



# local lowdown

Five new and noteworthy venues and services for your wedding day.

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## big cedar lodge

BIGCEDAR.COM

With its rustic collection of log cabins, cottages and lodges, this recently renovated mountain resort is a remote, Instagram-worthy haven, thanks to its prime location overlooking 43,000-acre Table Rock Lake in Missouri's Ozark Mountains. Recent enhancements to the lodge include the addition of the on-site Carriage House Cottage—an elegant space that boasts a private courtyard and quaint porch swing. Big Cedar's intimate Spring View Lodge is also fully updated, along with the resort's Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum. Big Cedar Lodge also features four idyllic wedding chapels situated across the property, including the pastoral Hope Wilderness Chapel located at nearby Dogwood Canyon Nature Park. So convenient!

### brookside wine & spirits

BROOKSIDEWINEANDSPIRITS.COM

Stumped on what specific sips to serve during dinner? The pros at Kansas City, Missouri's Brookside Wine & Spirits make the task of tackling your cocktail menu less daunting, thanks to delivery service and stress-free assistance, no matter the size of your celebration.

### the beck event space

BECKEVENTSPACE.COM

Vaulted ceilings, exposed brick walls and a 5,700-square-foot ballroom are just three reasons to book a tour at the brand-new Beck Event Space, a charming historic building that dates back to 1915. Located just 30 minutes south of downtown Kansas City, Missouri, the venue has a grand staircase, private bridal suite and enough room to host up to 400 guests.

### the grand hall

GRANDHALL-STL.COM

Serving as the Union Station Hotel lobby and lounge, this majestic, reimagined space features gold leaf detailing and towering, 65-foot-high ceilings. Wow up to 600 wedding guests with a reception in the exquisite space for a celebration they won't soon forget.

### foundation event space

FOUNDATIONEVENTSPACE.COM

Say "I do" at this brick-lined venue, located in the historic Kansas City, Missouri, West Bottoms. Hardwood floors, worn beams and rustic wood paneling lend a lived-in look to the brand-new space, which features an open floor plan and string lights scattered throughout the room. Plus, all five-hour rentals include bar service and ample time to clean up post-party.