

ROGER WILLIAMS PARK BOTANICAL CENTER & LAKESIDE PAVILION

Special Event - Lookbook



**BOTANICAL
CENTER**
Roger Williams Park

Welcome

Thank you for choosing to host your event with us.

The Roger Williams Park Botanical Center is a living horticultural museum owned and operated by the Parks Department of the City of Providence. We are a public, non-profit educational organization dedicated to inspiring an appreciation of our natural world to improve lives, enrich communities, and strengthen a commitment to the environment.

Whether you're planning a wedding, a corporate retreat, or a monumental birthday party, our hundreds of carefully cultivated tropical plants will provide a stunning backdrop for any occasion. The Botanical Center campus offers a variety of locations that will ensure your event is truly remarkable.

We look forward to helping you create memories that last a lifetime.





Our Spaces

When you host an event with us, you have options. The Roger Williams Botanical Center and Lakeside Pavilion is home to New England's largest indoor display garden with over 24,000 square feet of indoor glass house display gardens. We can also accommodate a variety of outdoor experiences in our regularly maintained outdoor spaces.

Our Indoor Greenhouses for events include:

- The Conservatory
- The Mediterranean Room
- The Cafe

The Outdoor Gardens include

- The Rose Meadow Pathway and Rose Maze
- The Lakeside Pavilion
- The Lakeside Gazebo

The Conservatory

The Conservatory is the Center's largest greenhouse. With 45' tall ceilings, the palms nearly brush the sky.

The Conservatory is a great space to hold a ceremony, cocktail reception, or meet and greet.

Maximum theatre style seating is 150 guests. A cocktail reception can hold multiple bars, high tables and up to 150 guests comfortably.



THE ROGER WILLIAMS CONSERVATORY



Two small fountains in the Conservancy create a tranquil soundscape for your event.

Photo Credit: Studio Nouveau



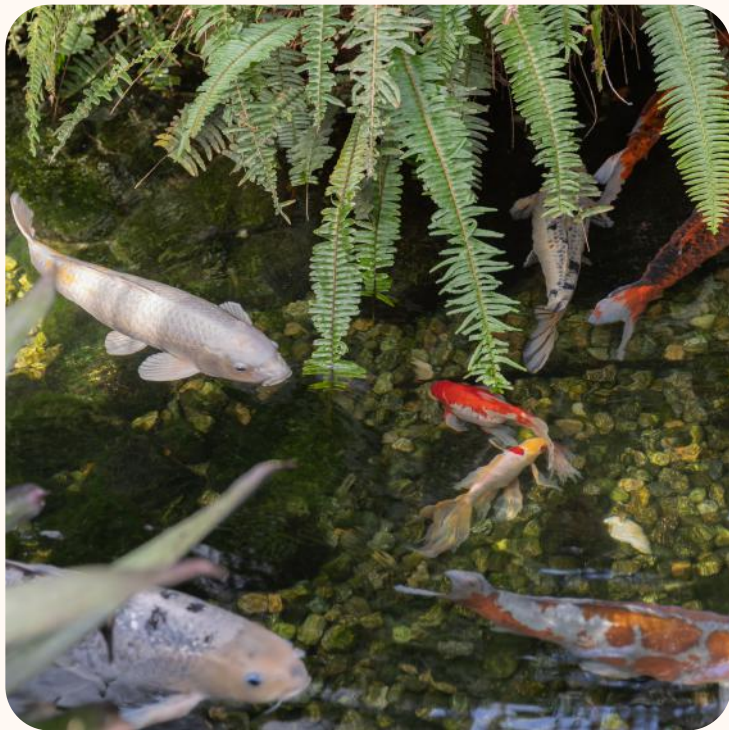
Mediterranean Room

With an active koi pond and select water features, the Mediterranean Room hosts a serene environment for your event, highlighted by our stunning moon gate entrance.

Capacity: The Mediterranean Room accommodates up to 80 guests for dinner and dancing or serves as an elegant setting for larger events, such as ceremonies and cocktail receptions. Comfortable theater seating is available for up to 150 guests.



