

Castleton Banquet and Conference Center  
The best-kept little secret in New Hampshire  
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When you arrive at Castleton Banquet and Conference Center in the charming town of Windham, NH, you will instantly fall in love with the idyllic setting. Located just 35 miles north of Boston, Castleton possesses romance, charm and magnificent scenery and is the perfect site for your elegant wedding.

Castleton has been a family run business for the past 19 years, since September of 1988. Donna Demers, General Manager, says "we also boast an extended family in our staff; many of whom have been with us for more than ten years. This guarantees a consistent quality in food and service. From start to finish, we'll work with you to create the wedding of your dreams." Have you always dreamt of getting married outside in a beautiful garden ceremony? You'll feel like you've stepped into your dream when you see Castleton's lush, beautifully manicured grounds including a waterfall, footbridge, fountain and their new outdoor garden ceremony area set right by the serenity of Cobbetts Pond. Your grand entrance will be made through a white-latticed pergola and you will then make your way up the path to meet your groom lakeside -- the perfect setting for your vows. If by chance the weather doesn't cooperate on your wedding day, you can still have a beautiful ceremony in Castleton's elegant lobby.

Castleton can accommodate a multitude of wedding sizes from 50 to 500. Decorated in very neutral tones to compliment any wedding colors, the ballroom offers a large dance floor conveniently located in front of the head table. Tables are placed on either side of the dance floor so that all of your guests will have great views of your first dance and other key moments during your reception.

Once your cocktail hour starts, your guests won't want it to end with the array of tantalizing hors d'Oeuvres that Castleton has to offer. From Raspberry Brie Tart to Smoked Chicken Quesadillas; Chicken Tenders to Tomato, Basil & Mozzarella Bruschetta; Peking Ravioli to Shrimp Cocktail, the list of options will have you drooling and make you want to have your photos done before your wedding so you can enjoy the tasty fare with your guests.

For entrées, prepare your palate to be delighted! Castleton's in-house chef makes delicious food from the finest ingredients. Consider the following delicious choices:

- ~ Chicken Marsala - Sautéed chicken breast, artichoke hearts and sundried tomato slivers with Wild Mushroom Marsala sauce. \$29.95
- ~ Roast Tenderloin of Beef - Roasted Medium Rare hand carved with green peppercorn sauce. \$40.95
- ~ Crab Crusted Haddock - Baked native haddock with crabmeat & herb-cracker topping with Lemon Dill sauce. \$30.95

~ Apple Cranberry Chicken - Roasted chicken breast with apple, dried cranberry and herb stuffing. Finished with cider cream sauce. \$28.95.

~ Filet Mignon - Dijon Horseradish crusted grilled filet mignon with Merlot sauce. \$43.95

All entrées are accompanied by the Chef's selection of a seasonal vegetable and starch and your choice of mixed green salad dressed with balsamic vinaigrette or Caesar salad; warm rolls and butter rosettes; coffee, decaf and tea.

After you and your guests have worked up an appetite again on the dance floor, you'll be more than ready for more food, and what better way to end your wonderful day than with a cascading chocolate fountain, the ultimate chocolate dessert. "Our chocolate fountain is such a big hit," says Demers. "The brides, grooms and guests all love it and can't stop raving about it!" Delight your guests with a flowing curtain of rich, warm Belgian chocolate. This decadent treat is accompanied by strawberries, bananas, marshmallows, pretzel sticks, sugar cookies, almond biscotti, and various citrus fruits for dipping. The fountain with 15 pounds of chocolate is \$450.00 and the food accompaniments are \$3.95pp.

When you're planning your wedding, let the accommodating experts at Castleton Banquet & Conference Center use their years of experience to help you find the perfect solutions to your wedding day questions. The minute you drive up and see this gorgeous site, you'll be hooked and know it's the perfect site for all of your wedding dreams.

Castleton Banquet and Conference Center (92 Indian Rock Road, Rt 111, 603.898.6300) is located right off exit 3 of Route 93 North in Windham, NH. For more information, give them a call today or visit [castletonbcc.com](http://castletonbcc.com)