

2024 Weddings at the Seacoast Science Center



Our Venue

Congratulations on your engagement! By choosing the Seacoast Science Center for your venue you will create memories and know that your rental helps our mission to spark curiosity, enhance understanding, and inspire conservation of our Blue Planet for future generations.

Our coastal setting includes views of four lighthouses, the Piscataqua River, and the Isles of Shoals. The beautiful 40'x90' oceanfront frame tent can accommodate up to 185 guests and is available from May through September. For a reception with a dance floor, the tent will accommodate approximately 150 guests, with larger parties having the option of bringing in an additional tent.

Your venue rental secures this beautiful area of the park. Bringing in independent vendors for catering, music, and planning allows you to create the perfect day.

Contact Hollie Dutton at 603-436-8043, ext. 14 or rentals-events@sscnh.org to book your event.

2024 Weddings

For our 2024 weddings

- Your wedding will be the only event under the tent for the entire weekend. You will have extended access to the tent space to allow for more elaborate set-up installations and extended breakdown time
- You will have use of a separate ceremony site, located within feet of the ocean, for a scheduled ceremony time included in our base fee
- Event Staff will be onsite to work with your coordinator for all onsite logistics

What makes weddings at the Seacoast Science Center special?

- Your band or DJ are able to play until the event end at 11pm
- The Center has plenty of parking and amazing ocean views
- Downtown Portsmouth is an easy trolley ride away for your guests
- The Center is open for your entire event, with ocean exhibits and indoor restrooms



Sperry Tents are our exclusive tent vendor and they offer some beautiful upgrade options to our Bayview Frame Tent.

2024 Fees and Associated Costs

Events Under the Tent

\$9,750 plus applicable fees, which includes:

- Six hours of rental time, not to exceed 11:00 pm, in compliance with the Town of Rye Noise Ordinance
- Use of the 40'x90' Bayview Frame white function tent including:
 - All-weather flooring (no dance floor included; this must be rented)
 - Electricity for caterer, band/DJ, etc.
 - Full clear siding for the tent, as well as upgrade options to add clear roof panels
 - Exclusive evening access to the Seacoast Science Center restrooms and exhibits for the duration of your wedding
 - A Seacoast Science Center staff member to assist with questions and all site-specific logistics
 - SSC is not responsible for setup and cleanup; this is to be done by the client or vendor/s

Please Note: Clients must rent tables, chairs, dance floor, and bump-out tents, etc. through Sperry Tents Seacoast.

2024 Additional Information

Equipment Rentals

- Tables, chairs, dance floor, additional tents, lighting, heaters, etc. must be rented from our exclusive equipment rental vendor, Sperry Tents Seacoast
- Rental Drop Off allowed Friday after 3:30 and Rental Pickup allowed through 4:00 pm Sunday, or as or as coordinated and approved by Sperry and the Center

Coordinator or Planning

- All weddings must have a professional coordinator.

Police Detail and Alcohol

- If alcohol is being served at the event, a police detail must be hired, at the rate of \$85/hour (\$95/hour on major holidays), with a 4 hour minimum, subject to change.
- All alcohol must be served by a caterer or insured bartending service. The caterer or insured bartending service (whoever is handling bar service) must have a signed copy of SSC's current Alcohol and Intoxication Policy on file at the Center, as well as service certifications.

New Hampshire State Park Fee

- NH State Division of Parks and Recreation requires a park use fee collected by SSC on their behalf
- NH Park Fee is \$4.00 per guest

Cleaning and Security Fee

- The Seacoast Science Center reserves the right to invoice for any damages to buildings and grounds, including excessive cleanup

Liability Insurance

- We require the client to draw a liability insurance binder, details available in event contract

Caterers

- Food service must be through a licensed caterer, you are welcome to work on or off of the preferred vendor list

Other restrictions

- Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, pyrotechnics, wish lanterns, fire pits, balloons and artificial petals

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Enjoy planning your wedding and thank you again for considering the Seacoast Science Center!

