

Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest



Creating naturally beautiful moments

450 West 100 North, Valparaiso, IN 46385

2023

Meyer Memorial Pavilion

The Joseph E. Meyer Memorial Pavilion, constructed of natural materials, artfully blends into the surrounding gardens with an expansive lawn surrounded by colorful plantings that curve around the pavilion. With its peaked wood beam roof, fireplace, and stone pillars, the pavilion is the ideal open-air site for creativity and imagination.

Access to electricity is available.

- Available April-November
- Tables/chairs not included
- No Wi-Fi
- Frame tents are not permitted at this venue



Capacity

Ceremony: 200 in lawn/175 under pavilion

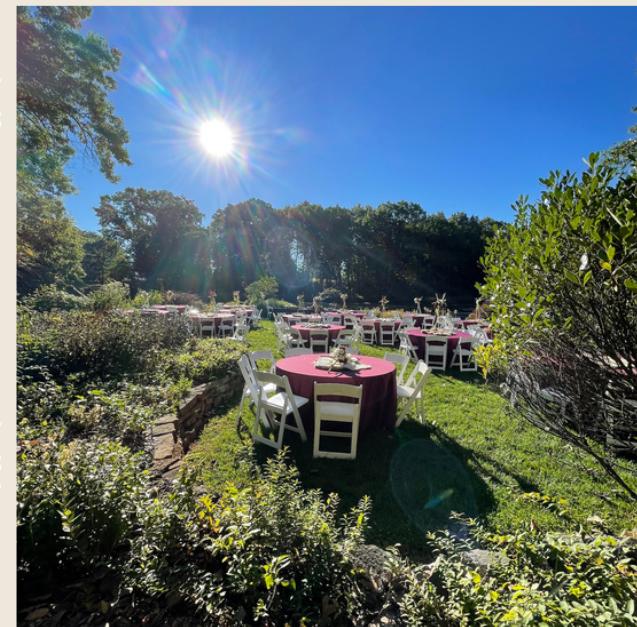
Reception: 100 in lawn/70 under pavilion

Reception capacity does not include dance floor

Rates

Sunday-Thursday \$250/hr.

Friday-Saturday \$350/hr. with 2-hr minimum



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Heron Field

The Heron Field is perfect for views of greenery and for a more private event as it's tucked behind the Heron Trail. Bring your own arch, choose a circular layout for your chairs, or set up yard games to entertain your guests. The options are endless with this open space!

- Available April-November
- Tables/chairs not included
- No Wi-Fi
- Gabis Arboretum tents are permitted in this venue.

Capacity

Ceremony: 300

Rates

\$175/hr

2-hour minimum



*Note: Some clients rent the Heron Field for their ceremony and hold their reception in the Meyer Pavilion!

Celebration Rose Pavilion

The arboretum's newest pavilion is perfect for any small intimate celebration. Funded by a couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, this is where lasting memories are made. Located in the beautiful Bapst Rose Garden. Access to electricity is available.

- Available April-November
- Tables/chairs not included
- No Wi-Fi
- Gabis Arboretum frame tents are permitted at this venue.



Capacity

Ceremony: 100 in lawn/30 under pavilion

Reception: 70 in lawn/30 under pavilion

Reception capacity does not include dance floor

Rates

Sunday-Thursday \$150/hr.

Friday-Saturday \$250/hr. with 2-hr minimum



Railway Garden

The Railway Garden is the arboretum's most popular attraction. Wow guests at this venue with views of the vignettes and architectural structure of the garden.

Rental of the Railway Garden does not include the trains running. See "Additional Rates" section for pricing information to have the trains run during your event.

- Available May-October
- No Wi-Fi
- Tents are not permitted at this venue



Capacity

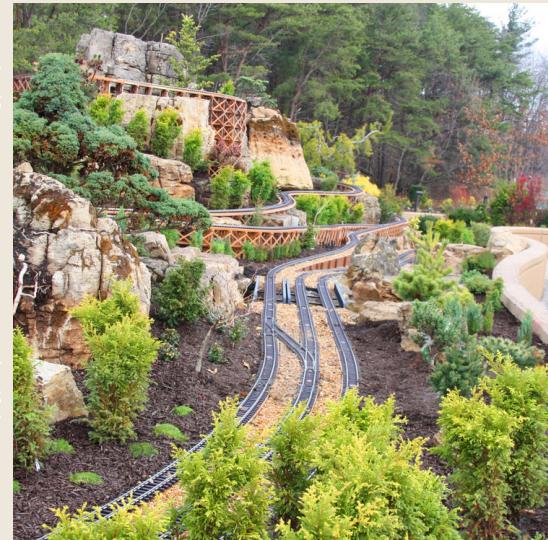
Ceremony: 50

Cocktail Reception: 100

Rates

Monday-Thursday \$100/hr

Friday-Sunday \$200/hr (available after 4pm only)



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The Sidetrack

The Sidetrack is large open field located next to the Railway Garden. If you've ever attended a concert at the arboretum, this is where they are held! This lawn area is great for larger ceremonies and includes an outdoor stage.

