

Making wedding memories where history was made

(NAPS) — As more and more young (and old) couples seek novel wedding sites, there's been a significant increase in making wedding memories where America's history was made. And one such special place is Valley Forge, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania... Philadelphia's biggest and most affluent bedroom.

Here, amidst the spectacular backdrop of 3,500-acre Valley Forge National Historical Park, the betrothed flock to Washington Memorial Chapel in search of open dates for exchanging vows. One of southeast Pennsylvania's most popular and majestic wedding sites, the chapel's rich

decorative elements commemorate George Washington's life and the nation's earliest history. It's also known for its exquisite statuary, wood carvings and soaring stained glass windows.

Nearby and nestled among 175 acres of sweeping meadows and rolling hills, the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove offers a memorable setting for magnificent weddings and receptions in any season. Flanked by 50-year-old sugar maples, the quarter-mile driveway to the center offers early hints of the splendor of this 175-acre estate, looking still very much how Audubon found it in 1803.

His historic home, set

along the Perkiomen Creek in Audubon, Pa., is a haven for birds and wildlife...and photographers. The wild pear orchard, 19th century fieldstone barn and winding creek set a stage for unforgettable wedding ceremonies in a charming, new outdoor pavilion.

Green Lane Park, in the northwest corner of Montgomery County, comes by its name honestly. The beautiful view across its lake, from a quaint pavilion, creates an idyllic canvas for seasonal colors to complement any nuptials. Don't forget the wide-angle lens.

Historic Graeme Park transports visitors and wedding parties back in time...to the 18th century.



Its Keith House — once the residence of Colonial Pennsylvania governor Sir William Keith — was built in 1722 and has remained virtually intact since the

latter part of that century. Its sweeping fields, pond and wetlands guarantee four-season-photogenic wedding albums.

The first home in Amer-

ica to artist/naturalist John James Audubon has served as a stately backdrop for many elegant receptions.

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