

A bride and groom are captured in a romantic moment, kissing on a carousel horse. The groom, wearing glasses and a dark suit, has his eyes closed. The bride, in a white lace wedding dress, is looking up at him. They are holding onto a golden carousel pole. The background is softly blurred, showing the interior of the carousel.

**ERIE
ZOO**

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Say "I Do" at the Erie Zoo!

Wedding Packages

Thank you for thinking of us to host your special day! Your day will not only be an incredibly celebration of YOU but also a greatly appreciated gift to your nonprofit Erie Zoo and the animals that call it home.

In this packet you will find the rental options for wedding receptions and ceremonies along with the different event add-ons to help make your wedding day extraordinary! Please note that our wedding packages do not include tables, chairs, tents, linens, food or drink catering, or floral arrangements. Couples are responsible for securing these items separately to bring their vision to life. To assist with your planning, we've included a preferred vendors list on the last page to help you find trusted providers for your needs. Additionally, to ensure we can accommodate your event, all weddings must be scheduled at least six months in advance.

We're excited to help make your wedding day as memorable as the love you're celebrating!

For any questions, please contact:

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Venue Options



Front Lawn

Capacity: 160

Primate Patio

Capacity: 100



Small Habitat Area

Capacity: 15-25



Venue Options

Half Zoo

Capacity: 160

Full Zoo

Capacity: 160

Half and Full Zoo can be rented for the reception, or for both the ceremony & reception. This rental will include one of the venue options listed on page 2 for your ceremony.



Please note: Capacities can be negotiated. The limits listed reflect the amount of guests that we recommend can be comfortably seated at a table under cover. There are options of opening more tables and seating outside of a covered area or in other covered areas of the zoo. Please discuss any questions or concerns that you may have with your Erie Zoo Event Coordinator.



Ceremony Only

Small Habitat Area: \$2,000

Primate Patio: \$3,000

Front Lawn: \$4,000

Erie Zoo Members will receive a 10% discount

Cannot start earlier than 5:30 PM

Duration: 1 hour

Includes:

Erie Zoo staff member to supervise deliveries, set up and deconstruction of tents, tables, chairs, caterer, supplies, florist, along with help with the small questions and flow of the event if needed.

Please note this is not in lieu of a wedding coordinator. We highly recommend hiring your own wedding coordinator to help make your day go as smoothly as possible.

Additional Amenities:

- Ceremony Rehearsal: 1 hour (after 5:30 PM) \$300
- Favors or Commemorative Keepsake for wedding couple
 - Animal Art Magnets or Keychains: \$5 per person
 - Animal Art Mini-Canvases: \$7 per person
 - Zoo Day Admission Pass (valid for 1 visit up to 1 year from wedding date): \$8 per person
- Custom Directional Signage: \$250



Reception Only

Half Zoo: \$3,500

Full Zoo: \$4,500

Erie Zoo Members will receive a 10% discount

Cannot start earlier than 5:30 PM

Duration: 3 hour

Reception Location Options:

Primate Patio

Front Lawn

Tiger Exhibit

Cat Walk

Includes:

Opportunity for your guests to roam the Zoo grounds during your reception. *Half zoo rental excludes the Children's Zoo area.* Erie Zoo staff member to supervise deliveries, set up and deconstruction of tents, tables, chairs, caterer, supplies, florist, along with help with the small questions and flow of the event if needed. ***Please note this is not in lieu of a wedding coordinator. We highly recommend hiring your own wedding coordinator to help make your day go as smoothly as possible.***

Additional Amenities:

- Favors or Commemorative Keepsake for wedding couple
 - Animal Art Magnets or Keychains: \$5 per person
 - Animal Art Mini-Canvases: \$7 per person
 - Zoo Day Admission Pass (valid for 1 visit up to 1 year from wedding date): \$8 per person
- Custom Directional Signage: \$250



Reception & Ceremony

Half Zoo: \$5,500

Full Zoo: \$6,500

Erie Zoo Members will receive a 10% discount

Cannot start earlier than 5:30 PM and cannot go later than 11 PM

Duration: 4 hour

Reception Location Options:

Primate Patio

Front Lawn

Tiger Exhibit

Cat Walk

Includes:

Opportunity for your guests to roam the Zoo grounds during your reception. *Half zoo rental excludes the Children's Zoo area.* Erie Zoo staff member to supervise deliveries, set up and deconstruction of tents, tables, chairs, caterer, supplies, florist, along with help with the small questions and flow of the event if needed.

