

The
COONAMESSETT

FALMOUTH, CAPE COD



WEDDINGS & EVENTS

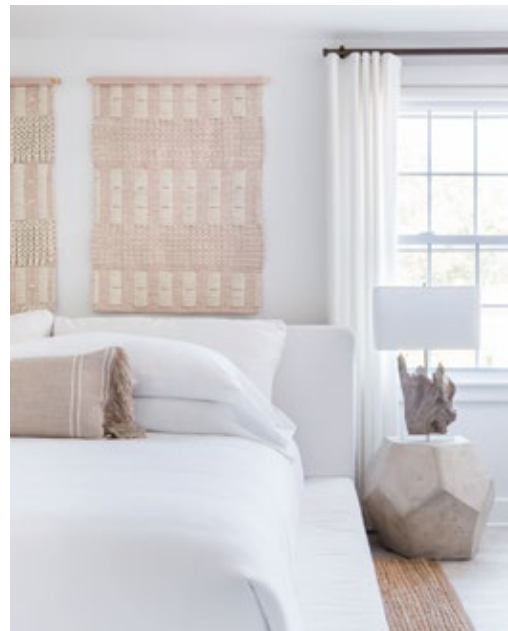


Plan your event at The Coonamessett

At The Coonamessett, your event is more than planned, it is designed. Every detail is the result of a decision made by you, which assures that your event is precisely what you expect from us. We hope that the following information regarding our services, procedures, and policies will assist you in your decision-making process. Someone is always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Amenities

- 29 maritime-inspired rooms and suites, featuring knotty pine, iron-framed beds, and whitewashed floors
- Onsite restaurant, Eli's Tavern, serving a creative twist on New England classics
- The Cape Cod Room event space can accommodate groups of up to 300 with catering service
- Multiple updated function rooms and expansive grounds perfectly suited for weddings and special events
- Outdoor deck and common spaces
- Free on-site parking
- Free high-speed WiFi throughout the hotel
- Bath amenities from LATHER
- In-room essentials, including waffle kimono robes, wine glasses, and corkscrews
- Personalized concierge services



QUESTIONS? WANT TO LEARN MORE? PLEASE CONTACT SALES@THECOONAMESSETT.COM

A Cape Tradition

Origins at Coonamessett Pond

1920-1950

The Coonamessett's story begins in the 1920s, in a stately farmhouse built in 1826 on the north side of picturesque Coonamessett Pond in Hatchville, a village within Falmouth, Massachusetts. The property was owned by the Crane family, who initially leased it to Mrs. Jane Jordan. In 1930, Edna L. Harris took over operations and truly elevated the inn's reputation.

Under Harris's stewardship, The Coonamessett became a destination for fine dining, elegant social affairs, and live music, attracting visitors from across the Cape and

beyond. Celebrities, socialites, and politicians alike made it a favored retreat, particularly during the summer months. Its proximity to Camp Edwards made it a popular gathering place for military personnel during World War II, adding to the inn's bustling and lively atmosphere.

The pond-side property featured lush grounds, a rustic yet refined setting, and a sense of secluded charm that made it one of Cape Cod's iconic social venues through the first half of the 20th century.

Relocation and Revival

1953-1969

In 1953, the Crane family decided not to renew Edna Harris's lease on the original pond property. Undeterred, Harris undertook the ambitious task of relocating The Coonamessett to 311 Gifford Street in Falmouth, a property that previously operated as a private home and boarding house. Harris ensured the continuity of the inn's legacy by transporting much of the original furniture, fixtures, and even the liquor license to the new location.

At Gifford Street, The Coonamessett retained its warm hospitality and elegant atmosphere, quickly re-establishing itself as a preferred venue for weddings, banquets, and fine dining. Edna Harris continued her leadership of the inn until her passing in 1967. Her

daughter, Hilda Harris, kept the tradition alive for a few more years before selling the property to Josiah K. Lilly, a member of the prominent Lilly pharmaceutical family, in 1969.

Modern Evolution

1970-PRESENT

The original inn by Coonamessett Pond was eventually demolished in 1987, with the site preserved as conservation land under local stewardship to protect the natural beauty of Hatchville.

Meanwhile, the Gifford Street property flourished. Spanning seven acres, the inn became a beloved Cape Cod destination, celebrated for its charming grounds, inviting patios, and beautifully appointed event spaces. The Coonamessett featured three distinct dining rooms, including the renowned Cahoon Room, adorned with whimsical paintings by beloved Cape Cod folk artist Ralph Cahoon. The inn became synonymous with memorable weddings, milestone celebrations, and refined hospitality.

