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.
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.

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
What We Offer

INCLUDED

- 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
Applause Catering & Events
3755 Broadmoor Ave. SE Suite C
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
(616) 940-0001
www.applause-catering.net

El Granjero Mexican Grill
950 Bridge St NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 458-5595
www.elgranjeromexicangrill.com

Gilmore Catering
20 Monroe Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 356-2627 X 116
www.gilmore-catering.com

Kangaroo Kitchen & Catering
1007 Fulton St. E
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 451-6775
www.kangarookitchengr.com

Martha’s Catering
1122 Michigan St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-0116
www.marthascatering.com

Forty Acres Soul Kitchen
1059 Wealthy St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 723-9770
www.fortyacresgr.com

EXCLUSIVE CATERERS
One of the following caterers is required for all food service.

The Catering Company
1307 East Fulton Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 454-7475
www.tccogr.com

Desserts
Connie’s Cakes
(616) 455-6214
info@iloveconniescakes.com

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

Forty Acres Soul Kitchen
1059 Wealthy St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 723-9770
www.fortyacresgr.com

Gilmore Catering
20 Monroe Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 356-2627 X 116
www.gilmore-catering.com

Martha’s Catering
1122 Michigan St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-0116
www.marthascatering.com

El Granjero Mexican Grill
950 Bridge St NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 458-5595
www.elgranjeromexicangrill.com

RECOMMENDED VENDORS
The following are recommended but not required.

DJs
JM Katz Entertainment
(269) 567-8026
jmkatzentertainment@yahoo.com

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

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

Photographers
Tiberius Images
(616) 855-4079
russ@tiberiusimages.com

TiNY uproar
(616) 446-9723
bud@tinyuproar.com

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

Gumina’s Flowers
(616) 247-3796
guminasflowers@gmail.com

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

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

Photographers
Tiberius Images
(616) 855-4079
russ@tiberiusimages.com

TiNY uproar
(616) 446-9723
bud@tinyuproar.com

Forty Acres Soul Kitchen
1059 Wealthy St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 723-9770
www.fortyacresgr.com

The Catering Company
1307 East Fulton Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 454-7475
www.tccogr.com

Alpine Events
(616) 396-7300
info@alpinevents.com

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

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

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

Alpine Events
(616) 396-7300
info@alpinevents.com

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

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

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

*All packages include up to 4 hours of bar service. Packages are for 2021 only. Packaging and pricing for future years is subject to change.*

### BEER, WINE & SODA

Choice of 2 beers and 3 wines
Pepsi products included.

- **$20/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.

- **$25/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.

- **$30/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
- Jameson Irish Whiskey
- Maker’s Mark Bourbon
- Tito’s Vodka

---

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.

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.

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.

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.
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

Let's Talk!

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