

North Carolina Arboretum Elopements

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Heritage Garden



Wooden pavilions alongside cultivated gardens featuring plants used in regional medicinal and craft industries offers an intimate & spectacular setting for your small ceremony of 10 or less guests (excluding vendors).

PRICING

Elopements require a \$100 refundable security deposit payment in addition to rental fees below:

Monday – Thursday	Friday – Sunday
\$500	\$1,000

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DOES MY PACKAGE INCLUDE?

- 2 hours on property including set up and breakdown.
- 1 TNCA Venue Coordinator on site during the event to assist with facility logistics.
- Assorted tables and natural wood folding chairs with padded seats.
- Set up and break down of all TNCA owned tables, chairs, and rental equipment.
- Golf cart transportation between sites for bride, elderly, and handicap guests.
- Directional signage.
- 1 year Arboretum household membership.
- Bridal room.
- Complimentary parking.

HOW DO I SECURE A DATE?

In order to secure a date, TNCA requires a 50% deposit of the total wedding usage fee, a \$100 refundable security deposit, guest count, and a complete and signed TNCA Wedding Booking Packet. The final remaining balance is due within 60 days of the scheduled event.

TNCA accepts cash, check, American Express, MasterCard, Visa and Discover. Checks should be made payable to The North Carolina Arboretum Society.

WHAT IF IT RAINS?

There is a covered pavilion in the Heritage Garden that could seat your guests in the case of rain.

DO I NEED TO HAVE A WEDDING PLANNER?

TNCA does not require wedding planners for elopements.

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE THAN 10 GUESTS?

Please contact a TNCA Events Coordinator for our regular ceremony package pricing and information.

ARE CHILDREN CONSIDERED PART OF MY GUEST COUNT?

Yes.

AT WHAT TIMES CAN MY EVENT TAKE PLACE?

Elopements can take place during our property's regular business hours:

November – March	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, gate closes at 6:00 PM
April – October	8:00 AM – 9:00 PM, gate closes at 8:00 PM

WILL THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAVE ACCESS TO MY EVENT SITE?

TNCA Event Staff places appropriate signage surrounding your selected sites and monitors general public activity to ensure your event remains private.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EVENT INSURANCE?

Liability Insurance is required for the event with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00. The insured party must be the client being billed for the event. If you do not have a Certificate of Liability Insurance, coverage can be provided under TNCA's blanket policy for \$75.00.

CAN MY DOG BE IN MY WEDDING?

Yes. TNCA gardens and trails are dog friendly. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Owners must clean up after their pets.

IS SMOKING PERMITTED?

TNCA facilities are smoke free environments. Smoking is permitted in designated areas only.

IS THE FACILITY HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE?

Yes, there are handicap access routes to the Heritage Garden, as well as golf cart transportation available for any elderly or handicap guests that need assistance getting to the site. Please alert a TNCA Events Coordinator in advance if you'll require golf cart transport for guests.

IS THERE RESTROOM ACCESS IN THE GARDENS?

Guests attending outdoor events will be directed to the building closest to the outdoor event sites. All TNCA restrooms are handicap accessible.

WHAT IS IN THE BRIDAL ROOM?

The bridal room is a meeting space with a large conference table, chairs, counter space, and mirrors. Hair and makeup must be done off site. This room is to be utilized as a holding room and to store personal items.

HOW DO MY GUESTS GET THROUGH THE GATEHOUSE?

Your guests simply need to alert the gatehouse attendant they are here for your wedding and they will be permitted on the property free of charge.

WHEN WILL I HAVE ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY?

Access time to the included bridal room will be one hour prior to your event start time.

ARE THERE OUTLETS FOR VENDOR PLUG INS?

Yes, a TNCA Events Coordinator can provide an electrical diagram directly to your vendors.

DOES THE ARBORETUM OFFER LINEN RENTALS, DÉCOR, OR DRAPING?

No. Please contact a TNCA Events Coordinator for a list of rental items.

COULD I CHOOSE A SITE OTHER THAN THE HERITAGE GARDEN?

Possibly, please contact a TNCA Events Coordinator with your preferred site choice. Approval for alternate elopement locations is on a case-by-case basis.