

Charlotte Museum of Nature

Rental Guide







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Charlotte Museum of Nature offers a variety of nature inspired rental spaces that cater to a wide range of events, corporate retreats, meetings and networking events, holiday parties, weddings and family celebrations. We offer both indoor and outdoor spaces, all of which boast an element of the natural world. Whether you prefer to overlook the forest in the Owls Nest or bring your event into the trees on our Upper or Lower Terrace, there are many options to host a truly unique and memorable event. Take a deeper dive into nature with our add-on options that include meeting local animal ambassadors or getting a bird's eye view of the forest with our Canopy Walk.

Event Rentals Include

- Standard AV (microphone and speakers)
- High-top and seating tables
- Set-up and breakdown of museum owned equipment
- Event Coordinator onsite to assist with planning a successful event



Rental Spaces





Full Museum

\$7000-\$11,000

A full museum rental offers access to a host of experiences for all ages. With access to the stunning Atrium, and the exhibits housed in the Naturalist Lab, Saplings (optional for younger visitors) and the Piedmont Gallery, your guests will be able to engage with nature in multiple ways. Choose indoor only or add the outdoor terraces for a truly immersive experience.



Level 1

\$3500 - \$5500

Level 1 features our Atrium space—perfect for networking, gatherings, seated dinners, cocktail receptions and speaking engagements—along with The Naturalist Lab featuring nature-based design challenges, science experiments, music and art for all ages. Level 1 also comes with the option to include Saplings for any younger guests. Option to add on the Lower Terrace for an indoor-outdoor experience.



Level 2

\$3500 - \$5500

Level 2 features Piedmont Explorations, a deep dive into local nature with freshwater fish, reptiles, amphibians and insects native to the Piedmont. You'll learn about the ways in which we all relate to nature and how to sustain it. Level 2 also features our beautiful Owls Nest space where guests can gather to network or enjoy food and cocktails - all with a view of the forest. Option to add on the Upper Terrace for an indoor-outdoor experience.



Owls Nest

Daytime \$1800 - \$2100 Evening \$2800 - \$4300

Welcome to the Owls Nest, our featured daytime event space (also available after-hours). Enjoy a state-of-the-art space nestled on level 2, featuring large windows that offer an owl's nest view of the forest. This space is versatile and can be used for meetings, seated dinners, weddings, cocktail parties and family celebrations. For after-hours rentals, consider adding the Upper Terrace for an indoor-outdoor experience. Discounted pricing for museum admission can be added for daytime rentals.





Rental Spaces

The Pavilion

Day: \$1500 - \$2000

Evening Add-on: \$1500



The Pavilion is nestled along the nature trail located on level 1 behind the museum. The Pavilion is amultifunction outdoor space that can be used for workshops, meetings, weddings or family celebrations. The space is fully covered overhead with open sides. The Pavilion features AV and space for catering prep or a catering station. Available for daytime rentals or as an add-on forevening rentals.

Note: Museum admission is required for daytime rentals.



Lower Terrace

Available as an add-on for after-hours rentals

Located just off the back of level 1, with views of the North American Otter habitat and the surrounding forest, this space provides the perfect backdrop for a variety of events. Option to add onto a Level 1 rental for an indoor-outdoor experience.

Note: For the safety of the otters, they will not be on display for evening events.



Available as an add-on for after-hours rentals

Located just off the back of level 2, with views overlooking the North American Otter habitat and the surrounding forest, this space provides the perfect backdrop for a variety of events. This space can easily be added to the Owls Nest or a Level 2 rental for an outdoor-indoor option. Consider elevating your event by adding on the Canopy Walk* through the forest.

Note: For the safety of the otters, they will not be on display for evening events.



*Canopy Walk based on availability





Add on Activities

Animal Encounter

\$200

Meet one of the Museum's animal residents during an up-close encounter. Learn about their natural habitats, behaviors, care and more from our expert staff.

Note: Approximately 20 minutes long

Canopy Walk

\$350

The Tree Canopy Walk sits 20-40 feet above the forest floor, weaving through the tree canopy to offer a view of nature rarely experienced by humans.

Note: Evening Full Museum or Evening Level 2 rentals only

Silent Disco Experience

\$350

Grab a pair of our glowing headphones and experience your own silent dance party. Headphones can also be used for other experiences such as meditation.

SMART board

\$150

Showcase video, connect to the internet, deliver an interactive presentation. State-of-the-art smart boards make any kind of presentation easy to deliver and compelling for guests.



