



Dry Hire at South Lodge

Looking to host that extra special celebration for your wedding day, birthday or anniversary and wish to use your own external caterers, entertainment and décor?

At South Lodge we can provide 'dry hire' of the South Downs wing which comprises of 13 banqueting suites, 2 bars and a banqueting kitchen for preparation & heating. We can also provide up to 130 carver chairs, round & trestle tables as well as crockery, cutlery, white linen if required & glassware.

SOUTH LODGE

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The South Downs Wing

The Poets Floor (Lower ground)

Shelley, Keats, Tennyson & Foyer



The Ministers Floor (Ground)

Gladstone, Churchill, Disraeli & Foyer

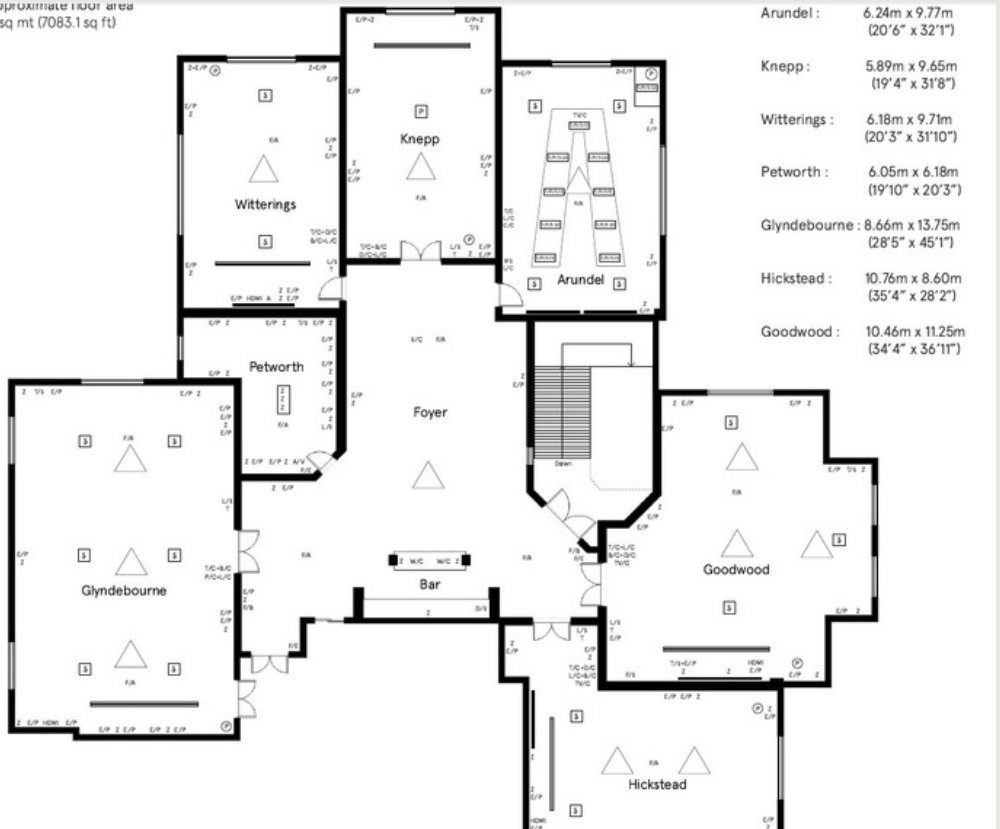


The South Downs Wing

The Estates Floor (First)

Glyndebourne, Petworth, Witterings, Knepp, Arundel,
Goodwood, Hickstead & Foyer

total approximate floor area
658.05 sq mt (7083.1 sq ft)



You have exclusive access from 11am until midnight to all three floors and 13 banqueting suites.

Utilise the space as you wish, previous guests have used the first floor as getting ready rooms or games and chill-out rooms. Then hosted the main event on the Ministers and Poets floor as these include our largest suites, Gladstone and Wordsworth which can seat up to 180 guests with standing capacity for up to 250 guests.



Weddings

Shelley

With room for up to 180 guests, this is our most popular space for ceremonies. Situated on the lower ground floor, you can use the secret doorway to make an entrance before walking down the aisle.

Small flames such as those used in a Hindu ceremony are permitted outside only and cannot be left unattended at any time. You may choose to have this lit under the pavilion.



Gladstone

A breathtaking banqueting space with room for a grand reception of up to 180 guests, Gladstone is filled with light from the triple-aspect windows and has commanding views of the South Downs.



Pavilion

Say your vows surrounded by nature with our 19th century house as your backdrop. Ideal for outdoor ceremonies of up to 180 guests.



All Celebrations



Private access to our Disraeli Terrace, perfect for hosting your drinks reception



We allow biodegradable confetti outside & can provide a round silver cake stand and cake knife if required



Live music and bands are permitted. We have a matte black or black and white dance floor available to hire for £400.00



Use of our Pavilion for live music, photos, seating or cake cutting



Arrival processions are permitted within our grounds providing they take place after 11am. Horses are also permitted outside only



No restrictions to décor and theming, we just don't allow anything to be fixed to the walls or ceiling

External Catering

Your chosen caterer will need to provide kitchen utensils and equipment, decorative touches, staff, and any other equipment they feel is required to run the event.

They will also need to leave the kitchen and banqueting suites in the manner they were provided in, e.g. kitchen porters will be required to clean down, dirty cutlery, crockery taken away, rooms vacuumed. If required, South Lodge can provide a kitchen porter at £15.00 per hour.



For your chosen caterers, we have the following equipment available for their use which will be included in the venue hire;

- 1 x Walk in fridge
- 1 x Stand alone freezer
- 1 x Grill
- 2 x Large Retigo ovens
- 2 x Induction hobs



Corkage is included within your venue hire so you may supply your own drinks. If you wish to use our bars there is a fee of £450.00 for this to be emptied and made available for your use.



If you wanted to hire anything additional from us, such as soft seating, ice, staffing etc. we would need to discuss each element individually to discuss the cost involved.

Pricing



October – March*

Saturday	Sunday (excluding bank holidays)
2025 £15,500	2025 £12,500
2026 £16,000	2026 £13,000
2027 £16,500	2027 £13,500

*Monday-Friday hire is looked at on an individual basis, dependant on our availability and only bookable 6 months in advance.

April – September**

Sunday (excluding bank holidays)
2025 £15,500
2026 £16,000
2027 £16,500

**Dry hire can only be offered on a Sunday during our peak months.

The finer details...

- We operate a strict no naked flame/ candle policy throughout our hotel. We would however love for you to bring in as many battery operated candles as you so wish.
- We can seat between 131 and 180 guests in Gladstone or Wordsworth on hired in Chiavari chairs at an additional cost.
- Suppliers have access from 7am for setup and deliveries.
- You are welcome to store presents during your event in one of the smaller banqueting suites, however all personal items and supplier equipment must be collected at the end of your event by you/your suppliers.
- Smoking is only permitted in designated outside areas.
- We have 150 parking spaces on a first come, first served basis.

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