

A Natural for Green Weddings & other Special Occasions



On the shores of Lake Michigan, the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center provides a natural setting for weddings, anniversaries, reunions, and other special occasions. Indoor and outdoor celebrations become joyous events in our serene, natural environment. Our award-winning green building has the warm ambiance of the northwoods — just 15 minutes from downtown Milwaukee. Set amidst a 185-acre nature preserve, the expansive Great Hall is distinguished by magnificent two-story spruce logs that were harvested from the Center’s grounds. There are several outdoor ceremony sites available, including the pavilion overlooking Lake Michigan, the amphitheater, and the east veranda of the main building.

- *A pristine 185-acre nature preserve along the shore of Lake Michigan*
- *Beautiful indoor and outdoor locations for a serene atmosphere and spectacular photographs*
- *An award-winning green building with the warm ambiance of the northwoods, just a 15-minute drive from downtown Milwaukee*



For more information or to set up a tour please call 414-352-2880 ext. 141. All building rentals directly benefit the Center’s environmental education and land stewardship programs.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. May I have my wedding ceremony or reception at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center?

A. Yes, there are indoor and outdoor spaces available for both wedding ceremonies and receptions. Indoor spaces may be used from 5:30 pm seven days a week. Outdoor spaces may be used on the weekends (call for more details). Our curfew is 10 pm Sunday-Thursday and 11 pm Friday and Saturday.

Q. What does the rental fee include?

A. Your rental fee includes the use of the room(s) and/or outdoor location during your rental time slot, a Schlitz Audubon Nature Center manager for your event, daytime hiking trail use, photography locations, and parking for your guests.

Q. Do I have to use one of the caterers from your approved list?

A. Yes, you must choose a caterer from our list.

Q. What do the caterers provide and do I contact them directly?

A. You contact the caterers directly for pricing information. They will provide all food and beverages, including alcohol, for your event. They will also arrange for rental of tables, chairs, linens and other equipment.

Q. How many guests may I invite?

A. That depends on your set-up and your chosen location or room. Our Great Hall maximum is 225 people seated.

Q. Do you allow decorations?

A. Only flowers and candles are allowed. Flowers must be fresh or silk; candles must be enclosed in glass.

Q. May I have music at my event?

A. Yes, you may hire a band or DJ. You may also use our sound system to play CDs or an iPod.

Q. What part of the facility is available for my guests?

A. Daytime guests may use the Pavilion or Amphitheater. Evening guests may use the Great Hall, Hearth Room, Veranda, Auditorium or Pavilion. Evening guests must be in or immediately around the main building. The trails are closed after 5 pm and the pavilion is closed after 6 pm.

Q. Where are my guests allowed to park and how many spaces are available?

A. Parking is free. We have 120 parking spots, and during evening events, guests may also park along the entrance road.

Q. What time may I access the room/s?

A. For weekend evening events, materials may be dropped off at our loading dock beginning at noon on the day of your event. Indoor set-up may begin approximately 2 hours before evening events. Call 414.352.2880 x141 for daytime event details.

Q. May I store materials for my event at the nature center?

A. No, nothing may arrive until the day of your event. All materials must be removed by noon of the day following your event.

Q. How may I take a tour and/or book a date for my event?

A. All rental events are scheduled with our Rental Coordinator. Please contact her directly to check for availability and rental fees at 414.352.2880 x141.

Q. What forms of payment are accepted?

A. Checks made payable to Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, MasterCard or VISA.

