



# SWANSTON FARM



## Weddings

Swanston Farm nestles at the base of the Pentland Hills,  
just 6 miles from Edinburgh City Centre.  
Our 700 acre farm commands stunning views of Edinburgh City Centre,  
the Firth of Forth, East Lothian and beyond.




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## ABOUT US

Over the last 35 years, Swanston Farm has evolved through many changes, diversifying from arable and livestock farming to more leisure-based activities – now home to Self-Catering Holiday Cottages, Business Lets, Residential Lets, Golf facilities, Disc Golf course, an Equestrian Livery Yard and a Brasserie which commands stunning views in all directions.

Swanston Farm is still a working farm and visitors can see our herd of Highland Cattle grazing the hills above the historic Swanston Village, as well as our sheep and goats and our free range hens roaming their paddocks.



Swanston was first designated a conservation area on 20th February 1975 and remains to this day a safeguarded environment and an area of special historic and architectural character.



# HISTORY



In 1761 Swanston Cottage was built by was the Town Council of the time, who had augmented Edinburgh's first water supply from Comiston, drawing from the springs at Swanston. This Council also built Swanston Cottage, which was leased by Robert Louis Stevenson's parents, Thomas and Margaret during the summer months, for the period of their only son's late teens to twenties (1867 until 1880) and still stands today. An 18th Century former schoolhouse also sits tucked away in the trees adjacent to Swanston Village and schooled children from Lothianburn and Dreghorn and as far as Bowbridge, Fordel and Comiston House.



'Swanston Cottage'



Swanston Golf Course was the brainchild of a lady called Miss Carswell in the 1920's. She took out a lease on the land and set about laying out the course with Herbert More, Swanston's first greenkeeper. The original 9-hole layout was opened in 1928 as a ladies-only course but due to a demand from the lady members' partners it was soon opened up to men and extended to 18 holes. Like most Scottish golf courses built in the boom years between 1880 and 1930, Swanston was built on the only land available in those days (i.e. not prime agricultural land, as this was too valuable in farming).

The name Swanston is mentioned in the 14th Century in the charters granted during the reign of David II. It formed part of the Temple lands of the Knights of St. John and Swanston Farm was also once a monk's grange. In a Charter by James VI, in which all the Templar's possessions in Scotland were listed, a reference to 'terras templaris de Swaistoun possess' is included.





# SWANSTON BRASSERIE



Opened in 2007, Swanston Farm's Brasserie beholds fantastic views from its vantage point overlooking Edinburgh, the Pentland Hills, Firth of Forth and towards the distant East Lothian beaches. Open all day, every day from 9.30am, our Brasserie offers something for everyone – from a hearty breakfast to a pre-stroll lunch, hot drinks and cakes, a romantic dinner or even a celebratory outing for a large group. All of our dishes are freshly prepared and where possible, we use ingredients sourced from local producers and seasonally from our 700 acre farm, including our own beef, lamb and eggs.



We have a fully-stocked bar, including local craft beers as well as a variety of soft drinks and a range of non-alcoholic beers and a selection of coffees and speciality teas.



Our Head Chef has an excellent career pedigree, having spent many years working at some of Edinburgh's most prestigious restaurants, including The Witchery and Prestonfield House. Now with a young family of his own, he enjoys the relaxed family-orientated environment found at Swanston, allowing him to find the perfect balance between work and family life. His quality menus and sensible approach to budgets allows excellent catering options. We are also able to cater for many dietary requirements, including vegetarian, vegan and coeliac and are more than happy to discuss any further preferences.



Our Management Team and staff are efficient, professional and friendly and work hard to ensure all of our visitors enjoy their time at Swanston Brasserie.



For more information, to book your wedding or to discuss catering options, please contact us and we would be delighted to help.



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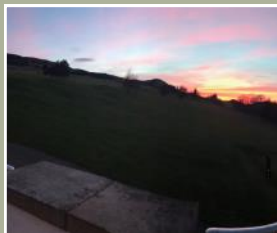


# PHOTOGENIC VISTAS

Swanston Farm boasts many incredible views and Swanston Brasserie's outlook over the historical 18 hole golf course commands the most stunning day time, sunset and night time views. A truly tranquil setting with further picturesque landscapes of the Pentland Hills, the City of Edinburgh and beyond to the Firth of Forth.



Weddings fit well in to the Swanston environment, with a multitude of outdoor photo opportunities to choose from, for those quiet, romantic wedding photos, the formal family photos or informal group photos. Just ask and we will do our very best to help make it happen!





# ACCOMMODATION



Swanston Farm Holiday Cottages were skilfully renovated from an old farm steading into six beautiful cottages in 2001. Set at the foot of the Pentland Hills Regional Park, our holiday cottages sit within stunning countryside, yet are only within a 20 minute drive from Edinburgh Airport, Edinburgh Castle and the city centre shops and attractions. Framing one side of a traditional stone courtyard, each cottage benefits from free parking, a private entrance and south-facing gardens. The cottages have been rated a 4 Star (Excellent) grade by the Scottish Tourist Board quality assurance scheme.



