

Venues

Minutes from downtown Syracuse and surrounded by tree-covered hills, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo is not only filled with beauty, but also inhabited by some of the most intriguing and delightful animals you could ever want to meet. They were probably among your first friends, so why not include them at your most important events?

Whether your guest list is long or short, your event casual or formal, the zoo has facilities and settings that will suit every occasion.

You and your guests will enjoy outstanding cuisine and service in tranquil surroundings, and your event will be remembered by all, including the elephants! And, best of all, your event helps benefit the animals of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo.

HISCOCK & BARCLAY ROOM

\$300 for 4 hours

Seats 56 (7 rounds of 8)

Seats 65 Theater Style

Seats 32 Classroom Style

WELCH ALLYN ROOM

(includes access to private outdoor patio)

\$500 for 4 hours

Seats 96 (12 rounds of 8)

Seats 125 Theater Style

Seats 64 Classroom Style

BANQUET ROOM

(includes access to private outdoor patio)

\$600 for 4 hours

Seats 200 (25 rounds of 8)

Seats 230 Theater Style

Seats 125 Classroom Style

INDOOR ZOO

\$375

Available 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Featuring:

U.S.S. Antiquities

Greeting you at the entrance is our picture window to the sea—a saltwater aquarium housing several species of fish, sea anemones and stars, and featuring the stunning giant Pacific octopus. Once inside, you will encounter fish, amphibians, invertebrates and reptiles, and explore how they have evolved over time.

Diversity of Birds

Home to nearly two dozen dazzling species of colorful birds varying in sizes, shapes and lifestyles, the free-flight aviary is a must-see, especially for fans of spoonbills and ibises.

Adaptation of Animals

In low light, guests will discover nature's nocturnal animals that have inherited unique features over time in order to survive.

Social Building

Here, you will come face-to-face with regal African lions and take in the amusing antics of our primates and apes.

PATIO WEDDING CEREMONY

\$300

Max 100 people

(Chair rental included)

COURTYARD

Available 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

\$350

Cocktail reception for up to 300 guests

\$750

Wedding ceremony and cocktail reception

(Chair rental included)

Our renovated courtyard changes with the seasons.

Richly clothed in flowers, trees and exotic plants, it features a central gazebo that makes a charming staging area for weddings and other ceremonies. The main pond, teeming with waterfowl, is a hub from which guests may embark on numerous walkways and admire the diverse wildlife, gardens and ponds that make this such a superb place to celebrate.

OUTDOOR ZOO

(includes access to the indoor zoo)

\$3000

Available 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., May through September

Featuring:

Waterfowl Wetlands

A stroll through the courtyard and beyond provides guests an opportunity to enjoy our scenic wetlands, featuring an abundance of beautiful birds including ducks, swans and flamingos.

Wildlife Trails

Tour the half-mile trail—the domain of many endangered species such as grey and red wolves, Amur tigers, white-lipped deer, red pandas, snow leopards, Andean bears and more.

Domestic Animals

Visit with some of the animals that have helped humankind for hundreds of years, such as alpacas, Guinea hogs and rare heritage breeds of domestic livestock.

Helga Beck Asian Elephant Preserve

The largest of the zoo's land mammals, our magnificent elephants eagerly welcome visits from their human friends. As a special feature included in your rental of the outdoor zoo, your group will be treated to an exclusive VIP elephant demonstration at the overlook.

Meet and Mingle

To make your event at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo truly special, we are happy to provide you and your guests with an opportunity to meet and mingle with one—or more—of our engaging zoo animal ambassadors and their keepers. You will learn all about the special creatures in our care and have the experience of a lifetime!

\$95 per 20 minutes

Birds of Prey

With their keen vision, these imposing birds would make an inspired—and inspiring—addition to the atmosphere of your event. Our majestic birds of prey include owls, kestrels, red-tailed hawks and more.

Tropical Birds

Add enchantment to your event with opulent birds of tropical origins, including parrots, macaws and conures. Their vibrant plumage and endearing ways with humans make them especially interesting and fun to meet.

Animals from Around the World

There are many other extraordinary zoo residents eager to help entertain, educate and captivate your guests.

Choose from a variety of one-on-one experiences, including visits with exotic small mammals, cuddly rabbits, unusual snakes and frogs, mysterious lizards and strange insects from around the world.

For a complete list of ambassador animals, please ask your event coordinator.

We do our best to accommodate specific animal requests; however, occasionally we may need to provide you with an animal other than your selection. Thank you for your understanding.

