



WELLFIELD BOTANIC GARDENS

A Homegrown, World-Class Garden Celebrating Nature, Art, and Community.

Special Events & Rentals

Thank you for hosting your event at Wellfield Botanic Gardens in the heart of Elkhart. Thank you for supporting Wellfield and our mission of connecting the community through nature, education and the arts.

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MAP KEY

RENTAL SPACES

1. Events & Visitors Center
2. Bridge Garden
3. Event Garden
4. Event Plaza
5. Annual Garden
6. English Cottage Garden
7. Waterfall Garden
8. Island Garden
9. Peace Garden
10. Lotus Creek Garden
11. Council Ring
12. Outdoor Pavilion

POINTS OF INTEREST

- a. Serpentine Waterfall
- b. Swan Island
- c. Acorn Cottage
- d. Adventure Path Pergola
- e. Waterfall Pavilion
- f. Pergola Garden
- g. Wooden Pavilion
- h. Japanese Bridge
- i. Conversation Garden
- j. Boardwalk

LEGEND

- Rental Spaces
- Points of Interest

Waterfall Pavilion



WATERFALL GARDEN

The Waterfall Garden, which overlooks Christiana Creek, offers a tranquil and enclosed landscaped space for intimate weddings and events. Its centerpiece is a turquoise glass pavilion, which forms the perfect backdrop for capturing precious moments like wedding vows.

Capacity: 75

4 Hour Monday - Thursday

4 Hour Friday - Sunday





ENGLISH COTTAGE GARDEN

The English Cottage Garden is a charming 19th-century old-world-style garden that borders the pond. This popular garden space is characterized by its informal design, texture contrast, and mixed flower beds and herbs. The English Cottage Garden features intermixed areas of turf, stone, and brick pathways, allowing for event setups with or without aisles. Your rental booking includes the Acorn Cottage and dovecote ends. Chairs may be set up facing the cottage, dovecote, or pond.

Framed tents are limited in size and restricted to the west end of the garden facing the dovecote.



Acorn Cottage



Chinese Peony (Paeonia lactiflora)

This Garden also features famous botanical specimens like hydrangeas, roses, and peonies throughout spring and summer. These make great natural floral backdrops in photographs. Ask us when they are in bloom!