- Available April-November
- No Wi-Fi
- Gabis Arboretum tents are permitted in this venue.

Capacity

Ceremony: 300

Rates

Sunday-Thursday \$100/hr
Friday-Saturday \$200/hr



Golden Spike Room

The Golden Spike Room is located inside the Railway Depot. With views of the prairie and the Railway Garden this space is perfect for the bridal party to get ready before the wedding or can be used for smaller, more intimate parties.

Wi-Fi is available. Available year-round.

Capacity
Seated: 24

Rates
\$50/hr



Railway Depot

The indoor Railway Depot offers a unique, old-fashioned train station modeled after a 1920's Railway Depot. This location has a panoramic view of the prairie and of the Midwest's largest public G-scale railway garden. Rental does not include exclusive use of the Railway Garden. Wi-Fi is available. Available year-round.

Capacity

Ceremony: 100 Seated Reception: 80

Standing Cocktail Reception: 150

Reception capacity does not include a dance floor

Packages

May-October

Mon-Thur: 0-80 chairs, 0-10 tables, & 4 hr rental \$700

Fri-Sun: 0-80 chairs, 0-10 tables, & 4 hr rental \$1000

November-April

Mon-Thur: 0-80 chairs, 0-10 tables, & 4 hr rental \$600

Fri-Sun: 0-80 chairs, 0-10 tables, & 4 hr rental \$900

\$100 for each additional hour



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Ed's Oasis

Ed's Oasis is the perfect space for an intimate, private ceremony. With prairie flowers and the large oak tree shading your guests, this space creates a special memory. This perfect venue includes a 3-hour rental, 35 chairs, and a 2-hour golf cart rental to help cart guests to the venue.

Capacity

Ceremony: 35

\$600 Package

\$100 for each additional hour

- Available April-November
- No Wi-Fi
- Frame tents are not permitted at this venue



Council Oak

The Council Oak tree is the oldest oak tree on the property. This space represents an enchanting love that will last a lifetime. This rustic venue includes a 3-hour rental, 35 chairs, and a 2-hour golf cart rental to help cart guests to the venue.

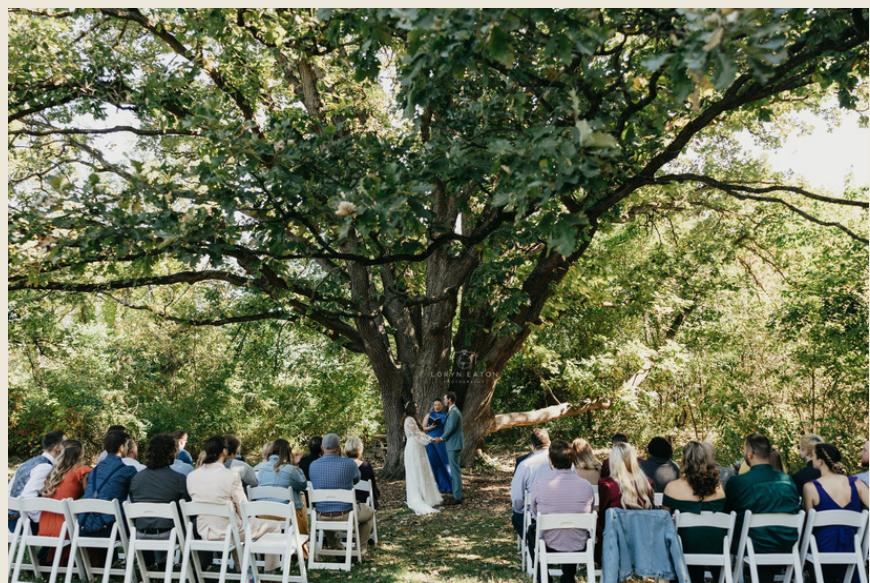
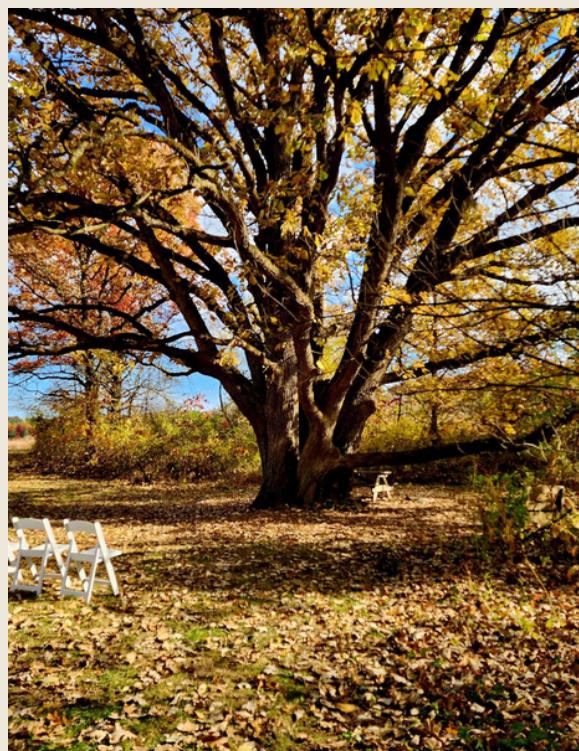
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Capacity

