DETROIT ZOO PRIVATE EVENTS

EVENT VENUES

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Wildlife Interpretive Gallery

Available year round

Rental: 6:30-10:30 p.m. – $5,000

This beautiful, historic building is home to the most outstanding feature – the lush, tropical Butterfly Garden.
- Capacity – 150 seated/250 strolling
- Includes tables, linens, chairs and parking

Arctic Ring of Life

Available May - September

Rental: 6:30-10:30 p.m. – $3,000

The Frederick and Barbara Erb Polar Passage provides breathtaking underwater views of polar bears and sea otters. Have your dinner or cocktail reception winding through a 300,000-gallon chilled marine environment.
- Capacity – 50 seated/75 strolling
- Includes tables, linens, chairs, parking and one tram to transport guests to and from the event

Polk Penguin Conservation Center

Available May - August

*Rental: 6:30-9:30 p.m.* – $5,500

This center provides views of penguins above and below water, as the birds swim, dive and soar around you and your guests.
- Capacity – 100 seated /200 strolling
- Includes tables, linens, chairs and parking.

Ford Education Center

Available year round

The Ford Education Center provides a choice of studios (themed classrooms), a conference room or theater for your meetings and social events.

- Conference Room – $500
  - Capacity 20 seated/rental includes parking.
- Themed Studios – $1,000
  - Capacity 70 seated/rental includes parking.
- Theater – $4,000
  - Capacity 126 seated/rental includes parking.

Log Cabin

Available May - August

Rental: 6-9 p.m. – $2,500

This rustic log cabin features an observation area with expansive viewing windows overlooking the Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness.
- Capacity – 20 seated indoors/50 strolling outdoors
- Includes tables, linens, chairs, parking and one tram to transport guests to and from the event

Buddy’s Pizza

Available May - early September

Rental: 6-9 p.m. – $2,500

Buddy’s offers picturesque views of the Zoo’s historic Rackham Fountain from the dining room, an outdoor patio and a rooftop terrace that boasts the highest vantage point in the Zoo.
- Capacity – 75 seated indoors/45 strolling outdoors
- Includes tables, chairs and parking

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**Rackham Fountain**  
Available April - September

Rental: 6:30-8:30 p.m. – $2,000

The exquisite fountain, with two bronze bears standing 10 feet tall in the center of a formal pool, is an awe-inspiring venue for an evening wedding ceremony.
- Capacity – 200 seated
- Includes chairs and parking

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**Cotton Family Wetlands Boardwalk**  
Available June - August

Rental: 6:30-8:30 p.m. – $2,000

The floating boardwalk will bring your guests into the heart of Michigan wetlands with the native fish, frogs, turtles and birds.
- Capacity – 90 seated/150 strolling
- Includes tables, linens, chairs and parking

**Log Cabin**  
Available June - August

Rental: 6-9 p.m. – $2,500

This rustic log cabin features an observation area with expansive viewing windows overlooking the Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness.
- Capacity – 20 seated indoors/50 strolling outdoors
- Includes tables, linens, chairs, one tram to transport guests to and from the event and parking

**Consumers Energy Events Pavilion**  
Available May - September

Rental: 6:30-10:30 p.m.

This rustic, open air venue is most ideal for evening receptions. Included with your rental are elegant Italian string lights, which set the ambiance for any occasion.

Minimum of 200 guests – $3,500
- Capacity – 300 seated/500 strolling
- Includes tables, linens, chairs and parking

300+ guests – $4,500
- Capacity – 300 seated/500 strolling
- Includes tables, linens, chairs and parking

**Giraffe Plaza**  
Available May - August

Rental: 6-9 p.m. – $2,500

Impress your guests with an up-close look at the tallest animals at the Detroit Zoo. A private stroll through this exciting habitat makes for a memorable evening.
- Capacity – 100 strolling
- Includes tables, linens, parking and one tram to transport guests to and from the event.
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Asian Forest - Available May - August
Devereaux Tiger Forest and Holtzman Wildlife Foundation Red Panda Forest

Rental: 6-9 p.m. – $3,000

Enjoy a perfect view of majestic tigers and charming red pandas during your evening event. Deliver an experience your guests will talk about for years to come with a night in the Asian Forest.

- Capacity – 150 seated/250 strolling
- Includes tables, linens, chairs and parking

Za’atar Patio - Available May - early September

Rental: 6-9 p.m. – $2,500

Join us for a summer evening on our charming patio. This intimate space will provide your guests with a refined backyard experience.

- Capacity – 200 strolling
- Includes tables, chairs and parking

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