BISSELL TREE HOUSE

John Ball Zoo’s most picturesque indoor event space designed to showcase the sweeping view toward downtown Grand Rapids while maintaining a private feel encompassed in nature.
Main Season Rental Rates

APRIL-OCTOBER

WEEKDAY
Events ending before 3pm
5 hour rental (2 hour set up, 2 hour event, 1 hour tear down)
$1,100

WEEKNIGHT
7 hour rental (2 hour set up, 4 hour event, 1 hour tear down)
$2,100

WEEKEND
7 hour rental (2 hour set up, 4 hour event, 1 hour tear down)
Friday or Saturday: $5,100
Sunday: $4,000

The Bissell Tree House is available between the hours of 8:00am and 11:00pm. The latest the rental may run is 11:00pm with tear down from 11:00pm-12:00am.

Main Season Maximum Capacity: 180 guests
Rentals occurring on holiday weekends will require an additional $600 fee.
Winter Season Rental Rates

NOVEMBER-MARCH

**WEEKDAY**
Events ending before 3pm
5 hour rental (2 hour set up, 2 hour event, 1 hour tear down)
$900

**WEEKNIGHT**
7 hour rental (2 hour set up, 4 hour event, 1 hour tear down)
$1,800

**WEEKEND**
7 hour rental (2 hour set up, 4 hour event, 1 hour tear down)
Friday or Saturday: $3,100
Sunday: $2,500

The Bissell Tree House is available between the hours of 8:00am and 11:00pm. The latest the rental may run is 11:00pm with tear down from 11:00pm-12:00am.

Winter Season Maximum Capacity: 130 guests

Rentals occurring on holiday weekends will require an additional $600 fee.
What We Offer

- Complimentary guest parking
- Complimentary guest transportation to and from the main Zoo parking lot and Tree House
- Table and chair set up and tear down
- Wireless handheld microphone
- Venue Coordinator and consultation time

Additional Fee

- Additional Rental Hours: $300 each
  $150 each for weekday rentals
- 80 inch TVs: 1/$200 or 2/$300
- Fireplace: $100
- Decor Heaters: $75/heater
- Discounted Zoo Admission
- Strolling Animals: $200

Please inquire for further details
EXCLUSIVE CATERERS
One of the following caterers is required for all food service.

Applause Catering + Events
www.applause-catering.net
(616) 940-0001

Donkey Taqueria
catering@allinhospitality.com
(616) 350-4305

Forty Acres Soul Kitchen
www.fortyacresgr.com
(616) 723-9770

Gilmore Catering
www.gilmore-catering.com
(616) 356-2627 X 116

Kangaroo Kitchen & Catering
www.kangarookitchengr.com
(616) 451-6775

Martha's Catering
www.marthascatering.com
(616) 459-0116

The Catering Company
www.tccogr.com
(616) 454-7475

Coffee & Confections
Connie's Cakes
(616) 455-6276
info@iloveconniescakes.com

Love's Ice Cream & Chocolate
(616) 965-1054
events@lovesicecream.com

Rise Authentic Baking Co.
(616) 288-7969
orders@riseauthenticbaking.com

DJ's & Photo Booths
JM Katz Entertainment
(269) 567-8026
jmkatzentertainment@yahoo.com

Moments in Time DJ
(616) 334-3110
info@mitdj.com

Smitten Booth
(616) 550-3567
hello@smittenbooth.com

Event Rentals
Alpine Events
(616) 396-7300
info@alpineevents.com

Baker Tent & Party Rental
(616) 454-8505
info@bakertentrental.com

Cascade Rental Center
(616) 942-2402
sales@cascaderental.com

Copper & Lace Rentals
(616) 260-1067
copperandlacerental@gmail.com

Transportation
Affordable Limousine
(616) 299-1812
reservations@affordablelimogr.com

Florists
Dolyn Designs
(616) 745-3963
gwendolyn@dolyndesigns.com

Events by I Candy
(616) 245-0773
hello@eventsbyicandy.com

Events by Ludemas
(616) 452-2961
aludema@ludemas.com

Photographers
Lindsay Elaine Photography
(269) 365-6093
hello@lindsayelaine.com

Tiberius Images
(616) 855-4079
russ@tiberiusimages.com
## BAR SERVICE PACKAGES

*All packages include up to 4 hours of bar service. Packages are for 2022 only. Packaging and pricing for future years is subject to change.*

### BEER, WINE & SODA

**Choice of 2 beers and 3 wines**

- **Pepsi products included.**

  **$22/PERSON**

#### BEER

- Domestic: Budweiser, Bud Light, Miller Lite, Coors Light
- Specialty: Blue Moon, Leinenkugel Seasonal
- Craft: Founder’s All Day IPA, Founder’s Porter, Bell’s Oberon, Bell’s Two Hearted, Perrin Black, Perrin Gold, Tandem Smackintosh Cider

#### WINE

- Red: Cabernet, Merlot, Pinot Noir
- White: Chardonnay, Moscato, Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc

### HOUSE PACKAGE

**Choice of 2 beers and 3 wines.**

- House liquor and mixers included.

  **$27/PERSON**

#### BEER

- Includes 2 beer options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

#### WINE

- Includes 3 wine options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

#### LIQUOR

- House Vodka
- House Rum
- House Whiskey
- House Gin

### PREMIUM PACKAGE

**Choice of 2 beers and 3 wines.**

- Premium liquor and mixers included.

  **$32/PERSON**

#### BEER

- Includes 2 beer options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

#### WINE

- Includes 3 wine options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

#### LIQUOR

- Bacardi Silver Rum
- Bombay Gin
- Captain Morgan Spiced Rum
- Dewar’s Scotch

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All package pricing is for up to 4 hours of bar service. Each additional hour will be charged at $5 per person. Bar staff fees, 20% service charge, and 6% sales tax are **not included** in the per guest fee. Minors under 21 will be charged $5 per guest. The maximum bar service time is 6 hours. Service must end one half hour prior to the end of event time. No last call announcements are allowed. John Ball Zoo does not offer cash or consumption model bar services. John Ball Zoo is the exclusive bar service provider at all rental locations.
Transportation
Transportation for guests to and from the main Zoo parking lot and Tree House is included and guaranteed for all private rentals.

Transportation will be in the form of the Idema Funicular or John Ball Zoo’s executive shuttles at our discretion. A specific mode is not guaranteed.

Both modes can transport roughly 25-30 guests per 10 minute round trip.

Guest transportation will begin at the start of contracted rental time.

Liability Insurance
If you’d like insurance coverage for your hosted event, there are liability insurance policies available for purchase through www.wedsafe.com for an additional fee.

You can also speak with your insurer for potential event liability coverage added on as a rider to your current insurance policy.

This is not a requirement to host your event in the venue.

Decorations
All decorations must be free standing; nothing attached to the floor, wall, or ceiling is permitted.

Restrictions include: No open flame (candles must be in a container taller than the flame), no balloons, rice, birdseed, flower petals, confetti, 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.

All public Zoo areas will remain open and public until the end of normal Zoo operating hours.

Renting the Bissell Tree House for a private function does not secure exclusive use of the entire Zoo facility. Other events may be taking place in the park and/or Zoo during your rental time.

John Ball Zoo is a non smoking site.

Appointments with coordinators are available Monday-Friday between 9:00am and 4:00pm.
Let's Talk!

Begin the reservation process by contacting the Rental & Events Department!

EMAIL ADDRESS
facilityrental@jbzoo.org

PHONE NUMBER
(616) 336-4314

MAILING ADDRESS
1300 W Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

All proceeds benefit and support the programs and activities of John Ball Zoo.