In 2016, The Coonamessett entered a new era when boutique hospitality group Lark Hotels acquired the property. Recognized for blending historic character with modern design, Lark Hotels undertook a comprehensive renovation, completed in May 2018. The revitalization honored the inn's storied past while



Edna L. Harris's Coonamessett Inn

introducing chic, coastal-inspired interiors, curated art, and updated guest accommodations.

Today, The Coonamessett boasts 29 thoughtfully designed rooms and suites, the lively Eli's Tavern offering elevated New England fare, and versatile indoor and outdoor venues perfect for gatherings of all kinds. The inn remains an enduring symbol of Cape Cod charm and hospitality, continuing to welcome locals and travelers alike with the same warmth and spirit that began nearly a century ago.



Image from *Falmouth-by-the-sea : the Naples of America* (1896)



Contemporary view of The Coonamessett

Event Services

Event Timing

Private room facilities are available for formal dinners or for casual clambakes, barbecues, or buffets. The room rental includes up to five hours in the selected space. You will work with your event specialist to choose the start time. Additional time, if available, will be an additional fee. Your event start and end times must be finalized two weeks prior to your event. All events must end by midnight.

Wedding Ceremony

Depending on the number of guests and time of season, we offer a gazebo area or inside area for your wedding ceremony. Should your wedding ceremony be held on premises, we will assist you in the rehearsal. A fee will be charged for all ceremonies.

Linens

A selection of colored overlays and napkins are available at no charge. We can assist you should you desire to rent specialty linen.

Flowers & Decorations

We will assist you in contacting local florists for your floral needs. We will also advise you regarding any decoration requirements and limitations.

Please note: No glitter is allowed in our spaces. There will be a cleaning fee for any glitter used.

Cakes

We have suggested bakers who will design a wedding cake to your wishes. We will provide you with contact information and this will be a direct charge to you from the baker of your choosing. After the ceremonial cake cutting, we will finish cutting and will serve the cake at no additional charge.

Entertainment

Our suggested vendor list is available to you. Included are bands, piano players, disc jockeys, etc. Your entertainment must be at The Coonamessett one hour prior to the event. Entertainment must end by midnight. The Coonamessett management reserves the right to determine the appropriate sound level in consideration of not only your guests, but area residents.

Photographers & Videographers

In assuming the overall responsibility of your wedding day, i.e.: ambiance, service of food and beverages and comfort of your guests, we ask that the photographers/videographers consult with us regarding any particular request or setups you may have of them, so as not to disrupt the continuity of service or atmosphere we are providing you.

Arrangements for the delivery and/or setup of flowers, bands, DJ's, etc. should be made with The Coonamessett prior to the wedding.



Event Menu Packages



Gold Reception

A top choice among guests, the Gold Reception features elegant and elaborate food stations. Stations and passed hors d'oeuvres are offered for two-and-a-half hours and close for your formalities. There is no traditional cocktail hour; instead, guests will arrive to find our servers passing hors d'oeuvres and all stations open. This is not a buffet, but rather separate and convenient stations providing a variety of choices for attendees. Available stations include:

- SPECIALTY STATION
- PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES
- RAW BAR AND CHOWDER STATION
- PASTA STATION
- CARVING STATION
- THE GARDE MANAGER STATION

Minimum 80 guests. Per person pricing is based on your selection of a specialty station. Additional specialty stations are available and can be priced upon request.

Hors d'Oeuvres

Hors d'oeuvres will be passed by our wait staff. You'll have a choice of hot or cold options, including items like:

- CHEESE AND FRUIT PLATTERS
- BACON-WRAPPED SCALLOPS
- TENDERLOIN OF BEEF CROSTINI
- NACHO STATION
- TUNA TARTARE WITH WONTON CHIPS
- HOISIN-GLAZED LAMB POPS

Specialty & Theme Buffet

New England Clam Chowder course is served before buffet service begins on all packages. Bread and coffee service are included. Package themes available are:

- NEW ENGLAND CLAM BAKE
- GOURMET COOKOUT
- BACKYARD BARBEQUE
- CAPE COD BUFFET
- SEASHORE BUFFET

Plated Dinner

Prix-fixe, multi-course meal including selections of the following:

- STATIONARY DISPLAY
- HORS D'OEUVRES
- APPETIZER
- SALAD
- ENTRÉE

Enhancements

Available to add on to any event menu or package.

