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Lincoln Park Conservatory & Gardens



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Prefer the roar of lions and tigers to the roar of the EI?

Nestled just west of the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Lincoln Park Conservatory and Gardens create a perfectly peaceful and enchanting mix for your event's atmosphere.

Stroll along the pathways around the lush greenery during cocktail hour, and then emerge out into the expansive outdoor gardens for dinner under the stars.

Many brides have walked down isles within the famed Grandmothers Garden as part of their big day.

This versatile spot offers endless options for indoor, open air, or tented elements at your next event.

Event Spaces & Capacity

| Location | Sq. Ft. | Measurements | Capacity |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|---|
| Formal Garden | 51,200* | 320'x160' | 3,000 (10 sq ft per person) |
| Grandmother's Garden | 41,200* | 824'x50' | 2,000 (10 sq ft per person) |
| Inside Conservatory | NA | NA | 150 (cocktail reception throughout entire Conservatory) 100 (seated ceremony in Show Room) |

**Outside Garden Measurements include restricted areas (flower gardens, fountains, and statues).*

The Conservatory is open to the public Friday – Sunday from 10 am-3 pm. The Formal Garden and Grandmother's Garden are open during Chicago Park District hours (6am-11pm)

Reservations

*There are three options for hosting an event at the Lincoln Park Conservatory Gardens:

- 1) Inside the Conservatory
- 2) Outside in the Gardens
- 3) Ceremony Only Outside in the Gardens

*All events must conclude by 11pm

Inside Conservatory Rates



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| 2-Hour Usage (5-7pm) | | Indoor |
| Rental Fee | | \$1,000.00 |
| Security Guard | | \$160.00 |
| <u>Security Deposit</u> | | <u>\$500.00</u> |
| <i>Total Due</i> | | \$1,660.00 |
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| 7-Hour Usage (5pm-12am) | | Indoor |
| Rental Fee | | \$2,000.00 |
| Security Guards (2) | | \$560.00 |
| <u>Security Deposit</u> | | <u>\$500.00</u> |
| <i>Total Due</i> | | \$3,060.00 |

*Since the Conservatory is open to the public from 10 am - 3 pm, events cannot begin (including set-up) until 3 pm.

*All timeframes include set-up and breakdown.

8 Hour Special Event Venue Garden Usage

| 8-Hour Usage | Formal Garden | Grandmother's Garden |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rental Fee | \$3,213.00 | \$1,606.00 |
| Personnel/Labor | \$480.00 | \$480.00 |
| <u>Security Deposit</u> | <u>\$1,000.00</u> | <u>\$1,000.00</u> |
| <i>Total Due</i> | \$4,693.00 | \$3,086.00 |

*All timeframes include set-up and breakdown.

*Rental of spaces for only 4 hours will be charged half the appropriate 8-hour fee.

*Additional hours before 11pm can be purchased for \$250.

*For tear-down/pick-ups, 11pm-Midnight can be purchased for an additional \$500 plus personnel fees.

To Book Conservatory and 8-hour Garden Usage



We do not issue any temporary holds on any dates. To officially reserve the Conservatory and Gardens (8-hour rental), we require:

- 1) Special Event Venue Application
- 2) Non-Refundable Reservation Fee
- 3) \$35 Non-Refundable Application Fee.

The Reservation Fee is 50% of the Rental Fee. The Reservation Fee will be applied towards your Balance Due, but it is non-refundable if you cancel (no exceptions).

Wedding Ceremonies (Commemorative Event) Outside in Gardens

If you are interested in just performing a ceremony in the Formal or Grandmother's Gardens, you need to submit a **Special Event Application for a Commemorative Permit**: <http://www.cpdit01.com/resources/pdf-library/permits.forms/2012%20Special%20Event%20Permit%20Application.pdf>. A Commemorative Permit is required for every type of ceremony on Park District property regardless of size.

There are two different levels of Commemorative Permit for our gardens. Level 1 allows you two hours (including set-up and tear-down), and it allows you bring in only chairs and a trellis. Level 2 allows you four hours (including set-up and tear-down), and it allows you to have amplified sound, a small tent (15'x15' or smaller) and risers in addition to chairs and a trellis, if desired. However, Liability Insurance is required with Level 2. (Contact us if you need a recommendation.) More information including the fees can be found in the Special Event Application, particularly on pages 17.

Availability is not given prior to receiving an application for Commemorative Events. To begin the process, an application along with the \$35 non-refundable Application Fee must be remitted. Applications are processed in the order received, and you will be contacted if your time/date/location is available and what fees/documents/etc are required in order to secure a permit.

Applications for 2014 Commemorative Permits can be submitted starting November 1, 2013. Please visit <http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/permits-and-rentals/> for more information

Parking/Transportation

The Park District does not provide parking for Lincoln Park Conservatory. However, there are several paid parking lots in the area. You may contact Standard Parking for more information. In the gardens, for approved vehicles, you may be given a limited number of delivery passes to allow vehicles to drive on the Park District pathways to deliver items. Vehicles are not allowed to remain on-site and can never drive or park on the grass.



*Formal Garden South View
Eli Bates Fountain*

Inventory

There is no equipment provided for the Conservatory or the Gardens. All equipment must be rented from our Preferred Professionals.

Additional Information

CATERING

- All permittees are required to use a caterer from [Preferred Professional List](#) for ALL FOOD & BEVERAGE (including alcohol). Other than a wedding cake, the client is not allowed to supply any food or beverage.
- Cost to be determined by caterer.
- Certain rentals can also be coordinated and/or contracted through the caterers.



Additional Information Continued

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

- All permittees are required to use rental suppliers from the Preferred Professionals List.
- Cost to be determined by rental supplier.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

- All permittees are required to pay a refundable security deposit, as indicated in the rate structure. The amount will be refunded 30 business days after the event as long as there is no damage to the property and all rules and regulations are followed.
- Violations in which part or the entire security deposit will be withheld include: entering/exiting outside of reservation time, deliveries/pick-ups outside of reservation time, unauthorized vehicles on-site and/or on the grass.

SECURITY OFFICER

- All permittees are required to have at least one (1) Chicago Park District Security Officer on-site during all events inside Conservatory and 8-hour rentals in the garden.
- Cost factored into Personnel/Labor Fee.
- Commemorative Events may request a Security Officer to be on-site for \$40/hour, 4 hour minimum.

ATTENDANTS

- If desired, an attendant can be scheduled to remain on-site to clean the restrooms during your event.
- Fee to be determined by Special Event Manager

INSURANCE

- The Chicago Park District requires any individual or group hosting an event on Chicago Park District property to obtain General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1M naming the Chicago Park District as Additional Insured. The Park District also requires the Endorsement issued by the insurance carrier. You may obtain this insurance from any insurance company of your choosing or contact us for a recommendation. Serving alcohol will require additional insurance coverage of \$2M.

ELECTRICITY

- There is limited electrical power available inside Conservatory. Generators must be rented for the gardens.
- Contact Special Event Manager for more information.

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Special Event Venues

Berger Park
Broadway Armory
Buckingham Fountain
Columbus Park Refectory
Douglas Park
Garfield Park Conservatory
Lincoln Park Conservatory
North Rose Garden
Northerly Island
Ping Tom Memorial Park
Promontory Point
63rd St. Beach House
South Shore Cultural Center
Tiffany Celebration Garden
WMS Clark Park Boathouse