



JOHN  
BALL  
**ZOO**

*Weddings*

WHERE FUN & ELEGANCE MEET



# MAIN SEASON RATES | April - November

**WEEKDAY**  
Events ending before 3pm  
5 hour rental

**WEEKNIGHT**  
7 hour rental

**WEEKEND**  
7 hour rental

**2023**

\$1,100

\$2,100

Friday / Saturday | \$5,100  
Sunday | \$4,000

**2024**

\$1,500

\$2,500

Friday / Saturday | \$5,500  
Sunday | \$4,400

**2025**

\$1,900

\$2,900

Friday / Saturday | \$5,900  
Sunday | \$4,800

# OFF SEASON RATES | December - March

**WEEKDAY**  
Events ending before 3pm  
5 hour rental

**WEEKNIGHT**  
7 hour rental

**WEEKEND**  
7 hour rental

\$900

\$1,800

Friday / Saturday | \$3,100  
Sunday | \$2,500

\$1,300

\$2,200

Friday / Saturday | \$3,500  
Sunday | \$2,900

\$1,700

\$2,600

Friday / Saturday | \$3,900  
Sunday | \$3,300

*\*2023 December pricing may vary*



The Bissell Tree House is available between the hours of 8:00am and 11:00pm.

Main Season Maximum Capacity: 180 guests

**For more information on holiday pricing, please contact us at [facilityrentals@jbzoo.org](mailto:facilityrentals@jbzoo.org) or 616-336-4314.**



# WHAT WE OFFER

## INCLUDED

Complimentary guest parking

Complimentary guest transportation to and from the venue

Table and chair set up and tear down

Venue Coordinator and consultation time



## ADDITIONAL FEE

Ceremony: \$800 (Main Season), \$600 (Off-Season)  
*Located on back deck of Tree House (40 degrees or above).  
Max 120 seated. Includes additional rental hour and chair set-up.*

Additional Rental Hours: \$300 / hour

White Resin Arbor: \$75

Wooden Arbor: \$200

80 inch TVs: 1 / \$200 or 2 / \$300

Fireplace: \$100

Decor Heaters: \$75 / heater

Discounted Zoo Admission: \$12 / person

Meet & Greet Animals: \$200 / two animals  
*Please inquire for further information*

# BAR SERVICE PACKAGES

## BEER, WINE & SODA

Choice of 2 beers and 3 wines  
Coca-Cola products included.

*\$25 / PERSON*

### BEER

DOMESTIC | *Budweiser, Bud Light, Miller Lite, Coors Light*

SPECIALTY | *Blue Moon, Bells Seasonal, Leinenkugel Seasonal, Non-alcoholic Beer, Seltzer*

CRAFT | *Founder's All Day IPA, Bell's Two Hearted, Perrin Black, Perrin Gold, Tandem Smackintosh Cider*

### WINE

RED | *Cabernet, Merlot, Pinot Noir*

WHITE | *Chardonnay, Moscato, Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc*

ROSÉ | *White Zinfandel*

SPARKLING | *Champagne*

## HOUSE PACKAGE

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

*\$30 / PERSON*

### BEER

Includes 2 beer options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

### WINE

Includes 3 wine options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

### LIQUOR

House Vodka, Rum, Whiskey, Gin

## PREMIUM PACKAGE

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

*\$35 / 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, Jameson Irish Whiskey, Maker's Mark Bourbon, Patron Tequila, Tito's Vodka*

## NOTES

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.

Bar service will have a minimum charge of 50 guests.

*\* All prices are subject to change from year to year.*

# EXCLUSIVE CATERERS

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

## **APPLAUSE CATERING + EVENTS**

applause-catering.net  
616.940.0001

## **DONKEY TAQUERIA**

donkeygr.com  
616.350.4305

## **EL GRANJERO MEXICAN GRILL**

elgranjeromexicangrill.com  
616.458.5595

## **FORTY ACRES SOUL KITCHEN**

www.fortyacresgr.com  
616.723.9770

## **GILMORE CATERING**

gilmore-catering.com  
616.356.2627 x116

## **KANGAROO KITCHEN & CATERING**

kangarookitchengr.com  
616.451.6775

## **MARTHA'S CATERING**

marthascatering.com  
616.459.0116

## **NIBBLE + NOSH**

nibbleandnoshgr.com  
616.805.9232

## **THE CATERING COMPANY**

tccogr.com  
616.454.7475



# RECOMMENDED VENDORS

*The following are recommended but not required.*

## EVENT RENTALS

### **ALPINE EVENTS**

616.396.7300

info@alpineevents.com

### **DADS TENT & PARTY RENTALS**

616.863.8988

dadstents@gmail.com

### **SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

616.826.7082

events@specialoccasionsmi.com

### **COPPER & LACE RENTALS**

616.260.1067

copperandlacerental@gmail.com

## TRANSPORTATION

### **AFFORDABLE LIMO**

616.299.1812

reservations@affordablelimogr.com

## COFFEE & CONFECTIONS

### **LOVE'S ICE CREAM & CHOCOLATE**

616.965.1054

events@lovesicecream.com

### **CLIQUE ESPRESSO**

616.202.6250

cliqueespessocatering@gmail.com

### **GRAND RAPIDS POPCORN**

616.785.9080 x1028

jodi@grpopcorn.com

## DAY-OF COORDINATION

### **COMPLETE WEDDINGS & EVENTS**

616.957.4200

info@completemich.com

### **ANGELA SAUERS, ADORN**

616.293.0690

adornmievent@gmail.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

### **COMPLETE WEDDINGS & EVENTS**

616.957.4200

info@completemich.com

## PHOTOGRAPHERS

### **COMPLETE WEDDINGS & EVENTS**

616.957.4200

info@completemich.com

### **TIBERIUS IMAGES**

616.855.4079

russ@tiberiusimages.com

## FLORIST

### **EVENTS BY ICANDY**

616.245.0773 x0

hello@eventsbyicandy.com

### **EASTERN FLORAL**

616.949.2200

weddings@easternfloral.com

# 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 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, artificial 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](http://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.







**LOCATED**

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