

Ceremony Packages at Matthaei Botanical Gardens

A unique venue in Washtenaw County known as a premier garden wedding venue with lovely and picturesque site for ceremonies

Four outdoor display gardens that you can reserve for a wedding ceremony from late May through early October. Three of our garden areas have differing amounts of bloom. You may choose your garden site, based on bloom potential, and be assured there is will **only one wedding scheduled at the times we offer, which are:**

An Early / A Mid-Day / Evening – After 5pm

Our fees & ceremony packages for wedding rentals for 2022 - 2023 are:

Basic: \$1500 includes two-hour rental – garden space of your choice; up to 50 white folding event chairs (set up/take down not included); bride's changing room; rehearsal time; MBG host to greet & point members of the wedding party and guests in the right direction.; indoor backup in case of inclement weather. Parking fee of \$2/hour per car, and management of guest's parking, not available at this level. **Holiday weekend rate is \$1,800 – This package does not include chair set up or guests parking cost.**

Deluxe: \$2000 includes two-and-a-half-hour rental – garden space of your choice; up to 100+ white folding event chairs with set up/take down included by garden's staff; bride's changing room; indoor backup in case of inclement weather; rehearsal time MBG host to greet & point members of the wedding party and guests in the right direction.; parking fee of \$1.80/hour per car **is included** and managed for up to 75 cars. **Holiday rate is \$2,300**

Premium: \$3000 includes three-hour rental – garden space of your choice, up to 100+ white folding event chairs with set up/take down included by garden's staff; bride's changing room; indoor backup in case of inclement weather; rehearsal time; MBG host to greet & point members of the wedding party and guests in the right direction.; Valet parking included for up to 75 cars. **Holiday rate is \$3,300**

Special Offers: for scheduling a Friday wedding ceremony with a ceremony starting time of 2:30 pm, we offer the Deluxe package for \$1700. A Saturday or Sunday late morning wedding ceremony scheduled to start 11:30 am is also \$1500 if you purchase the Deluxe package, or \$2000 for a holiday weekend. ***The Sunday ceremony time could include a reception immediately after.*** If you schedule a garden wedding ceremony on a Monday through Thursday, we will offer you the Deluxe package for \$1600

The **Perennial Garden**, has well-established blooming perennials, is arranged in four long beds with grass walkways in-between. The Perennial Garden is located through the back door the Conservatory, and your guests will wander through the Conservatory to arrive at your ceremony site. **This garden is reminiscent of English cottage gardens. It is our most requested garden for weddings and looks lovely from late May through early October.** It accommodates up to 130+. It has a source for electricity and a musician's platform.

The **Herb Knot Garden** is a garden of sensory delights, with wonderful smells and textures of herbal plants on display. This garden features brick pathways and a curved bench that seats 24, and a typical ceremony occurs towards the back near the bench. The entire garden space holds up to 75, with the option for 50 chairs to be set up on the sides of this garden space, a little further away from the ceremony but still inside the boxwood border. The lavender in this garden blooms from mid-June through late July. **There is no available electricity.**

Gateway Garden, planted with a mixture of perennials in the center bed, annuals planted in clusters of colors in the four semicircular beds, which reach their bloom potential in mid-July, through mid-September. This is a garden in the round, featuring two pools with beehive shaped drip fountains in them, as well as a large wooden arched pavilion, and curved sidewalks leading around the blooming areas. There are six garden benches on the outer sidewalks of this garden, and each bench seats four. **100 chairs (maximum)** are available for this garden, which brings guest's seating to 100+. Our Gateway Garden is available from **early June through late September**. It has two easily available outlets for power needs.

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Indoor [Conservatory](#) can be rented during the Fall, Winter and Spring for ceremonies under 60 and its fee is \$2000 for two and a half hours, or, \$2300 for a Holiday Weekend. Our special rate of \$1700 is for weddings held on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays. **THE CONSERVATORY CANNOT BE RENTED ON WEDNESDAYS. Ceremonies can only begin at 5:30 or 6 pm, because we are open to the public until 4:30, daily.** The Conservatory has spotlighting available for evening weddings. The fee includes the rental and set up of up to 60 chairs. Parking for up to 60 cars is included. The Conservatory does not have air conditioning but is heated in the winter months. Conservatory wedding guests are not granted early entrance into the building until 15 minutes prior to the ceremony **Doors open to wedding guests at 5:15pm or 5:45pm for a 6pm ceremony.** Renting the indoor conservatory for a winter wedding will involve evening lighting for photos.

Indoor rain backup is always included in the ceremony site fee. Indoor backups include the **Auditorium**, for daytime weddings that start before 5:00. **The Conservatory may be used for rain backup for weddings starting after 5pm and not during the summer months due to the temperature.** Please note that our Conservatory is open to the public until 4:30 daily in the winter and until 8pm in the summer. **It is considered our public museum, so no ceremonies are allowed to be held in there during that time.** Photos may be taken in there, if it is your reserved indoor backup for a 5:30 wedding. *Photos may not be taken in the Conservatory for daytime outdoor weddings unless the weather forces your ceremony to be held in the Auditorium.*

Parking The grounds of Matthaei Botanical Gardens have a parking kiosk system. Each car that parks at MBG will be required to pay a fee of \$2/ hour upon arrival, from 8 am to 8 pm, seven days a week. Paying this fee will gain admission to the Conservatory during public hours, and all outdoor spaces, for all occupants of the vehicle. **If a parking fee is included in the rental of the Gardens for your wedding (Deluxe and Premium packages include parking), your guests will still be required to report their parking space number (located on a sign that they park in front of) to the lobby staff, upon arrival.**

Please note that all fees for both indoor spaces as well as parking spaces, are subject to change. I cannot accept reservations for weddings that are more than a year out, but I offer to hold them as a tentative, up to 18 months out. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will be happy to explain any of our policies or answer your questions. Photos of the various sites may be viewed on our website, by clicking on “weddings and rentals” and then clicking on “weddings. (Updated July 1st, 2022)

Best wishes,

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