



ELOPEMENT GUEST GUIDE

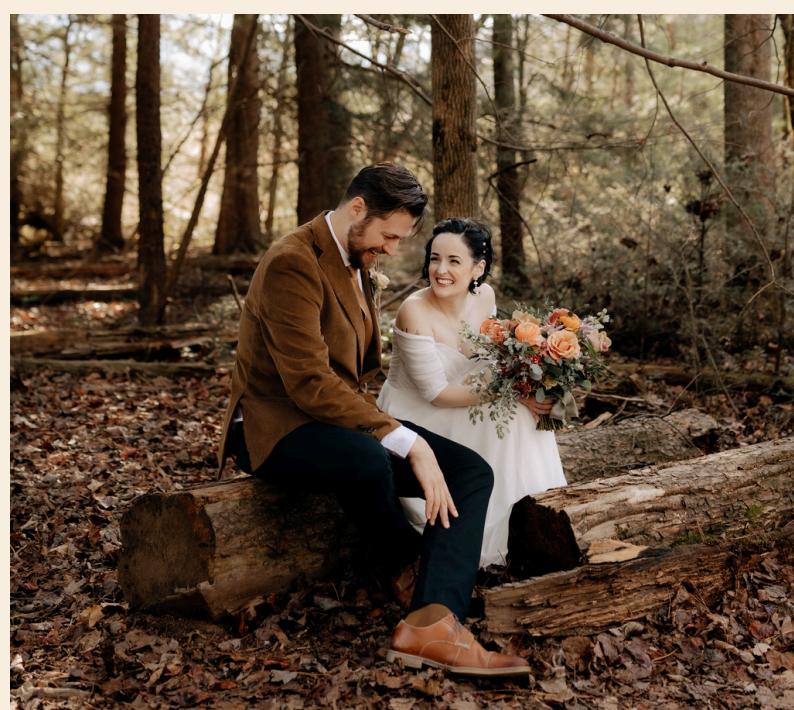
A guide to celebrating with intention in the Smoky Mountains



Welcome!

If you've been invited to an elopement—first of all, congratulations! That means you're part of a very small circle of people chosen to witness something incredibly personal and meaningful.

Elopements are not your average wedding day—they're intimate, intentional, and often filled with *adventure*. This guide will help you know what to expect and how to show up fully ready to celebrate.



What Makes an Elopement Different?

- Fewer People, More Meaning: Small guest list, big heart.
- Nature as the Backdrop: No ballrooms here—think mountains, overlooks, or cozy cabins.
- Freedom Over Formality: Less structure, more presence.
- Minimal Infrastructure: No seating charts, or a chair set aisle—just intentional love.



Behind the Scenes: What Might Be Included in an Elopement Day Package

- Photography + Planning (hi, that's me!)
- Vendor coordination (officiants, florals, permits, etc.)
 - A personalized timeline made just for them
 - Ceremony location scouting and logistics
- Optional extras: cake, champagne, charcuterie snacks, video, and more



How to Be a Great Elopement Guest

- Arrive On Time: Small guest lists = big impact if you're late.
- Dress for the Outdoors: Layers and comfortable shoes.
- Pack Light: Bring only what you need—no bulky bags or distractions.
- Respect the Format: There may not be a reception or big production. Just joy.
- **Leave No Trace:** Stay on trails, pack out trash, respect the land.

Bonus Tip:

🎒 Bring water and snacks for yourself—bonus points if you bring extras for the couple. Extra, extra points if you offer something to the media team. (Hi again! 🙌)





What to Expect During the Ceremony

Elopement ceremonies are beautifully simple—and sometimes a little unconventional.

There likely won't be a set aisle or rows of chairs. Instead, the couple may invite you to gather around and create a natural aisle as they enter.

The ceremony might be on a mountain overlook, a roadside pull-off, or a forest trail. Space could be tight. There might be wind, birdsong, or even the sound of passing cars—and that's all part of the charm.

“How to Be Present” tips



♥ Stand close! Cozy up to your people—this is meant to feel intimate.



📸 Be aware of the media team. We'll be moving around to capture every angle—just keep enjoying the moment!

🔊 Make some noise! When they kiss, cheer, clap, shout! There may only be 10 of you—make it feel like 50.

🌟 Embrace the quirks. Nature might not be quiet or perfect—and that's okay. It's real, raw, and beautiful.



🎉 Remember: There are no rules—just love

What the Day Might Look Like

Timeline:

-  4:00 PM – Guests arrive
-  4:30 PM – First look + private vows
-  5:00 PM – Ceremony
-  5:30 PM – Group photos
-  6:00 PM – Couple adventure photos
-  **7:00 PM – Wrap up**

Note Box:

 Many couples will ask guests to leave after group photos and meet them back at their Airbnb, cabin, or a local restaurant. Be sure to know the plan ahead of time and have the address saved—cell service can be spotty!

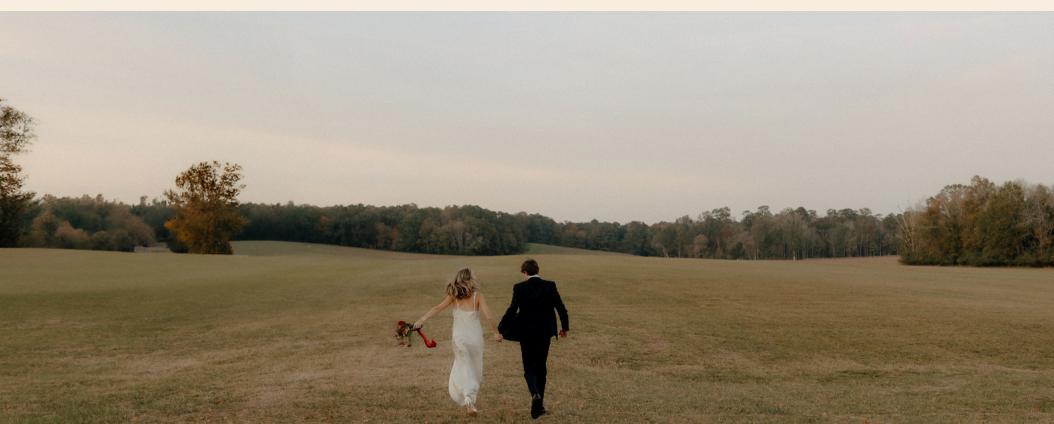


Final Thoughts

Being invited to an elopement is a big deal. You're not just attending—you're part of the story. Your presence, flexibility, and love mean the world to the couple.

Soak it in. Celebrate them. And help make it a day they'll never forget.

↑ *full blog post* ↓





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