Please note this is not in lieu of a wedding coordinator. We highly recommend hiring your own wedding coordinator to help make your day go as smoothly as possible.



Reception & Ceremony

Additional Amenities:

- Ceremony Rehearsal: 1 hour (after 5:30 PM) \$300
- Favors or Commemorative Keepsake for wedding couple
 - Animal Art Magnets or Keychains: \$5 per person
 - Animal Art Mini-Canvases: \$7 per person
 - Zoo Day Admission Pass (valid for 1 visit up to 1 year from wedding date): \$8 per person
- Custom Directional Signage: \$250
- Cocktail hour: \$500
 - Locations:
 - Cat Walk
 - Primate Patio
 - Kiboka
 - Adventure Center*
 - Greenhouse Patio
- Animal Encounter: \$500
- Ambassador Animal Meet & Greets (2 Animals): \$250
- Animal Yard Access* Kangaroo or Lorikeet (seasonal): \$200
- Unlimited Train Rides* (1 1/2 hour duration, seasonal): \$350
- Unlimited Carousel Rides* (2-hour duration, seasonal) :\$350

Only available for full zoo rental



Animal Encounter Options

Behind the Scenes Tours:

- Rhino
- Warthog
- Hilbert Primate Habitat
- Penguin

Ambassador Animal Meet & Greet

- *please contact for list of available ambassador animals*

Training Encounter

- River Otters

Feeding Encounter:

- Lorikeets
- Tortoise

Please note: Our animals' wellbeing is our top priority so their appearance may be subject to change at any moment based upon their temperament, wellbeing routines, weather, or medical treatment. We will do our best to accommodate any substitutions where possible.



To Note when Booking:

- All weddings and ceremonies must take place after daily operation hours and can start no sooner than 5:30 PM with guests able to enter the park at about 5:10 PM. The zoo closes its gates at 5 PM and we want to ensure you don't have any uninvited guests at your celebration.
- We ask that events do not go later than 11 PM to abide by animal routines and wellbeing.
- We ask that you please book your wedding at least 6 months in advance and provide a \$500 deposit to hold your date. This will be applied to your final bill.
- If you are worried about weather, this must be decided 1 month prior to your rental date. We will be happy to accommodate a rescheduling with you for the following year.
- Cancellation fee: if you cancel your rental within 3 months of your rental date, we will retain your \$500 deposit to help offset planning costs.
- We require one security guard to be hired for all weddings, you may hire one on your own or the zoo can hire one for you for an additional fee.

Let's talk about the most exciting part-animals! This is their home, so there are a few things to know:

- We cannot guarantee that all animals will be out on exhibit or your selected Ambassador Animals will be present if you selected that add-on. Our animals' wellbeing is our top priority so their appearance may be subject to change at any moment based upon their temperament, wellbeing routines, weather, or medical treatment. We will do our best to accommodate any substitutions where possible.
- We welcome music! But all music must be kept at an animal-safe level. We will have staff on site monitoring the animals and will let your selected band, DJ, or other music provider know if adjustments need to be made.



To Note when Booking:

Zoo Amenities:

- Restrooms (handicap accessible and child changing tables)
- Walkway Lighting
- Animals on exhibit (with the exception of those who have strict wellbeing routines or medical treatment)
- Ample Parking
- Private changing areas for the wedding parties
- Storage of the decor up to a week prior to the event (please arrange deliveries with your Erie Zoo Event Coordinator)
- Additional seating throughout the zoo (ex: picnic tables, benches, etc.)



Recommended Vendors List

Catering

Cali's West: (814).833.3033

The Cork 1794: (814).651.0332

Ambassador Catering: (814).866.9999

Food Trucks

The Que Abides: (814).840.0387

The Atacolypse: (814).450.7228

Sticks & Bricks Wood Fired Pizza: (814).315.1650

Tater Tater: (814).580.9139

E-Doggs Hot Dogs: (814).882.2903

Brady's Chuckwagon: (814).882.6824

Tent, Table, & Chair Rental

South Shore Party Rental: (814).734.1133

Ganzer Party Plus Erie: (814).899.3998

Florists

Potratz Floral Shop & Green House: (814).454.1549

Allburn Florists: (814).456.6211

Bakeries

Art's Bakery: (814).833.1098

Ye Ole Sweet Shoppe: (814).456.8755

Bartenders

Cali's West: (814).833.3033

Scott Lyndsey: (814).572.5026

Entertainment

Grise Audio Visual: (814).452.4465

DJ Bill Page: (814).873.9222

Apollo Productions: info@apolloproductions.com