

Don't take our word for it!

So many photo options! posted by Jenny...03/04/2017

This place is a hidden gem! If you are looking for the "old Florida" charm for your wedding, this is the most gorgeous setting I've ever laid my eyes on. Gilly Francis was such a delight to work with from day one. She was very helpful with sending vendor lists, gave us tips and ideas and was there on the big day to make sure everything ran smoothly. The weather was perfect that day and we couldn't ask for more for a wedding ceremony. If we could we would have planned to have both our ceremony and reception there because it was so beautiful! This venue is also perfect for so many photo options. Thank you Gilly!!

Spectacular! posted by Kiki...2/12/2016

By far, the most beautiful setting to get married in West Florida. It was magical, all of our guests commented that they have never been to a wedding this wonderful. The natural setting at sunset was amazing. Gilly, our contact at Bay Preserve was amazing. So helpful and a dream to deal with. This was the best day of my life and could not have hoped for anything different. Spectacular. Book your wedding here- you will not be disappointed.

Old Florida Style posted by Jessica... 11/12/2016

When we started to look for a wedding venue the only thing we knew is that we wanted both the ceremony and reception to be outside. This was actually the first venue that we checked out, but didn't have to look any further! Bay Preserve at Osprey is the perfect location if you're looking for an outdoor venue that has that old Florida style. It combines the best of both worlds since it's by the water, but has a large lawn with huge oak trees. The house on the property is also beautiful and makes for great pictures. I can't say enough for how beautiful the property is! Gilly Francis and Michael's On East were also great to work with! Gilly was very professional and guided us throughout the entire process and on the day of. Michael's On East was incredible as well. Phil is easy going and makes the process as simple as possible. We received countless compliments on the food, it was amazing! The bartenders and staff were ON IT the entire night. As a bride you worry (constantly) of what could possibly go wrong, but everything went flawlessly working with these two. We had around 115 guests and fit everyone comfortably at tables behind the main house. The setting was gorgeous with the sun setting over the bay and market lights at night. I highly recommend Bay Preserve and Michael's On East!

Awesome venue posted by Christen... 6/30/2015

This venue is gorgeous. Originally, I thought I had wanted a beach wedding, but being from the South, the plantation home style had a draw. This was the PERFECT combination - a plantation style home on the Bay. It was very unique and was very classy. Gilly, who manages the venue, is great to work with. We almost got rained out and ended up having to get a tent day-of. Gilly was great in figuring out how to get things done last minute. The large trees with Spanish moss also added a great Old World feel. We took quite a few pictures on the pier as well and I can't wait to see how they turned out. Overall, I couldn't recommend it highly enough!! It was gorgeous and very easy to coordinate with Gilly.

The Bay Preserve is gorgeous posted by Carolyn...6/9/2015

We couldn't be happier with how our wedding turned out. The Bay Preserve is gorgeous and exactly what we were looking for. Make sure to have signs leading guests back there because it can be a tad tricky for those who have never been. Gilly, the main coordinator with the Bay Preserve, was easy to work with and helpful along the way. It's important to note that you must use their caterer, Michael's On East. This can be a bit pricy but worth the money. I wouldn't have done anything differently. The breeze from the water made the Florida heat bearable and our guests had a great time walking around the property and on the dock.

Beautiful Venue posted by Lisa... 10/29/2015

Beautiful venue and setting inside and out. Gilly is the main coordinate there and is amazing. She's so sweet and really tries to make the experience as perfect as possible.

Intimate and Beautiful posted by Debora... April 2015

We hosted a small, but intimate wedding at Bay Preserve and we were very happy with the beautiful property with mature trees, the privacy of the grounds and home and the convenience of having our ceremony, cocktail hour, sit down dinner and dancing in one location. The choice of vendor partners offered with this venue is excellent. We could not have been happier with our choice.

Exquisite Venue posted by Laura...11/11/2014

This is by far the most beautiful venue in/near Sarasota, FL for an outdoor wedding and/or reception. Their on-site coordinator Gilly is a joy to work with, and the exclusive caterer Michael's On East is the absolute best in Sarasota. The historic home on the property, the trees draped with Spanish moss, the Roman-style stage, and the sunset over the water provide endless combinations of gorgeous backdrops for your photos and of course, add to the joy of your experience. It is best for between 75 - 175 guests. We booked almost a year in advance for our November wedding. Though it is not cheap, the value is good (in comparison with the other options one has in Sarasota). Visit first -- but you will not be disappointed!

Right on the water! Posted by Shauna...3/18/2014

Bay Preserve at Osprey is right next to Historic Spanish Point, and many don't even know it's there (I didn't and I was born and raised here). The property is large, open, beautiful and right on the water. You can have the nature-filled wedding that you wanted as you say your vows underneath the trees, or have your ceremony up against the water while the sun is setting. The two-story historical house that we got ready in is absolutely beautiful! The staircase inside of the house is a must-have for pictures. You should really check this spot out! Plus when you choose Bay Preserve you are supporting the Conservation Foundation. Not to mention, Gilly (who runs the show there) is on top of her game! She was so easy to communicate with, and helped ease this first time bride's troubled mind! If I could re-live my wedding day 1,000 times, I wouldn't change a thing!