John Ball Zoo Event Tent

Brand new for 2021! Host your event in our brand new covered 40' x 50' tent located inside the entrance of the Zoo. This amazing new venue is the perfect spot to host any party, corporate meeting or event!

- Customizable event packages available up to 125 people. Restrictions apply based upon current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Kent County Health Department orders.
- Admission ticket purchase required of all guests to access the venue, and, ALL guests must reserve timed-entry ticket to secure their visit time.
- All catering and bar service must be purchased through John Ball Zoo
- Additional attendees can be added to each package for $12.00/person
- Event tent rental hours are during Zoo business hours. After-hours rental times are available. Contact us for pricing!
- Due to limited guest capacity, re-entry to the Zoo is not permitted. Your Zoo coordinator will assist you in setting up your reservation.

Contact us with your wildest ideas and a Zoo coordinator can help make this your best event yet!
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Liability Insurance

A certificate of liability insurance is required to be on file for all private rentals. County of Kent and John Ball Zoo must be listed as additional insured—not just certificate holders. All policies must include $1,000,000 in Liability Coverage and $2,000,000 General Aggregate. Insurance is required no later than a month prior to the rental date. We highly recommend purchasing a policy through www.wedsafe.com.

Decorations

- All decorations must be free standing—nothing attached to the floor, wall, or ceiling is permitted.
- Restrictions include: No open flames or candles, no balloons, rice, birdseed, flower petals, confetti, glass, flammable materials or live animals.
- Refrigerated space is not available to store flowers, cake, etc.
- Delivery, set up, and tear down must all occur within contracted rental hours.
- All decorations must be cleared from the space at the end of allotted tear down time.

General

- All additional hours must be consecutive. After hour rentals available, please contact us for pricing.
- All public Zoo areas will remain open and public until the end of normal Zoo operating hours.
- John Ball Zoo is a non-smoking site.
- Appointments with coordinators are available Monday-Friday between 9:00am and 4:00pm.
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Add-ons

John Ball Zoo offers many exciting add-ons for your group! Zip across our 600 foot Zip Line or challenge yourself on our 3 story high Ropes Course. Step into a world full of budgies and have the birds feeding right out of your hand! Get up close and personal with our ambassador animals. Enjoy a delicious meal catered right to the tent! There are so many adventurous experiences or team building activities that you can add to your visit!

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**Funicular**
$2.40 per ride
Take a scenic ride on one of the only funiculars in the United States!

**Budgie Aviary**
$1.60 Per Stick
Get cheek to beak in this interactive exhibit with over 200 colorful birds who will eat right out of your hands!

**Zoo Cash Cards**
Increments of $1.00
Cash Cards to spend in the Zoo on Food and Beverages, Experiences or at the Gifts of the Wild Gift Shop!

**Strolling Animals**
$100.00
Have a Zoo expert visit your event space and get a closer look at some of our ambassador animals!

**John Ball Zoo Gem Company**
Prices starting at $8.99 per bag
Pan for your own gems at our John Ball Zoo Gem Company!

**Sky Trail Ropes Course**
$8.00 per session
Four stories tall, two climbing levels, and over 15 obstacles ranging in difficulty, this Ropes Course gives you a chance to test your courage and strength and it’s downright fun!

**Decor Heaters**
$75.00 per heater
Perfect for the colder months or nights!

**Guided Tours**
Contact us for pricing
Enjoy a 45 minute guided tour of an area of the Zoo with an expert!

**Zip Line**
$8.00 per ride
Riders will be thrilled as they zip across our 600 foot, 4 story high Zip Line!

**Camel Rides**
$5.60 per ride
Come hangout with these fun-loving animals and take a ride around.

**Catering and Bar Service**
Prices vary
Have a delicious meal or beverages catered to your event! Contact us for menus and pricing!

**Additional Rental Hours**
$300 each hour after Zoo operating hours
$100 each hour during Zoo operating hours