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Charlotte Museum of Nature offers a variety of nature-inspired spaces to help you celebrate on your big day. Wedding packages include:

Chairs and tables (Based on availability) Event Coordinator to assist with planning a successful event

Rehearsal Space for 1 hour (Based on availability) Bridal Prep/hideaway Room

Set-up and Breakdown of museum owned equipment

Standard AV (microphone and speakers)

Basic security and custodial

Wedding Packages

Level 1

Friday \$3850- \$5850 Saturday \$4050 - \$6050 Sunday -Thursday \$3500 - \$5500

Timeless elegance meets modern versatility. Our Atrium space offers a bright and airy setting, ideal for intimate ceremonies, chic cocktail hours, or a lively reception overlooking the trees. Enhance your celebration by adding the Lower Terrace for a seamless indoor-outdoor flow and the perfect spot for sunset toasts or casual mingling. *Pavilion available for \$1500 (Great option for afternoon to evening rentals!)

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Level 2

Friday \$3850- \$5850 Saturday \$4050 - \$6050 Sunday -Thursday \$3500 - \$5500

With picturesque views of the tree canopy and greenway below, Level 2 boasts two versatile event spaces, The Owls Nest and Pre-function space, perfect for ceremonies, nature-inspired cocktails and/or a unique reception. And with access to the Piedmont Gallery, your guests will be endlessly entertained by our animal ambassadors and nature themed exhibits. Expand your celebration into the treetops by adding the Upper Terrace and/or the Canopy Walk







Wedding Packages

Full Museum

Friday \$7350 - \$11,350 Saturday \$7550 - \$11,550 Sunday -Thursday \$7000 - \$11,000

A full museum rental offers access to our featured event spaces such as The Atrium, Owls Nest and the Pre-function space as well as The Piedmont Gallery, The Naturalist Lab and Saplings. Option to add-on the Terraces for an indoor-outdoor experience.

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Owls Nest

Friday \$2150 - \$3150

Saturday \$2350 - \$3350

Sunday - Thursday \$1800 - \$2800



The Owls Nest, our featured daytime event space (also available after-hours) is the perfect canvas for a reception, ceremony or cocktail event. Floor to ceiling windows offer an owl's nest view of the forest. Choose to add the Upper Terrace and expand your event into the treetops for a truly

immersive experience.



Event Policies & Procedures

Rates

Rental rates include event space, applicable staffing, event coordinator, building manager, standard janitorial services, set-up and breakdown of museum equipment and standard AV equipment. Seated tables, high-top cocktail tables and chairs are included (first come first serve, limitations apply).

Reservations

Requests to reserve space are accepted up to one year in advance of the event date. Only two holds per client are permitted. A client's requested date will be held for 10 business days, by the end of which Discovery Place requires a signed contract and deposit. If a signed contract and deposit have not been received within 10 business days, the date will be released. If a definite request from a potential client is received for a date on hold prior to the expiration of the 10-day period, Discovery Place will contact the client with the hold to make a final decision, sign a contract and make a deposit within three business days.

Exclusions

The facility rental fees do not include the following services: add-on options, additional staff, on-site AV technician, food or beverage service, linens, additional security, valet services or special limited engagement exhibition admission. All of the services will be itemized in the client's contract as necessary. Daytime rentals do not include museum admission. Discounted admission is available for daytime events.

Exhibits

We strive for 100% exhibit operation. Occasionally, some exhibits undergo maintenance or removal from the museum. Special limited engagement exhibitions and permanent exhibits are subject to change. No discounts or refunds will be made for these changes.

Prohibited Items

Banners are not permitted to be hung inside or outside of the museum. Event signage must be displayed on an easel or pop-up/free-standing banner system. Decorations, pins, nails, staples or tapes of any kind on the walls or floors, birdseed, confetti, pyrotechnics, flames are not permitted. Helium balloons are not permitted indoors unless secured to an arrangement. Balloons are not permitted outside. The client is responsible for removing all decorations immediately following the event. If items are left, an additional cleaning fee will apply.

Equipment

Museum staff does not take responsibility for delivering, storing, moving, setting up or taking down any equipment that does not belong to the museum. Onsite storage is very limited and any deliveries to the museum must be arranged in advance with the Event Coordinator.

Media/Filming

The Event Coordinator must be informed if the client plans to invite media or a film crew to the event. The client will be contacted by the Director of Communications to discuss procedures. If the Event Coordinator is not informed of media or filming intentions at least 48 hours prior to the event, the media/film crew will not be permitted on the museum's property

Smoking

All museum facilities are smoke-free, tobacco-free and vape-free. These regulations are in effect for all interior and exterior parts of the property.

Parking

Parking onsite for large events is limited. Valet parking will be required for larger after-hours events. Costs will depend on the size and duration of your event.