Ceremony: 35

\$600 Package

\$100 for each additional hour



Window on the Wetland

Window on the Wetland showcases a variety of unique landscapes including wetlands, prairies, and woodlands. This area is sure to make your day magical. This gorgeous venue includes a 3-hour rental, 35 chairs, and a 2-hour golf cart rental to help cart guests to the venue.

Capacity

Ceremony: 35

\$600 Package

\$100 for each additional hour

- Available April-November
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FAQ's

Q: What is included with my rental?

A: The venue, free admission for guests during your rental time, free parking, a 1-day photo permit for the day of your rental, and a one-hour rehearsal. **Tables, chairs, and tents are not included in the rental fee unless it is a package.** Tables, chairs, and tents must be rented from the arboretum. See the "Additional Rates" section for pricing.

Q: What if it rains and I booked an outdoor venue? Can I cancel or postpone?

A: No. The arboretum is an outdoor venue and is always at the mercy of the weather. Please plan accordingly.

Q: Can we decorate the venue?

A: Yes, but please be sure to include the time to decorate and clean up in your rental time slot. You will not be able to access the venue before your rental time begins. Decorations may not be attached to any structure, light fixture, tree, or other plants. Only live flower petals or bubbles may be used for throwing. Rice, birdseed, and silk flower petals are not allowed.

Q: Is there a place for the bride to get ready on-site?

A: We recommend that the bridal party and guests come dressed and ready. There are two indoor restroom facilities on site for public use that are not designated solely for wedding parties. The Golden Spike Room is also available to rent to get ready.

Q: What if my venue is too far from the parking lot for some guests to walk?

A: Golf carts with drivers are available for an additional fee.

Q: Can we serve alcohol?

A: Alcohol is only permitted if served by a licensed caterer and bartender. One PNW officer per 100 guests is required if serving alcohol. The arboretum will book the officer and the renter is responsible for this cost. Outside alcohol brought in by individuals is prohibited.

Q: Can we bring in food?

A: If hosting a private event, you may bring in your own homemade food or choose any caterer you prefer. We do have recommended caterers.

Q: Will an employee be present at my event?

A: We offer rental venues only and not coordinating services. Any outside vendors must be coordinated by the renter. Arboretum staff check the venue before each rental but will not be present throughout the event.

Additional Rates

To secure your date, 50% of your rental fee, or package, and a signed Rental Agreement are required. The final amount is due 30 days before your event.

The rental fee covers the usage of the venue for the length of time indicated in the Rental Agreement.

Tables, chairs, and tents must be rented from the arboretum and no other vendor. The prices indicated below include the set-up and breakdown of each item. Layouts will be discussed with the renter and approved before the event.

Additional Rates:

Chairs: \$2 per chair

Tables: \$15 per table

- 5-foot round tables- seat 8-9 people
- 8-foot rectangle banquet tables- seat 8-10 people
- Picnic tables and standing high-top tables are also available
- We do not provide linens. The renter is responsible for getting linens.

Tents:

- 20x30 frame tent (\$500) - seats up to 50 people, depending on the layout
- 10x30 frame tent (\$300) - seats up to 30 people, depending on the layout
- 10x10 pop-up tent (\$150) - sports style, best used for caterers, DJs, etc.
- Larger tents are not permitted at the arboretum

Services:

- Trains running in the Railway Garden: \$100 per hour
- Golf cart with driver to transport guests from parking lot to event venue: \$60 per hour
- Golf cart with driver to give tours of the property: \$75 per hour
- Arboretum presenter: price available upon request
- PNW Police officer (required when alcohol is served): \$75 per hour

Book today!

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