

Eden Gardens State Park Wedding Guide



The first and most important thing is, the date of your wedding. We need to determine this first since only one event per day is allowed at Eden. It's possible your date is already booked. The second reason is that the time sunset occurs on your date determines whether your event is a during hours, or an after hours event. For booking purposes if your event in anyway prevents us from locking the gates at sunset it's considered an after hours event and subject to after hours pricing. This includes mandatory Park Security Staffing. Eden accepts reservations no more than 11 months prior. Example: You may book a May wedding no sooner than June 1st the year prior. Event reservations are booked on a first come- first serve basis no exceptions. ■ **Reservations or bookings are confirmed only after receipt of full payment.** Payment is for use of the designated areas of the grounds only. **The Wesley House (Mansion) cannot be reserved.** ■ **Alcohol is prohibited** in all Florida State Parks during normal operating hours. ■ All of the set – up: Chair rental, tent rental, Bands caterers, etc. must be approved prior to payment. Decorations (nothing may be glued, stapled, or left on the grounds), The actual set-up and takedown is not the responsibility of the Park or its Staff, and must all take place the day of the event and be completed prior to 11 pm for after hour's events and prior to sunset for during park hour's events. **Insure your rental**

vendors are aware of this. Failure to meet this rule could result in you being charged for an additional day's use.

■ Celebratory Bird seed and soap bubbles are allowed but no rice (It may be harmful to wildlife).

■ Electricity is available only in certain locations of the grounds. Check with staff for permissible locations.

■ **No parking or driving on lawn is permissible to include rental vendors loading.** A broken commercial sprinkler line will dampen if not flood your event.

■ Things to consider: For events with a larger guest list there is only one bathroom unless Pavilion is rented. Its very dark at Eden after hour's, rental lighting may be necessary. No dressing room is provided for wedding parties, exception: if pavilion is rented, bathroom in pavilion can act as dressing room. **No tents are allowed until pavilion is rented.** If pavilion isn't large enough to accommodate your party a rental tent may be allowed in addition to the pavilion, and may only be set up in area specified by park staff. Again, no vehicles are allowed on grass or lawns. If your caterer or any one in your party dumps ice from their coolers on lawns it puts the grass into dormancy, hence large brown spots. Dump cooler ice on the driveway or parking areas. Please insure vendors are aware of these rules.

■ If for any reason cancellation is required a two-month notice and cash register receipt is to be furnished for during hour weddings, and a two-month notice and Friends of Eden receipt for after hours weddings before a refund will be issued.

Fee Structure

During hour's

1-25 guests	\$96.30
26-100 guests	\$201.16
101-201 guests	\$401.25

Fee includes all applicable taxes.

Checks for during hour's events should be made out to Eden Gardens State Park.

After Hours

1-25 guests	\$250.00
26-50 guests	\$350.00
51-100 guests	\$500.00
101-200 guests	\$900.00

A \$200.00 Refundable Impact Deposit is required in case of damages incurred, unsatisfactory post event clean –up, or passing contractual times limits.

Fee includes cost to provide park security on grounds night of event.

Checks for after hour's events should be made out to FRIENDS OF EDEN.

Pavilion rental

Call number below, at indicated times for fee information.

Up to 100 guest \$2000.00

Up to 200 guest \$2400.00

Plus a \$500.00 refundable Impact Deposit

Fee includes after hours Security, Park admission

Fees, tables and chairs provided with Pavilion.

For questions or to check for available dates and request grounds rental agreement forms: call (850) 231-4214 or come by Eden between 9am and 1 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or the first working day of the month.

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