

PREMIER WEDDING LOCATIONS AT WICKHAM PARK

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The English Garden

This garden is the newest of our five featured ornamental gardens, and offers the perfect location for wedding groups of up to 200 people. The English Garden covers just under two acres and is based on formal English design principles. This garden contains three “garden rooms”: The Maze, the Knot Garden, and the Great Lawn. It has been designed so that areas of the garden are in bloom all season long. Our most formal garden, the English Garden contains 1000 feet of hedges, dozens of shrub and rose varieties and hundreds of perennials. Tents from outside vendors are prohibited in this area.



The Oriental Garden

The Oriental Garden is the largest and oldest of the gardens in Wickham Park. Within its eight acres are several oriental structures and statues. The most identifiable are the Torri Archway, the fu-dogs, the Arched Moon Bridge over the pond, and the Teahouse. The Teahouse can be used by small groups in cases of inclement weather. This garden can accommodate weddings of up to 150 people when using the open field space in the north end of the garden, where an oriental pagoda has been created.



The Italian Shrine

This garden was originally created by Clarence and Edith Wickham as a place for their workers to worship. The Shrine is an open structure with stucco pillars and a flagstone base, which is set on a grassy knoll enclosed by beautiful plantings. Statues of St. Theresa and St. Francis highlight this garden. This garden can accommodate a wedding of up to 125 people, and offers a formal setting perfect for your special occasion.



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The Lotus Garden

This garden is located in the center of Wickham Park and contains a pond with a fountain and a pagoda. The pagoda is an oriental structure that provides a lovely setting overlooking the pond. Several stone Japanese lanterns also adorn this area. This garden can accommodate a wedding of up to 100 people, and makes a picturesque setting for wedding photos.



The Cabin Garden

Located at the highest point of the park, with a panoramic view of Hartford, the Cabin Garden provides a scenic and formal setting for any occasion. This garden can be reserved as part of a wedding package or in limited circumstances, the ceremony alone. This garden can accommodate up to 150 people. Please inquire about our Cabin Package for more details.



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Wedding Ceremony & Rehearsal Fees

- The reservation fee for the Cabin Garden without the reception is \$600 for ceremonies up to 150 guests. This fee includes the use of the amphitheater. In the event of inclement weather the cabin tent is available for the ceremony. These reservations are limited to specific dates and a two hour booking no later than 1PM.
- The reservation fee for the English Garden is \$400 for ceremonies of up to 150 guests. This includes a two-hour reservation and the entrance fee for all guests.
- All other Garden sites are \$350 for groups of up to 150 people, and include a two-hour garden reservation and the vehicle entrance fee for all guests. Additional fees apply for larger groups.
- There is a rehearsal fee of \$50 for a one hour rehearsal. This fee includes a garden reservation for one hour and the vehicle entrance fee for all guests attending the rehearsal.
- If you need more time for your ceremony than the 2 hours provided for your reservation, you may reserve a garden for an additional hour for a fee of \$100. You must plan accordingly for any decorating or chair rental set up, as anything needed for your ceremony *must be set up and taken down during your reserved time frame.*
- Generally, reservations for the year are accepted beginning on the first business day in January. However, Wickham Park allows you to book a wedding ceremony prior to this date to ensure that your selected date is secured. Booking in advance costs an additional \$50 and ensures that the current rate will be applied, regardless of any increases in the cost that may later be made. This fee is non-refundable and is entirely separate from the rental fee.

Wedding Pictures Only

- You can have your wedding pictures taken at Wickham park for a fee of \$75 or \$100 which includes a garden reservation for one hour and the entrance fee for all of the vehicles entering the park for photos. Reservations for photos only may be made 3 months or less prior to an event date. The gardens available for the \$75 fee include the Italian Shrine and the Lotus Garden. The English Garden and the Oriental Garden fee is \$100. In limited circumstances the cabin garden may be booked. ***Wedding Photography NOT permitted in Sensory Garden.**

Chair Rental

- Wickham Park offers chair rentals on a first come, first serve basis. The fee is \$2.50 per chair and includes set-up and take down. The chairs are white resin with a padded seat and have a seat depth of 14.25 inches. **There are no refunds for garden rentals if events are cancelled because of weather. A 50% refund will be given for chair rentals if an event is cancelled because of weather.**

Tent Rental

- A 30'X20' tent may be rented for the English & Oriental Gardens & the Italian Shrine. The fee is \$400.00. A non-refundable \$100.00 fee is required to hold the tent. If used, the \$300.00 balance is paid one business day before the event. Restrictions apply.

NOTE: No wedding photography is permitted in the Sensory Garden