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

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: 150 guests

Rentals occurring on holiday weekends will require an additional $600 fee.
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
- Venue Coordinator and consultation time

ADDITIONAL FEE
- Wedding Ceremony: $800
  Located on back deck of Tree House April-October only. Max 120 seated. Includes additional rental hour and chair set-up.
- Additional Rental Hours: $300 each
- White Resin Arbor: $75
- 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**
  3755 Broadmoor Ave. SE Suite C
  Grand Rapids, MI 49512
  (616) 940-0001
  www.applause-catering.net

- **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

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

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

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

RECOMMENDED VENDORS
The following are recommended but not required:

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

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

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

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

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

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### 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

### Liquor
- House Vodka
- House Rum
- House Whiskey

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## House Package

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### 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

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## Premium Package

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### 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

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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.

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
No private changing room is provided for weddings.

All additional rental 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 does not secure exclusive use of the entire Zoo facility. Other events may be taking place in the park or Zoo during your rental time.

Onsite ceremonies are not available November-March.

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 office!

EMAIL ADDRESS
facilityrental@jbzoo.org

PHONE NUMBER
(616) 336-4314

MAILING ADDRESS
1300 W Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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