

Weddings and Events at Eden Gardens State Park

Thank you for considering Eden Gardens as the site for your celebration. Several beautiful locations on the grounds are available for wedding ceremonies at this historic location. Eden Gardens also has locations for hosting receptions, rehearsal dinners, or events where food is served.

The Wesley House and the areas in front of the house and between the house and the reflection pond are not available for events, but you are welcome to take photos on any area of the grounds and on the front porch of the Wesley House.

We will first need to know the date of your event to check for availability as only one event per day is scheduled at Eden Gardens. We accept reservations no more than 11 months in advance. For example, you can book a May wedding no sooner than June 1, the year prior. Eden Gardens opens at 8:00am and closes at sundown. So, the time of your event and the time sunset occurs on that day will determine whether your event will take place during or after closing hours. If your event will continue after sundown, it is considered an After Hours event. Please be aware that alcohol is prohibited in all Florida State Parks during normal operating hours. Alcohol is allowed at Eden Gardens only after sundown at After Hours events.

We welcome your inquiries and will gladly assist you within the guidelines of the state park system. For additional information, available dates, or to request rental agreement forms, please call Eden Gardens at (850)267-8320 between 9:00am and 2:00pm, Monday through Thursday. If you call at any other time, please be sure to leave a detailed message for the coordinator; all messages are returned in the order that they were received.

During Hours Event Fees

During Hours rental fees include all applicable taxes, but do not include park entrance fees for guests. If you wish, you may pay for your guests' entrance fees separately. The entrance fee is \$1.00 per guest if paid in advance. Make checks payable to Eden Gardens State Park.

Grounds Rental

1-25 Guests	\$96.30
26-100 Guests	\$201.16
101-200 Guests	\$401.25

Pavilion Rental

Up to 100 Guests	\$267.50
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After Hours Event Fees

After Hours rental fees include all applicable taxes, park entrance fees for all guests, and security staff. Alcohol is permitted after sundown. Please note that the Bayou area is not available for after-hours events. A refundable deposit is required in case of cancellation, damages, overages in the number of guests, unsatisfactory post event cleaning, or overtime use of the park. Make checks payable to the Friends of Eden.

Grounds & Pavilion Rental

Up to 200 guests	\$2,250.00
Refundable deposit	\$500.00

Total: \$2750.00

Guidelines

- Full payment must be received upon booking event. Reservations are confirmed only after full payment has been received.
- Up to \$500 may be refunded if all rules and guidelines are followed.
- If for any reason cancellation is required, a refund will only be issued with a six-month advance notice along with the receipt from the park cash register or from the Friends of Eden Gardens for ALL weddings.
- Payment is for the use of designated areas only. The Wesley House is a museum and cannot be reserved.
- Rehearsal. When you book an event, it is for that particular area, date, and time. If you want to have a rehearsal the day prior to your event, call the Park to see if that date is available and then make arrangements with the Park. You must pay the normal Park entry fees to conduct your rehearsal, but you cannot do it in an area that is being used or reserved by another party. If you want to guarantee a specific time and place for your rehearsal then you must book it and pay the applicable fees. Remember, your rehearsal day may well be someone else's "Special Day".
- Alcohol is prohibited in all Florida State Parks during normal operating hours (8:00am – Sunset).
- The park is open to the public from 8am until sunset. After Hours events may start one hour before sunset and continue after sunset, or start after sunset. Alcohol is allowed only after sunset. The event must be over by 10:00pm to allow time for cleaning and everyone to leave the Park by 10:30pm.
- Celebratory soap bubbles are allowed. No rice, candy, birdseed or confetti.
- Flower girls must use real petals.
- Open flames, fireworks, sparklers and floating lanterns are not permitted in the park.
- Electricity is available only in certain locations of the grounds. Check with the event coordinator prior to your event for permissible locations.
- All of the set-up – chair and tent rental, bands, caterers, etc. – must be approved by the event coordinator prior to the event. The park withholds the right to refuse access to a vendor who has a history of refusing to abide by park rules.
- Decorations may not be glued, stapled or left on the grounds, and nothing may be hung from the trees or shrubbery. The actual set-up and take down is not the responsibility of the park or its staff. It must all take place the day of the event and clean-up must be completed prior to sunset for During Hour's events and prior to 11 p.m. for After Hour's events. Please make sure all your rental vendors are aware of this. Failure to meet this rule could result in an additional days use charge.
- For events with a larger guest list, there is only one bathroom facility unless the pavilion is rented. It is very dark at Eden Gardens after hours and rental lighting may be necessary.
- No dressing room is provided for wedding parties; exception: if the pavilion is rented, the bathroom in the pavilion can act as a dressing room.
- Tents are not allowed on the pavers unless the pavilion is rented. If the pavilion (maximum occupancy of 100) isn't large enough to accommodate your party, one rental tent may be allowed in addition to the pavilion. The tent may be a maximum of 40' X 60'
- Vendors may not drive on the paver area.
- No parking or driving on the lawn is EVER permitted, including rental vendors loading and unloading. A broken sprinkler line will dampen, if not flood your event, and you will be held responsible for all damages caused by your event.
- Please dump cooler ice on the driveway or parking areas. If your caterer or anyone in your party dumps ice from coolers on the lawns it puts the grass into dormancy, causing large brown spots.
- Please ensure ALL your vendors are aware of these rules, you are responsible if they break them.
- **THERE ARE NO CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER. PARK CLOSURE FOR HURRICANES ARE THE ONLY EXCEPTION.**