THE MEDITERRANEAN ROOM



Water features: The Mediterranean Room hosts an active koi pond, an elevated tiled fountain, and a small waterfall.

Photo Credit: Kendall Pavan Photography



Outdoor Ceremonies

If you are considering an outdoor ceremony to celebrate a wedding, honor a loved one, or recognize an awardee, the Botanical Center campus offers a variety of beautiful options to meet your needs. The outdoor waterfall, gazebo, rose maze, and lawns provide a stunning backdrop for your special occasion.



Lakeside Pavillion

The Lakeside Pavilion is the newest addition to the RWP Botanical Center campus. Nestled against the scenic Echo Lake and surrounded by secluded gardens, the Lakeside Pavilion is a memorable setting for any reception. The open floorplan and two patio areas can offer respite seating or additional reception seating.

Note: The Lakeside Pavilion is open seasonally from April through October.

Capacity: The Lakeside Pavilion accommodates up to 150 - 180 depending on the setup.

Photo Credit: Salt & Stone Photography



Considerations

Seasonal Pricing

January, February, & March:

- Monday-Thursday \$3,500
- Friday-Sunday \$4,000

April through December:

- Monday-Thursday \$6,500
- Friday - Sunday \$7,000

Holiday rate is an additional \$1,500

Please take the following considerations into account:

- Be aware that the greenhouses are not insulated. Auxiliary heaters or air conditioning might be necessary to maintain a comfortable environment.
- The Center decorates in accordance with holidays and in-house events, such as Fairy Garden Days. Please note that the color themes and plant arrangements cannot be altered for private events.
- As the Center operates as a living museum, a natural environment takes precedence over event requirements. Birds, insects, and other wildlife are necessary aspects of this ecosystem.
- The Center remains a public facility until the designated rental time commences.



Quick FAQs



Does the Center suggest caterers, photographers or florists?

As a City entity, the Center is unable to recommend private vendors; however, we can provide a list of vendors who have worked in this space before.

Are pets allowed? Service pets are welcome in the Center at all times. If you would like a pet to participate in a ceremony, please contact the event team.

Is smoking allowed? The Roger Williams Park and all facilities are SMOKE FREE.

Are balloons, confetti cannons, or throwing silk petals or rice allowed? These items pose environmental risks to wildlife and are prohibited.

Is there a private changing room? The Center doesn't have a dedicated space for changing, however, we do offer a private bathroom.

Is there a place for a wedding party to gather? The Center does have a cafe area that can be blocked off.

Are there restrooms at the Pavilion? Yes.

Is the Center handicap accessible? Yes

Is there electricity in the greenhouses and Pavilion? Yes

Can I hold my rehearsal party at the Center? Yes! The Roger Williams Park offers a variety of amenities and facilities. We highly recommend creating a multi-day event for guests. A day on the trails and a swan boat ride make a wonderful bonding activity for wedding party participants. A rehearsal dinner at the Casino is also a magnificent way to start your festive weekend.

Your Impact

Choosing to host your event at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center directly supports our mission. Proceeds provide resources to our educational programs, sustainability initiatives, community engagement, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Thank you.

Educational Programs

We offer free nature-based tours for Providence schools; enrichment programs for children and young adults with differing abilities; and gardening opportunities with direct guidance from horticulturists and plant-experts.



Sustainability Initiatives

Our gardening ethos focuses on creating a balanced ecosystem. We're committed to chemical-free approaches to plant maintenance in the gardens, greenhouses, and grounds. Our Goat Ambassador program controls invasive species one goat at a time!

Community Engagement

We're dedicated to keeping this space accessible to our community through family-oriented programming, investments in exploratory play areas, nature-conscious workshops, and more!

Volunteer Opportunities

Our dedicated volunteers help make the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center an extra special place to give back. Among many other contributions, they maintain a produce donation garden bringing fresh fruits and vegetables to local food banks year round.



