SECURE ANY GIVEN DATE FOR A CARRIGAN FARMS, LLC QUARRY EVENT. Please be sure to include the desired date of your event.

NOTE: The deposit will be deducted from your final bill but is not refundable in the event you cancel or change your event date.

Event Name: _____

Coordinator Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Email: _____

Requested Date and Time: _____

Approximate Number of Guests: _____

Best Time & Method to Contact: _____

Anticipated Main Course and Side Items:

I, _____, have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this brochure. In addition, I will be the contact (and individual in charge) of the Carrigan Farms, LLC Quarry event for our group.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

WARNING

Under North Carolina law, there is no liability for an injury to or death of a participant in an agritourism activity conducted at this agritourism location if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of the agritourism activity. Inherent risks of agritourism activities include, among others, risks of injury inherent to land, equipment, and animals, as well as the potential for you to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to your injury or death. You are assuming the risk of participating in this agritourism activity.

Mail to: Carrigan Farms, LLC, 1261 Oak Ridge Farm Hwy, Mooresville NC 28115