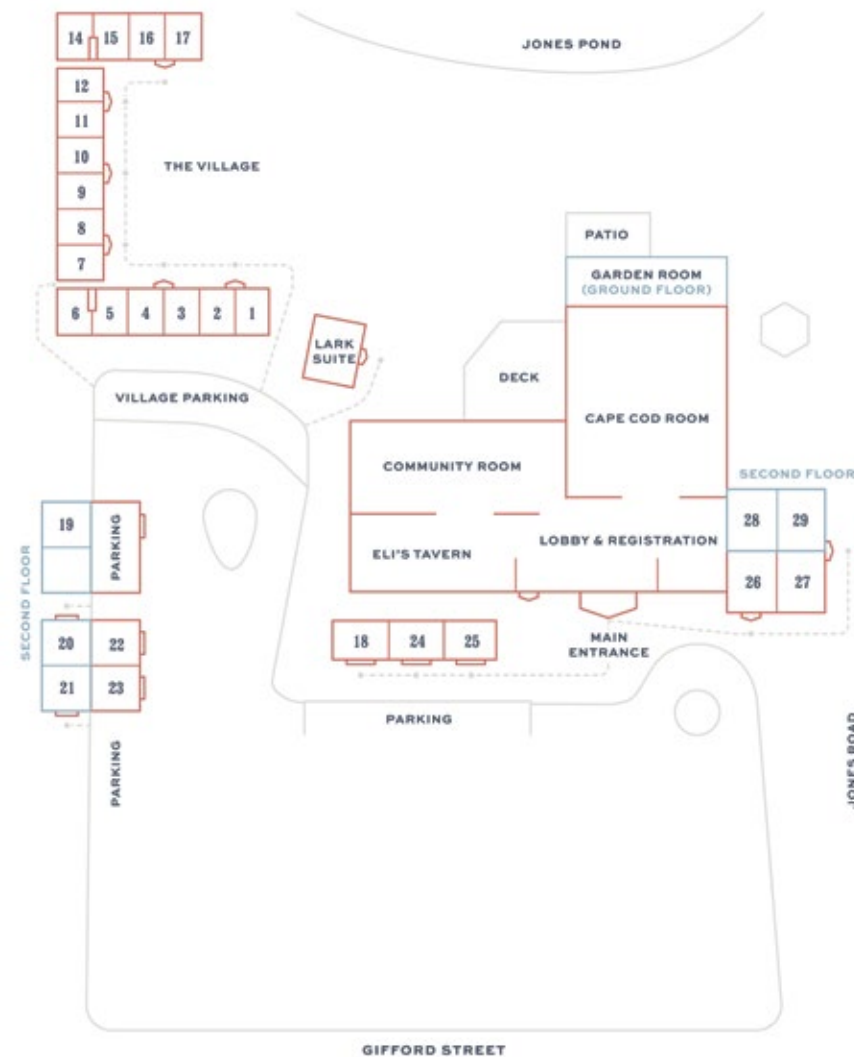
Priced per person. Options include:

- ADDITIONAL DINNER & DRINK SELECTIONS
- LATE NIGHT SNACKS
- DESSERT

The Property

Location

The Coonamessett is located on Jones Pond in scenic Falmouth, Massachusetts, where miles of shoreline and public beaches, ferries to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, and Atlantic waters make the town an idyllic spot for summer recreation. The hotel is conveniently situated near the Steamship Authority parking facility and ferry docks for easy access to the islands. Falmouth's 10-mile Shining Sea Bikeway is just a short ride from The Coonamessett and runs through marshes, along stretches of beaches, and through Cape pines and cranberry bogs.



