Rentals at the Arboretum
Congratulations!

and thank you for thinking of renting the Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens for your important day! The Arboretum is a one-of-a-kind space to share in the moments that make life special. From weddings, baby showers, birthday and anniversary parties, graduations, and all of the little moments in between, the Arboretum is a great place to enjoy time in nature, connect with friends and family, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Beth, the Arboretum’s rental coordinator and Rob, the Arboretum’s Executive Director, hope that the photos and information provided in this booklet assist you in your decision making process and remove at least one item from your event planning to do list, securing a location! We do offer other items to assist in your event’s success such as microphones, generators, shade tents, set-up and tear down, and more.

If you have questions regarding policies or availability, would like a tour of the grounds and areas available for rental, or need more information about renting from the Arboretum, please send an email to Beth, the Arboretum rental coordinator at office@cedarvalleyarboretum.org.

We are more than happy to see what we can do to make your ideas come to life.
Venue Rental Rates

Saturday Weddings - $1,000 total
$500 Deposit to reserve date

Includes:
8 Hrs of base rental time*
1 Hr rehearsal the night before
Use of the Education Center (if available)
100 Chairs
11 Six-foot, rectangular tables
6 Five-foot, rectangular tables

*Up to 4 hours of additional rental time can be added

Non-Saturday Weddings- $110 per Hour
Minimum of 3 hour rental time
1/2 Of total rental cost needed to reserve date

Includes:
1 Hr rehearsal the night before
Use of the Education Center (if available)
100 Chairs
6 Six-foot, rectangular tables
6 Five-foot, rectangular tables

Saturday Education Center Rental
$60 per hour
Non-Saturday Education Center Rental
$50 per hour

Deposit needed to reserve date. Deposit amount will be $50 or $60 depending on your rental date.

Includes:
100 Chairs
11 Six-foot, rectangular tables
6 Five-foot, rectangular tables

Saturday Single Garden Rental
$65 per hour
Non-Saturday Single Garden Rental
$60 per hour

Deposit needed to reserve date. Deposit amount will be $60 or $65 depending on your rental date.

Includes:
100 Chairs*
11 Six-foot, rectangular tables*
6 Five-foot, rectangular tables*

*If available
Additional Rental Options

Additional Rental Time- Saturday Dates:
$125 Per hour for weddings
$60 Per hour for Education Center rentals
$65 Per hour for single garden rentals

Additional Rental Time - Non-Saturday Dates:
$110 Per hour for weddings
$50 Per hour for Education Center Rentals
$60 Per hour for single garden rentals

Set up and take down of Arboretum provided chairs & tables: $50 total
Set up and take down of Arboretum provided pop-up tents: $25 per tent (12 tents available)

Golf Cart Transportation: $100 Total
If driver provided by Arb, transportation provided for 1 hour
If driver provided by renter, use of golf cart all day

Generator: $25 Total
Portable Speaker Unit: $25 Total
Speaker System: $100 Total
Personalized Iowa Wine Bottles: $25 per bottle

Commemorative Memorials:
$2,000 Tree
$1,000-Bench
$500-Chair or Table
$200-Engraved Brick

As an added service, the Arboretum is happy to coordinate on your behalf with another provider to ensure you have seating and tables for up to 250 people.
Additional Chairs: $4 per chair
Additional Tables: $10 per table
The Rose Garden is our most popular garden for weddings and holds up to 250 people. Our stunning pergola, brick lined pathway, and simply designed beds make this garden an easy choice with little to no decorations needed but the option to enhance the area with small, personalized touches such as drapery on the pergola.

There are two restrictions to keep in mind when expressing interest in renting this garden. The first is that real, individual rose petals may not be used during entry as we can not guarantee that they are free of outside pests.

Secondly, birdseed may not be used in the gardens as we do not want to attract birds and have them interrupt or disturb your event. Staff is happy to work with you to find alternatives if needed.
The Master Gardener's Orchard is a beautiful location for rustic or country inspired wedding and holds up to 200 people. Surrounded by fields of pollinator flowers, agricultural land, and a horizon of trees, the Master Gardener's Orchard was completed in 2016 and features plots with the 4 native fruit trees found in Iowa when the first settlers made their way to the state.

Inside the middle of the orchard sits a gazebo with benches and four openings. You can literally be surrounded by your loved ones depending on how you set your ceremony up.

Fun fact, the produce from this garden is donated to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. One thing to keep in mind is that the orchard is located a safe distance from but still near our beehives.
The shade garden is the most flexible of all gardens and can fit anywhere from 10-250 people comfortably around the outside of the garden depending on where you hold your ceremony.

This garden features a variety of hostas and multiple pathways that make the area feel intimate. This location is great for those looking for a magical, woodland feel or want the focus of the garden to be as their backdrop for the ceremony.
Shade Garden Inspiration
The Education Center is the starting point for many of life’s celebrations. Birthday’s, anniversaries, baby showers and more are often held in the education center. This building features an activity space that comfortably fits 30 people, a kitchenette with access to a microwave, refrigerator, and counter space. Restroom access is outside of the Education center on both sides of the building, which helps reduce the amount of Arboretum traffic you may encounter during your event.

Best of all, this building opens directly into the children’s garden, giving parents a place to engage with their children while also enjoying time with other adults. When used by wedding parties, this is often the location bridal parties get ready in or is used for storing items on the day of the wedding.

The Education center is air conditioned as well as outfitted with a movable heater so you and your guests can be prepared for whatever Iowa decides to send your way during your event.
Other Special Events

The Arboretum has been host to a variety of events including corporate celebrations, fundraisers, community events, celebrations of life, mini photography sessions and more.

If you have an idea for an event not listed directly in this booklet, please send us a message! We are happy to work with you and create a day that is beautiful, memorable, and unique just like you!

When inquiring about other special events, please provide the estimated number of guests, preferred dates and hours of garden use, and a brief explanation of what you’d like to use the Arboretum for. Either Beth or Rob will follow up to get more information and see what we can do to make your event come to life!