

BISSELL TREE HOUSE



John Ball Zoo's most picturesque indoor event space designed to showcase the sweeping view toward downtown Grand Rapids while maintaining a private feel encompassed in nature.

Main Season Rental Rates

APRIL-OCTOBER

WEEKDAY

Events ending before 3pm

5 hour rental (2 hour set up, 2 hour event, 1 hour tear down)

\$1,100

WEEKNIGHT

7 hour rental (2 hour set up, 4 hour event, 1 hour tear down)

\$2,100

WEEKEND

7 hour rental (2 hour set up, 4 hour event, 1 hour tear down)

Friday or Saturday: \$5,100

Sunday: \$4,000



The Bissell Tree House is available between the hours of 8:00am and 11:00pm. The latest the rental may run is 11:00pm with tear down from 11:00pm-12:00am.

Main Season Maximum Capacity: 180 guests

Rentals occurring on holiday weekends will require an additional \$600 fee.



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Winter Season Maximum Capacity: 130 guests

Rentals occurring on holiday weekends will require an additional \$600 fee.

Winter Season Rental Rates

NOVEMBER-MARCH

WEEKDAY

Events ending before 3pm

5 hour rental (2 hour set up, 2 hour event, 1 hour tear down)

\$900

WEEKNIGHT

7 hour rental (2 hour set up, 4 hour event, 1 hour tear down)

\$1,800

WEEKEND

7 hour rental (2 hour set up, 4 hour event, 1 hour tear down)

Friday or Saturday: \$3,100

Sunday: \$2,500

What We Offer



Liv Lyszyk Photography

INCLUDED

- Complimentary guest parking
- Complimentary guest transportation to and from the main Zoo parking lot and Tree House
- Table and chair set up and tear down
- Venue Coordinator and consultation time

ADDITIONAL FEE

- Wedding Ceremony: \$800

Located on back deck of Tree House April-October only.

Max 120 seated. Includes additional rental hour and chair set-up.

- Additional Rental Hours: \$300 each
- White Resin Arbor: \$75
- 80 inch TVs: 1/\$200 or 2/\$300
- Fireplace: \$100
- Decor Heaters: \$75/heater
- Discounted Zoo Admission
- Strolling Animals: \$200

Please inquire for further details

EXCLUSIVE CATERERS

One of the following caterers is required for all food service.

Applause Catering + Events

www.applause-catering.net
(616) 940-0001

Donkey Taqueria

catering@allinhospitality.com
(616) 350-4305

Forty Acres Soul Kitchen

www.fortyacresgr.com
(616) 723-9770

Gilmore Catering

www.gilmore-catering.com
(616) 356-2627 X 116

Kangaroo Kitchen & Catering

www.kangarookitchengr.com
(616) 451-6775

Martha's Catering

www.marthascatering.com
(616) 459-0116

The Catering Company

www.tccogr.com
(616) 454-7475

RECOMMENDED VENDORS

The following are recommended but not required.

Coffee & Confections

Connie's Cakes

(616) 455-6214
info@iloveconniescakes.com

Love's Ice Cream & Chocolate

(616) 965-1054
events@lovesicecream.com

Rise Authentic Baking Co.

(616) 288 7969
orders@riseauthenticbaking.com

DJs & Photo Booths

JM Katz Entertainment

(269) 567-8026
jmkatzentertainment@yahoo.com

Moments in Time DJ

(616) 334-3110
info@mitdj.com

Smitten Booth

(616) 550-3567
hello@smittenbooth.com

Event Rentals

Alpine Events

(616) 396-7300
info@alpineevents.com

Baker Tent & Party Rental

(616) 454-8505
info@bakertentrental.com

Cascade Rental Center

(616) 942-2402
sales@cascaderental.com

Copper & Lace Rentals

(616) 260-1067
copperandlacerental@gmail.com

Transportation

Affordable Limousine

(616) 299-1812
reservations@affordablelimogr.com

Florists

Dolyn Designs

(616) 745-3963
gwendolyn@dolyndesigns.com

Events by I Candy

(616) 245-0773
hello@eventsbyicandy.com

Events by Ludemas

(616) 452-2961
aludema@ludemas.com

Photographers

Lindsay Elaine Photography

(269) 365-6093
hello@lindsayelaine.com

Tiberius Images

(616) 855-4079
russ@tiberiusimages.com

BAR SERVICE PACKAGES

*All packages include up to 4 hours of bar service. Packages are for 2022 only. Packaging and pricing for future years is subject to change.