Selecting the Right Space

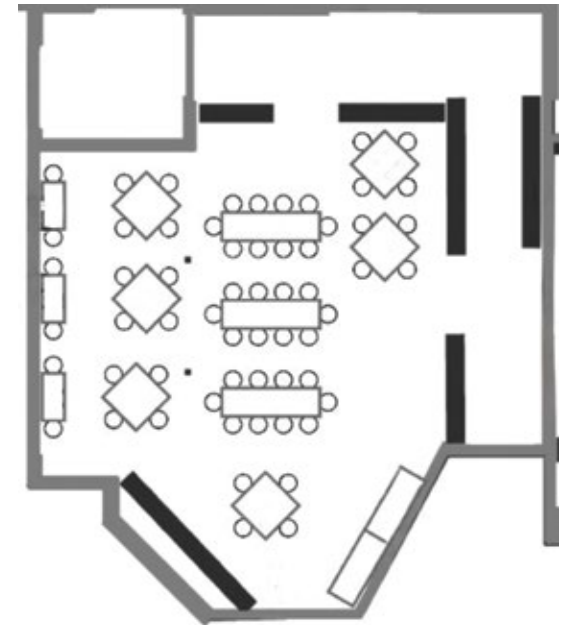
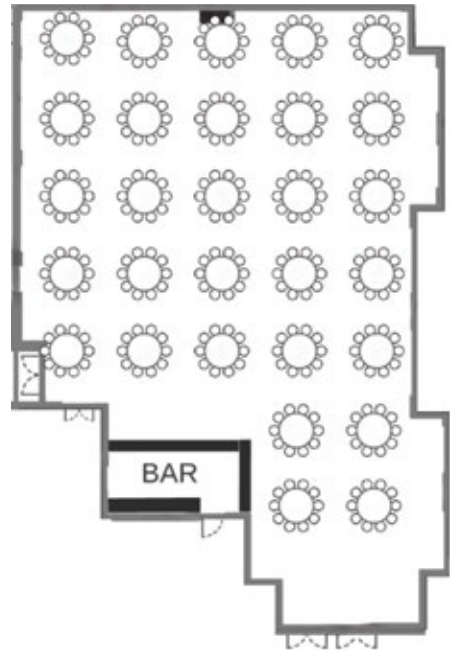
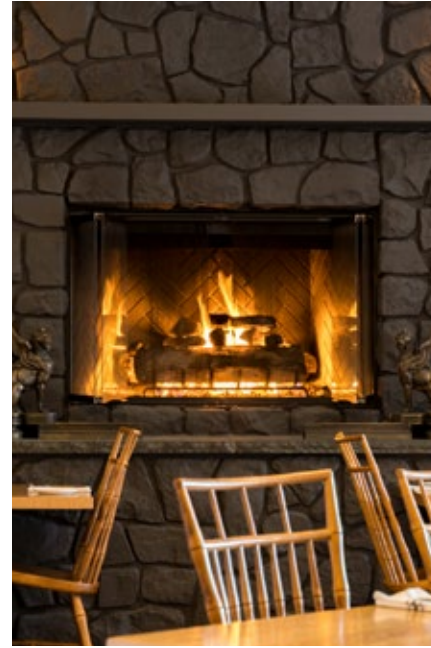
Available Space	Room Size	Max. Seated Capacity
THE DECK	37' x 37'	100
THE CAPE COD ROOM	55' x 75'	300
COMMUNITY HALL	37' x 12' X 15'	120
GARDEN ROOM	29' x 47'	100
ELI'S TAVERN	37' x 35'	75

The Deck

A spacious outdoor gathering space overlooking the pond. Ideal for a cocktail hour or other small gatherings.

Capacity: 100 people





The Cape Cod Room

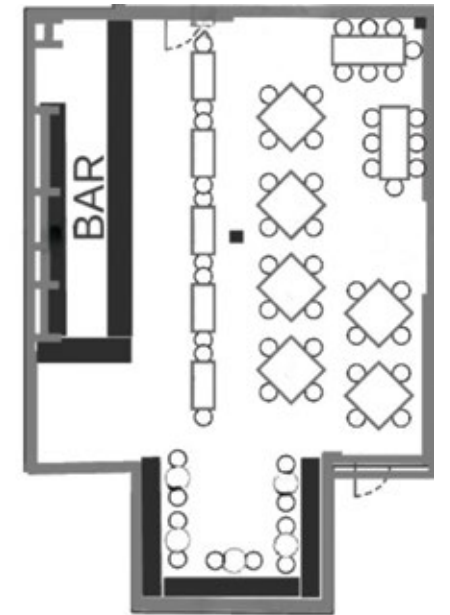
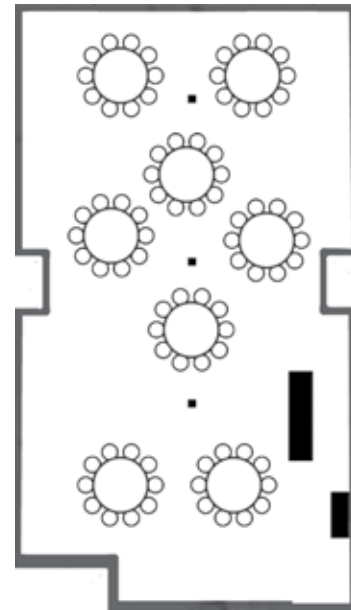
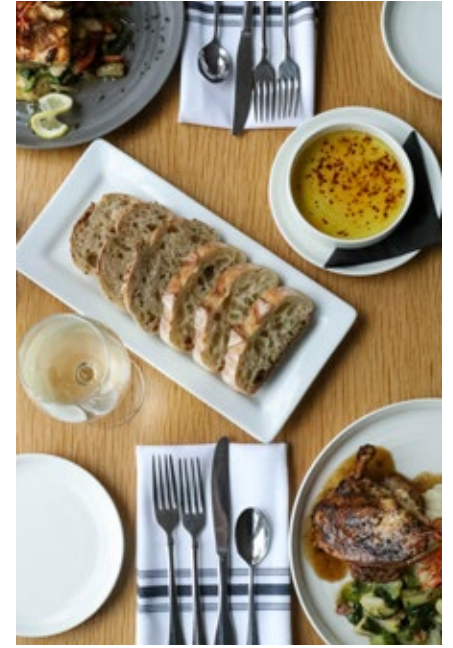
A spacious ballroom perfect for large events.