Capacity: 250

4 Hour Rental Monday - Thursday

4 Hour Rental Friday - Sunday



Dovecote



EVENT PLAZA

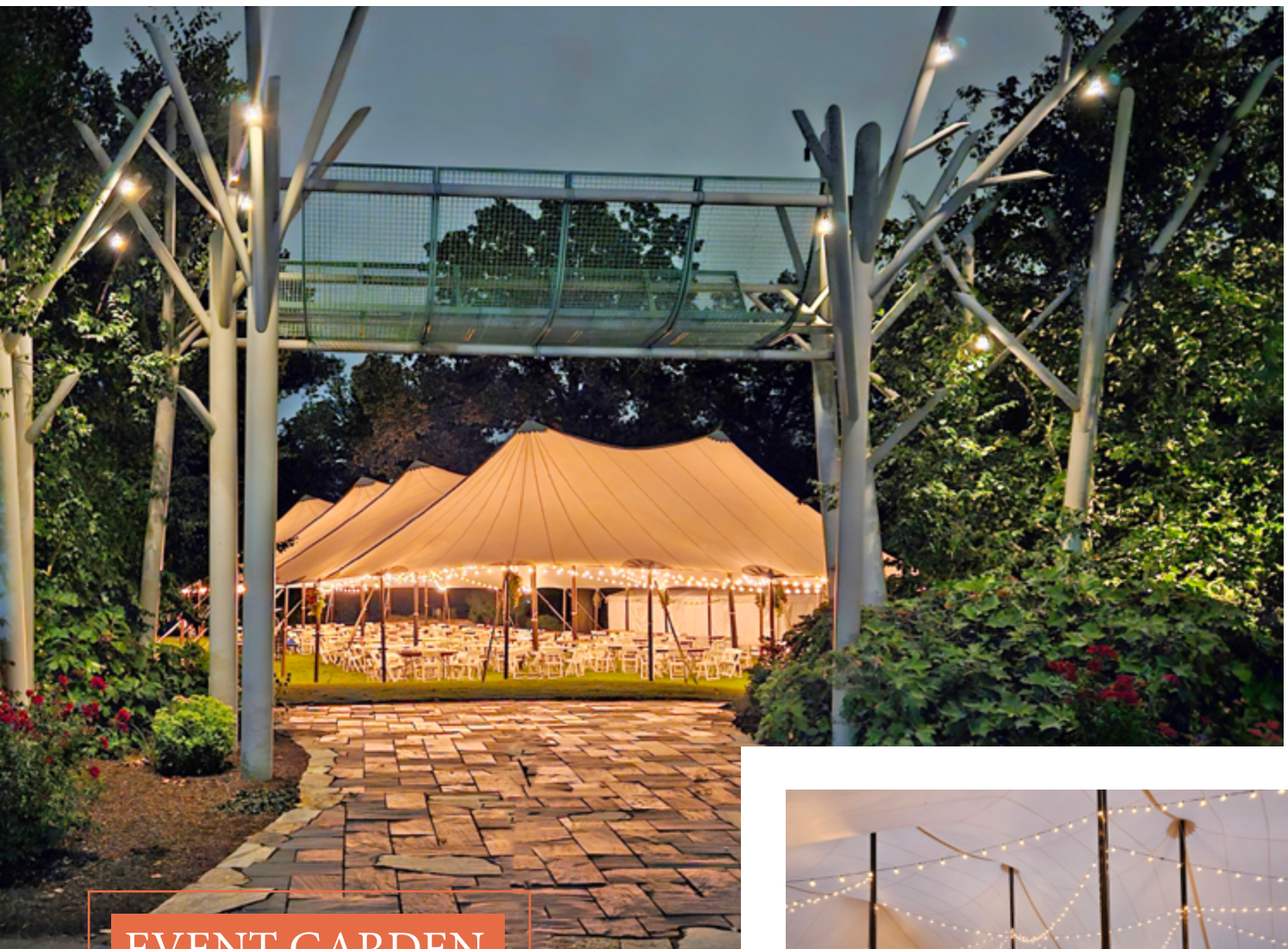
Event Plaza Walkway

The Event Plaza's smooth expanse of pavers and concrete form a canvas for creativity and flexibility, allowing you to tailor the space to a variety of events, and is a perfect add-on to any event held in neighboring spaces. This venue is close to restrooms.

Capacity: 100

*4 Hour Rental Monday - Thursday
4 Hour Rental Friday - Sunday*

20'x20' Tent Only (Subject to Availability)



EVENT GARDEN

The Event Garden is our most extensive outdoor venue, perfect for hosting large gatherings and events. This space is surrounded by lush garden beds and the sounds of Christiana Creek, offering a picturesque setting for weddings, parties, and corporate functions. The open turf allows for customizable spaces and amenities with multiple kinds of tent, table, and chair set-ups.

Capacity: 500

4 Hour Rental Monday - Thursday

4 Hour Rental Friday - Sunday



遊水亭



ISLAND GARDEN

Wood Pavilion (遊水亭 Yu Sui Tei)
“Pavilion befriend by waters”

While only a mere acre in size, Renowned designer Sadafumi Uchiyama designed this Japanese-inspired Island Garden composed of three islands. The Main Island rises 11 feet above the ponds. The West Island includes sweeping views of Lotus Pond. The Event Island comprises the most popular event rental areas, including open turf and structures like the Wood Pavilion.

Popular features in this garden include four stone lanterns, five wooden bridges, and an energizing mountain stream that make great backdrops for your event photography.



Grassy lower area

All Island Garden rentals include both the grassy lower area and the Wood pavilion. Chairs can face east, west, with or without an aisle.

Tents can only be set up on turf.

Capacity: 125

4 Hour Rental Monday - Thursday

4 Hour Rental Friday - Sunday



Wood Pavilion, Stone Tatami

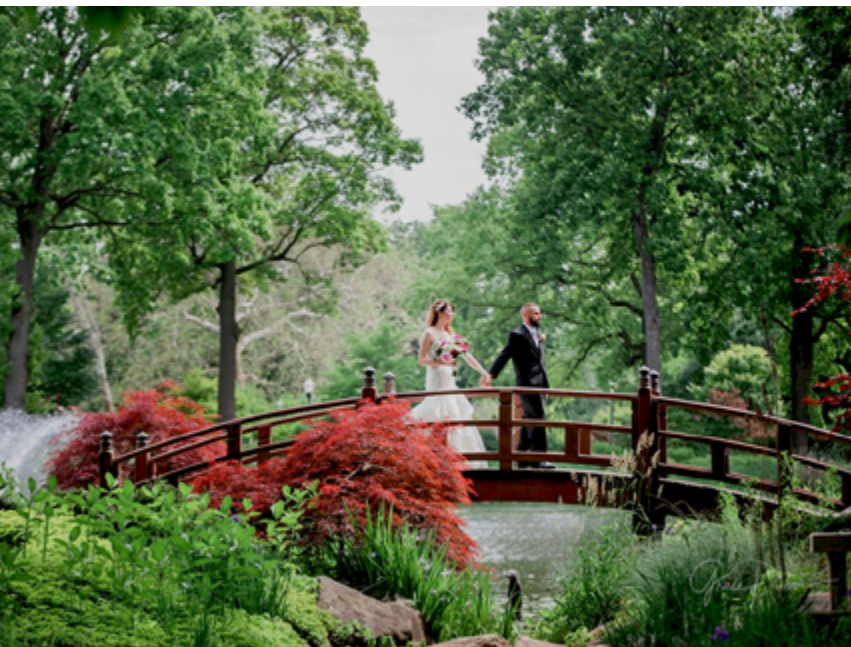


CELEBRATION GARDEN

The Celebration Garden is an excellent venue for large events. Guests can escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and immerse themselves in the beauty of nature. Whether it's a romantic dinner under the stars or a captivating concert by the pond, the large open turf allows multiple set-up options with tents, tables, and chairs.