BEER, WINE & SODA

Choice of 2 beers and 3 wines
Pepsi products included.

\$22/PERSON

BEER

Domestic: Budweiser, Bud Light, Miller Lite, Coors Light

Specialty: Blue Moon, Leinenkugel Seasonal

Craft: Founder's All Day IPA, Founder's Porter, Bell's Oberon,
Bell's Two Hearted, Perrin Black, Perrin Gold, Tandem
Smackintosh Cider

WINE

Red: Cabernet, Merlot, Pinot Noir

White: Chardonnay, Moscato, Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc

HOUSE PACKAGE

Choice of 2 beers and 3 wines.
House liquor and mixers included.

\$27/PERSON

BEER

Includes 2 beer options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

WINE

Includes 3 wine options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

LIQUOR

House Vodka

House Rum

House Whiskey

House Gin

PREMIUM PACKAGE

Choice of 2 beers and 3 wines.
Premium liquor and mixers included.

\$32/PERSON

BEER

Includes 2 beer options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

WINE

Includes 3 wine options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

LIQUOR

Bacardi Silver Rum

Bombay Gin

Captain Morgan Spiced Rum

Dewar's Scotch

Jameson Irish Whiskey

Maker's Mark Bourbon

Tito's Vodka

All package pricing is for up to 4 hours of bar service. Each additional hour will be charged at \$5 per person. Bar staff fees, 20% service charge, and 6% sales tax are not included in the per guest fee. Minors under 21 will be charged \$5 per guest. The maximum bar service time is 6 hours. Service must end one half hour prior to the end of event time. No last call announcements are allowed. John Ball Zoo does not offer cash or consumption model bar services. John Ball Zoo is the exclusive bar service provider at all rental locations.

NOTES

Transportation

Transportation for guests to and from the main Zoo parking lot and Tree House is included and guaranteed for all private rentals.

Transportation will be in the form of the Idema Funicular or John Ball Zoo's executive shuttles at our discretion. A specific mode is not guaranteed.

Both modes can transport roughly 25-30 guests per 10 minute round trip.

Guest transportation will begin at the start of contracted rental time.

Decorations

All decorations must be free standing- nothing attached to the floor, wall, or ceiling is permitted.

Restrictions include: No open flame (candles must be in a container taller than the flame), no balloons, rice, birdseed, flower petals, confetti, flammable materials or live animals.

Refrigerated space is not available to store flowers, cake, etc.

Delivery, set up, and tear down must all occur within contracted rental hours.

All decorations must be cleared from the space at the end of allotted tear down time.

Liability Insurance

If you'd like insurance coverage for your hosted event, there are liability insurance policies available for purchase through www.wedsafe.com for an additional fee.

You can also speak with your insurer for potential event liability coverage added on as a rider to your current insurance policy.

This is not a requirement to host your event in the venue.

General

No private changing room is provided for weddings.

All additional rental hours must be consecutive.

All public Zoo areas will remain open and public until the end of normal Zoo operating hours. Renting the Bissell Tree House does not secure exclusive use of the entire Zoo facility. Other events may be taking place in the park or Zoo during your rental time.

Onsite ceremonies are not available November-March.

John Ball Zoo is a non smoking site.

Appointments with coordinators are available Monday-Friday between 9:00am and 4:00pm.



Lindsay Elaine

Let's Talk!

Begin the reservation process by contacting
the Rental & Events office!

EMAIL ADDRESS

facilityrental@jbzoo.org

PHONE NUMBER

(616) 336-4314

MAILING ADDRESS

1300 W Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49504



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All proceeds benefit and
support the programs and
activities of John Ball Zoo.



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