Capacity: 300 people

Community Hall

An intimate gathering space perfect for mid-size dinners and events.

Capacity: 120 people



Garden Room

An elegant space perfect for rehearsal dinners and intimate receptions and events.

Capacity: 100 people

Eli's Tavern

A cozy New England tavern for small parties or cocktail hours.

Capacity: 75 people

Policies & Procedures



Room Rentals

A room rental may be assessed pending facilities required. All room rentals are subject to a 7% Massachusetts tax.

Deposit & Guarantee

A non-refundable deposit must be made to book an event space at The Coonamessett. A guaranteed number of guests is due no later than two weeks before your event.

Pricing

Menu prices are subject to change without notice. All prices are subject to Massachusetts Meal Tax and 6% Administration Fee. The Administration Fee covers expenses for functions. The Administration Fee is not a gratuity.



Liquor Regulation

The Coonamessett holds a license granted by the state of Massachusetts and is held responsible for complying with its regulations. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the premises unless purchased from the license holder. We reserve the right to stop serving alcoholic beverages to any patron at any time it seems necessary to comply with Massachusetts state laws.

Security

The Coonamessett shall not assume the responsibility for damage or loss of any merchandise or articles brought onto the property of or inside the restaurant.



Hold Harmless

The Coonamessett shall be excused and held harmless for the failure to perform any obligation hereunder when prevented from doing so by cause or causes beyond its control, which shall include, but not limited to, labor disputes, civil commotion, war, fire or other casualty, inability to obtain any material or services, an Act of God, or any serious maintenance problem which, in its sole discretion and judgment, will impair efforts to properly host such a function. In such cases, money on deposit will be refunded.



Some Final Details...

- Open bars are based strictly on consumption. A monetary or time limit may be used to end the open bar.
- Our tables are 60" rounds that seat 8 guests, and/or 72" rounds that seat 10 guests.
- Prices reflect food consumed on our premises. Food not eaten during any event cannot be taken from premises, as it becomes a liability issue.
- Vegetarian or any other dietary restrictions will be handled by our staff. Please let us know about any allergies.

Testimonials

“Our October wedding at The Coonamessett was incredible!! The ballroom is so beautiful, airy and classic, which was one of the things that initially drew us to the venue. [The staff] was wonderful to work with.... We had several in person meetings with [them] during the planning process and [they] answered all of our questions with ease. We got so many compliments from guests about how great the food was, how much they loved the space, and how beautiful the grounds were. We had the absolute best day!”

—COURTNEY



“The Coonamessett was a dream venue—our family was able to stay at the Inn which created an unforgettable weekend for everyone. There were many family memories made at the breakfast table with their complimentary breakfast. The rooms were gorgeous and our photos came out so much better than we could have expected due to the beautiful decor and location. The food was fantastic and our bartender was so great. From start to finish, The Coonamessett made our wedding day a dream come true. I highly recommend this venue.”

—ANNA



“I can not say enough positive things about this venue. First and foremost, the function room is gorgeous—huge windows that overlook the lake on the property, with a hardwood stand-alone bar, and tables and chairs that are perfect and classy in their simplicity. Many of our guests stayed on The Coonamessett property, in the cottages that ring the grounds—it was so much fun to feel we had a ‘family compound’, and it was the perfect picturesque Cape Cod atmosphere.”

—MAGGIE



“We had a great experience with The Coonamessett. Their staff went above and beyond for our big day. Our family and friends still talk about what a wonderful time they had and how great the food was at our wedding. I would highly recommend them to anyone planning a wedding or event.”

—GABRIELA



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