Capacity: 500

4 Hour Rental Monday - Sunday



Japanese Bridge, Lotus Creek Garden

SMALLER GARDENS



Peace Garden

Our smaller garden rentals offer options for more private and intimate event spaces! Ideal for guest counts under 30. Guests can select from various gardens with unique features, such as the Japanese Bridge in the Lotus Creek Garden.

Available spaces: Bridge Patio, Lotus Creek Garden, Council Ring, Peace Garden.

Capacity: 20~30

4 Hour Rental

MICROWEDDINGS

MicroWeddings at the Gardens offer an intimate and enchanting setting to exchange vows amidst the beauty of nature. Maximum guests: 10.

MicroWeddings (2 Hour Rental Maximum, 10 Chairs included)

Location subject to availability.

Indoor & Outdoor Pavilion Spaces, available to book now for events beginning May 2025.



Events and Visitors Center, "Window on Wellfield", North & South meeting rooms plus Grand Hall



Outdoor Pavilion



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Basic Events Rental Guidelines

Wellfield Botanic Gardens (WBG) offers a gorgeous outdoor setting for weddings and special events. The outdoor rental fees include admission for guests, a photographer's permit, and the location/site reservation for four hours. Beginning in May 2025, the indoor Events & Visitor's Center and outdoor Pavilion will be available for event rentals. WBG is a rental site only and does not offer event planning or catering services. Reservations are subject to availability; WBG reserves the right to refuse any reservation request and to be the sole judge of how and when guests may use our grounds. All outside vendors must be licensed, insured, and approved by WBG before a scheduled event. The following information provides a brief overview of the Rental Guidelines. The full Garden Rental and Event Guidelines can be found here.

- Reservation Deposit of \$500 (non-refundable), due at contract signing, goes towards the total rental fees.
- The Security Deposit of \$1,000 (refundable per contract terms) is due 30 days before the event date.
- A Certificate of Insurance covering WBG on the day of the event in the amount of \$1,000,000+ is required. This insurance can be provided through a homeowner's policy, an online vendor, or through WBG.
- If the event exceeds the agreed contract hours, the security deposit will result in 50% forfeiture.
- Golf cart rental is \$75. It accommodates 3 guests at a time and is driven by approved WBG staff or volunteers.
- Outdoor chair rental fee: \$2.00 per chair (limited quantity) - additional rentals with Burns Rent-Alls, Inc.
- Outdoor table rental fee: \$7.00 per table (limited quantity) - additional rentals with Burns Rent-Alls, Inc.
- Outdoor set-up and break-down fee: \$100 (only required when using WBG rental equipment)
- The tables and chairs listed in the indoor event spaces and outdoor pavilion are included in rental prices.
- Holiday Weekend Dates (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day) will incur a surcharge of \$2000.
- Security is required for events serving alcohol and may be required for after-hours events.
- Cancellation of your event will result in the following fees (minus the reservation fee): 60-90 days = 50% of the remaining balance; 30-59 days = 75% of the remaining balance; less than 30 days' notice will result in 100% of the total fees due.
- All rental equipment beyond what WBG can provide will be rented by the lessee from Burns Rent-alls. Contact www.burnsrentals.com or 574-259-4807. WBG will coordinate the placement and removal of those rented items in the Gardens during the week of the event.
- Navarre Catering & Events is the exclusive alcohol vendor and has exclusive use of the indoor kitchen and bar areas. Events without alcohol and those without kitchen service can use additional caterers approved by WBG.
- Minimal outdoor electrical service can be arranged with WBG for events. Large events with speakers, AV equipment, or catering may require the rental of a generator.
- General Garden etiquette must be followed, including No balloons, paint, chalk, glitter, silk floral petals, fireworks, glass, rice, or placing decorations or lights in Garden displays (including trees, flowers, bushes, garden structures, statues, or artwork). No swimming, smoking, vaping, fishing, sporting activity or drone usage. Photography must be taken on mowed areas or paths, not within blooming or mulched areas. Dogs are allowed with WBG approval and must be registered as an add-on to a current WBG membership.

Questions?

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