

Wedding FAQ

What areas are available for rental?

- ❖ **Rose Garden** – seating capacity up to 300. The Rose Garden, at the heart of the Garden, features a grand arbor and fountain. Classic roses and floral displays provide season-long color
- ❖ **Woodland Garden** – seating capacity up to 200. The Woodland Garden captures the spirit of our native Illinois woodland in spring, summer or fall. It features majestic trees, wooded paths and a verdant glade and provides a lush, shaded backdrop for your ceremony.
- ❖ **Learning Circle** – seating capacity up to 125+. The Learning Circle features a circular flagstone amphitheatre.
- ❖ **Conservatory** – Available for evening weddings only. Seating capacity up to 75. The Conservatory features an extensive collection of tropical plants and provides a lush, tropical backdrop for your wedding.
- ❖ **Wildlife Garden** – seating capacity up to 50. The Wildlife Garden features a cascading waterfall, extensive plantings and a wooded clearing.
- ❖ **Gazebo** – seating capacity up to 20. The classic gazebo, echoing a Victorian garden, is location near the fountain and serves as an intimate setting for a small wedding.





What happens if it rains?

In case of inclement weather; the Orangery Greenhouse can accommodate 150 guests. The Orangery backup is an amenity included within the pricing of the package.



Can I get more chairs than the amount included in the rental fee?

The additional chair rental fee is \$2.00 per chair. The Garden can provide up to 300 chairs. If more are needed the renter is responsible for acquiring them and setting them up. They must be delivered and removed from the Garden within the rental day. Delivery and removal time will depend on other events happening that day. The Garden's chairs must be rented before chairs from an outside source can be used. The Garden staff will be responsible to setting up and removing the chairs rented from the Garden only.

Will there be anyone else in the Garden during my ceremony?

The Garden will be open to the general public from 10:00 am – 5:00pm every day. Experience has shown that the public is very respectful of private events/ceremonies.

How much does it cost to rent the Garden?

We have pricing packages to accommodate various needs. To reserve a date, 50% of the rental fee is required as a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit. The deposit will be deducted from the rental fee when the entire balance is paid at least 4 months prior to the wedding. **Please refer to the last page of this packet for a detailed price list.** We do offer special pricing for certain situations, e.g., military deployment, short term booking. Please speak to our events coordinator.

What times are available for rental?

Rental times are 11:00 am – 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm; and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. The Conservatory is limited to after-hours rentals only (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm). Access to the premise is limited to the contracted time. Early or late access may be possible for an additional fee and would need to be arranged in advance.

Can I have a rehearsal?

A one-hour rehearsal is included in the “Lily” and “Tulip” packages. Rehearsals are available for other packages for \$50 and all rehearsals must be scheduled at least three months prior to the

ceremony. Rehearsals are held at mutually agreed upon days and times. Chairs and electricity WILL NOT be provided at rehearsals.

Is there a place to get dressed at the Garden?

Unfortunately, there are no dressing rooms available. We do have a small area with air-conditioning where the bride and bridal party can wait until the wedding begins.

When can we take pictures?

The photography fee is included in all wedding packages. Pictures can be taken in the rented area during the contracted rental time. Pictures may be taken in other areas of the Garden during the contracted rental time if it does not interfere with other events or the enjoyment of the Garden by other guests.

Can I bring in additional decorations?

You may bring in your own decorations. The setup and tear down of these decorations must be completed within the hours rented. This includes removal of all items brought in by the wedding party and guests, **including trash.**

Are there any items NOT allowed at the Garden?