All cottages have the following:

- Super-King Size Beds
- Free wifi
- Double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Fully fitted kitchen (fridge-freezer, washing machine dishwasher, microwave, kettle, toaster and standard oven)
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Cottages numbered 4, 8 and 9 have an extra downstairs toilet
- Separate garden access
- TV with DVD player
- Sofa Bed



Our holiday cottages are not just ideal for holidays, but are also perfect for honeymoons, couples, families and wedding guests. All are child and dog-friendly so you really can make it home-from-home for your special event.



For more information, contact:

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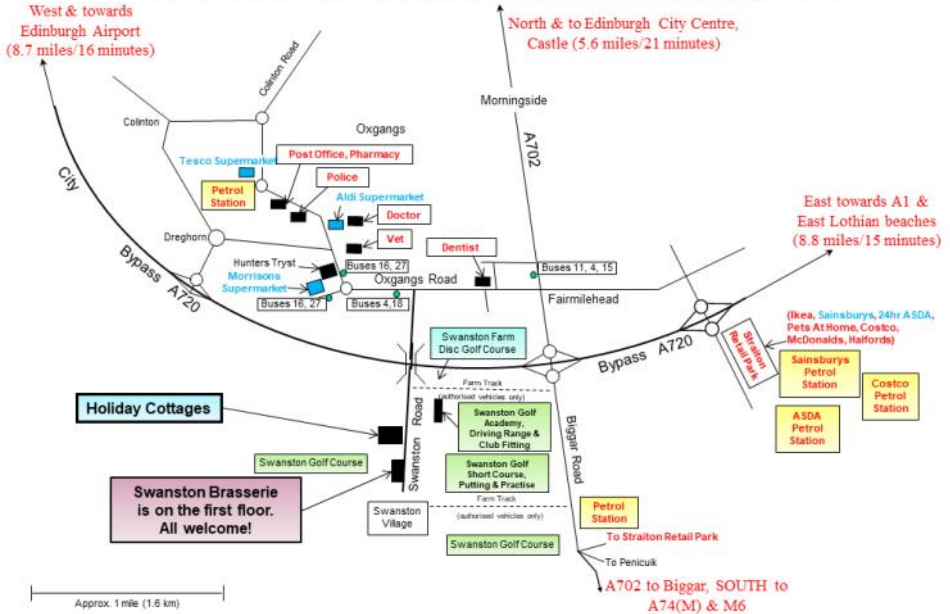
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# LOCATION

Swanston Farm nestles into the base of Caerketton, one of the most striking peaks in the Pentland Hills Regional Park. Within just 6 miles from Edinburgh City Centre, Swanston Farm is a mere 20 minute bus or taxi journey from Princes Street and Edinburgh Castle, with access on to the Edinburgh City Bypass within minutes.

## Local Amenities & Bus Services to/from Swanston Farm







# *Sample Buffet style catering options*

## **Finger buffet A (Min 40 pax)**

Selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls, scones, tea & coffee

## **Finger buffet B (Min 30 pax)**

As above with pizza & wraps

## **Finger buffet C (Min 20 pax)**

As menu B plus quiche & selection of tray bakes

## **Finger buffet D (Min 20 pax)**

As menu C plus spring rolls, chicken goujons & spicy potato wedges

## **Finger buffet E (Min 20 pax)**

As menu D plus spicy crab cakes & filo prawns

## **Hot filled roll and tea/coffee (Min 10 pax)**

## **Soup & sandwich (Min 10 pax)**

## **1 course fork buffet (Min 20 pax)**

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*For Vegan preferences, please do ask.*



# *Sample Wedding Menu 1*

**Soup of the day (V)**  
& crusty bread roll

**Chicken liver pâté**  
with oatcakes & house chutney

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**Swanston Chicken Balmoral**  
Chicken breast stuffed with Hornigs haggis,  
served with a whisky cream,  
seasonal vegetables & new potatoes

**Wild mushroom & truffle ravioli (V)**

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**Sticky toffee pudding with ice cream**

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**Tea/Coffee**

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## *Sample Wedding Menu 2*

**Soup of the day (V)**  
& crusty bread roll

**Smoked salmon pâté (G/F)**  
with gluten-free toast & horseradish crème fraîche

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**Swanston Farm Highland Beef Steak Pie**  
with seasonal vegetables & new potatoes

**Salmon fillet with buttered leeks (G/F)**  
with grain mustard mash & white wine sauce

**Asparagus, pea & mint ravioli (V)**

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**Sticky toffee pudding with ice cream**

**Chocolate profiteroles with cream**

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**Tea/Coffee**

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## *Sample Wedding Menu 3*

**Soup of the day (V)**  
& crusty bread roll

**Smoked salmon & prawn stack**  
with wild rocket & dill (G/F)

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**Swanston Farm Highland Braised daube of beef (G/F)**  
with grain mustard mash & seasonal vegetables

**Fillet of cod with Savoy cabbage, chestnut,**  
herbed fondant potato & caviar cream sauce

**Asparagus, pea & mint ravioli (V)**

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**Sticky toffee pudding with ice cream**

**Lemon & lime cheesecake**

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**Tea/Coffee**

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