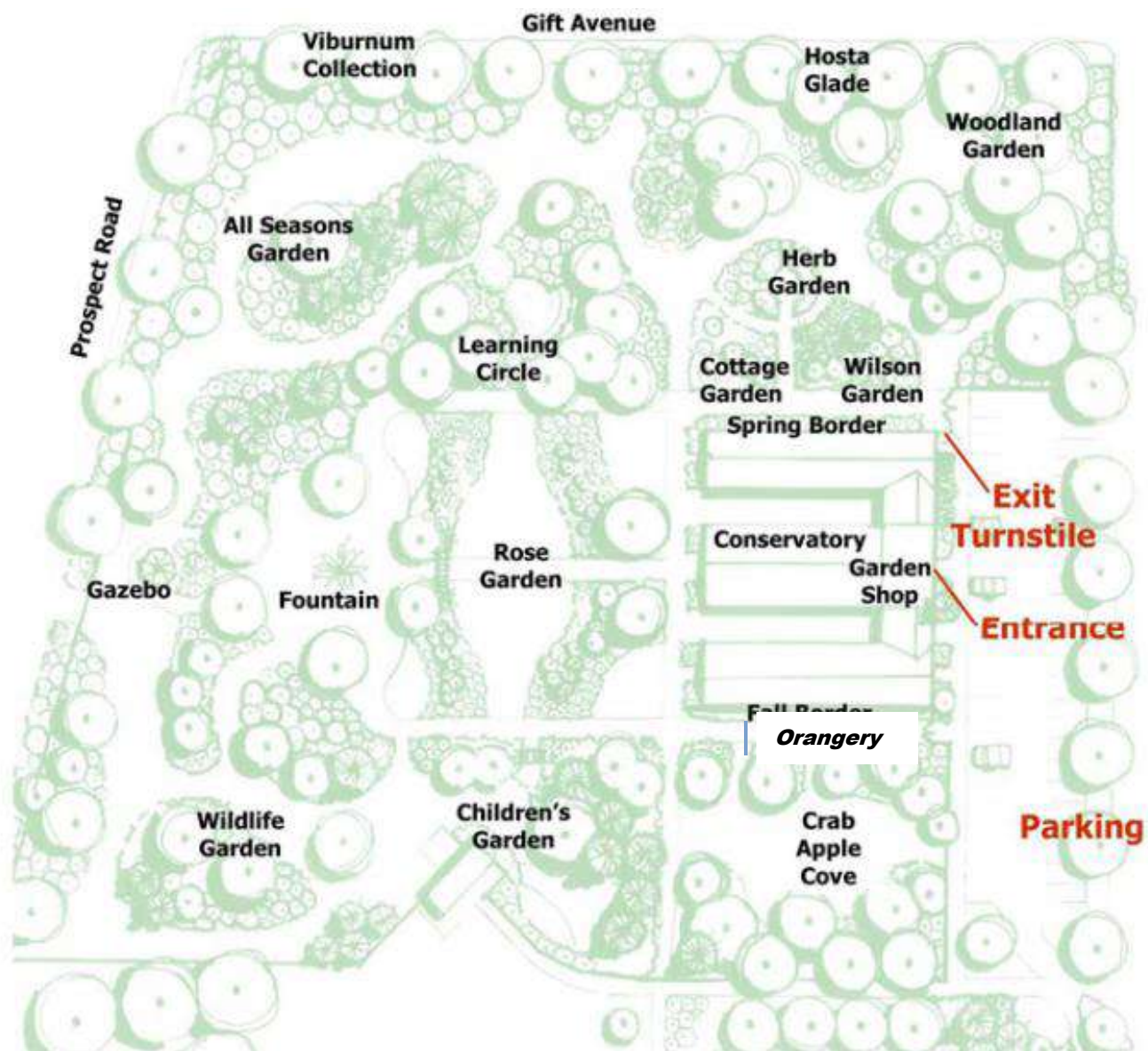
Yes, silly string, rice, artificial flower petals, balloons and birdseed are NOT allowed on the premises. As alternatives we would suggest natural flower petals, bubbles or bio-degradable rice. Remember that any cleanup is the renter's responsibility. Liquor is not allowed unless arranged through the event coordinator.

Can I have my reception at the Garden following the ceremony?

At this time, the use of the Garden for hosting a reception is limited. Peoria Zoo is adjacent to the Gardens and the Zambezi River Lodge can seat up to 200 reception guests. A discount is available for combo rentals. For more information about Zoo rentals, call 309-681-3507 or e-mail rentals@peoriaparks.org.

Can alcohol be served at my ceremony and/or reception?

Alcohol may be served but must be purchased through Garden staff and served by Park District staff. **Alcohol is not allowed on any Park District property without prior arrangements.**



<u>Area</u>	<u>Seating capacity</u>
Rose Garden	300
Woodland Garden	200
Learning Circle	125+
Conservatory (evenings only)	75
Wildlife Garden	50
Gazebo	20

Luthy Botanical Garden Rental	<u>Lily Package</u> <i>(premium)</i>	<u>Tulip Package</u> <i>(basic)</i>	<u>Daisy Package</u> <i>(intimate)</i> 30 people maximum
<u>Days</u>	Friday & Saturdays	<u>Sunday – Thursday</u>	<u>Sunday – Thursday</u>
<u>Base Price</u> (2 hours)	\$1000	\$700	\$450
<u>Deposit</u>	50% Non-refundable Non-transferable	50% Non-refundable Non-transferable	50% Non-refundable Non-transferable
<u>Hours</u>	11-1 / 2-4 / 5-7	11-1 / 2-4 / 5-7	11-1 / 2-4 / 5-7
<u>Extra hours</u>	\$200 per hour Morning or evening only	\$200 per hour Morning or evening only	Not available
<u>Chairs</u>	Up to 100 included Extra \$2.00 each	Up to 100 included Extra \$2.00 each	Up to 30 included Extra \$2.00 each
<u>Tables</u>	1 four foot included Extra \$10.00 each	1 four foot included Extra \$10.00 each	1 four foot included Extra \$10.00 each
<u>Rehearsal</u>	1 hour the day before included	1 hour the day before included	\$50 – 1 hour (optional)
<u>“Orangery” Greenhouse</u> (rain backup)	Included in pricing	Included in pricing	Included
<u>Notes</u>	Photography fee included	Photography fee included	Photography fee included

