

PRIVATE ZOO RENTALS AND WEDDINGS - ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Zoo Boise Use Policies

Accessibility

- Private events at Zoo Boise are from 5:30 - 9:00PM in the summer season. End times are adjusted according to sunset times in the shoulder seasons. Please refer Rental Cost for dates. All clean up and exit of guests is required by event end time.
- Early entrance for set up or decorating must be arranged in advance through the Zoo Boise Event Coordinator. A limit of five people are allowed for early entrance. People and supplies must be gathered and enter at one time. Renter shall supply transport of all items. Zoo staff and equipment are not available for use. Delivery of items prior to event day must be confirmed with Zoo Boise Event Coordinator and may not happen before 4:00PM one day in advance. Early entrance for photos is limited to wedding party and photographer staff. Friends and extended family members must wait for event start time.
- Rental fees include admission to Zoo Boise for the evening, conservation fee, parking, and security. Zoo memberships do not apply to rentals.
- Zoo Boise event facilities are shown by appointment only. If you would like to schedule a facility tour, or need further information, contact the rental coordinator at 208-608-7744 or [e-mail](#).
- Tables and chairs to accommodate approximately 180 guests are available for use in Conservation Plaza. These are included in the basic rental fee. For weddings, up to four tables may be used at no additional cost if needed for cake, gifts, guest book, and DJ. These must be reserved through the Zoo Boise Event Coordinator in advance. If additional items are needed, or used in another portion of the zoo, a rental/service fee will apply.
- Parking is a first come first serve basis within Julia Davis Park and cannot be reserved for guests.

Amplified Sound

- Amplified sound is available at no additional cost. We have three systems available: all zoo, Conservation Plaza, and Gorongosa National Park Exhibit.
- Sound levels are at the discretion of zoo staff and shall not in any way disturb animals.
- Renter shall supply any and all devices needed to play music.
- Sound permits are available through Boise Parks & Recreation at <https://www.cityofboise.org/departments/parks-and-recreation> and ensure priority within Julia Davis Park.
- DJs and live music are permitted. They must adhere to all sound level restrictions and must coordinate with the Zoo Boise Event Coordinator for entrance and set up at the zoo.

Food and Alcohol

- All food and alcohol, including water and snacks, served at a private event must be arranged through Zoo Boise's preferred caterer, Taste Catering. The catering department can be reached at 208-608-7761 or by [e-mail](#). No outside food or caterers are permitted onsite with the exception of wedding cakes.
- Individuals under 21 years of age will not be allowed to consume or possess any alcohol.
- Zoo Boise and Taste Catering reserves rights to "cut off" alcohol consumption at any time if deemed necessary.
- All beer and alcohol is to remain within the gates of Zoo Boise.
- All alcohol distribution will end 30 minutes prior to end of event.

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Decorations and Promotional Materials

- No balloons are allowed on zoo grounds. This includes arches and bouquets.
- Sparklers or open flame decorations are not allowed. All candles must be battery operated.
- All decorations must be in public spaces. No items may be attached to animal exhibits or behind fencing.
- Hanging items from any fire sprinkler or light fixture is strictly prohibited.
- Confetti, rice, and artificial flower pedals are prohibited.
- Using tape, tacks, nails, or staples must be approved in advance by Zoo Boise's Event Coordinator.
- All items must be removed by event end time. Any items not taken at end of event will not be the responsibility of Zoo Boise.

Facility and Grounds

- Alteration of zoo property is prohibited. Facility is accepted in its "as is" condition.
- All outside animals - with the exception of service animals - are prohibited onsite. Emotional support or comfort animals are not permitted.
- Smoking and vaping are prohibited on zoo property.
- Vehicles may be pulled to gate for offloading but may not be driven inside the zoo.

Deposits, Refunds, and Cancellations

- 50% non-refundable deposit is required within two weeks of contract/invoice date. Balance is due one week prior to event date.
- Cancellations must be submitted in writing to the Zoo Boise Event Coordinator.
- Refunds will be issued, less the 50% non-refundable deposit, by check within 14 days of cancellation notice.
- Inclement weather conditions do not warrant cancellation or refunds.
- Cancellation of event by Zoo Boise may be made at any time if the City of Boise's pandemic mandates prohibit related gatherings. If rescheduling is not an option, full refunds will be issued.

Additional Wedding Access

- The Zoo Boise Wedding Package includes extended rental time, private bridal tent, and cheese board with champagne or sparkling cider (if catering is included). In the wedding package, Zoo Boise is available from 5:30 - 10:00PM in the summer season. Guests will have access to the whole zoo during summer season. If booking during shoulder seasons, guests have access to all of the zoo until sunset and will then be required to stay in the Conservation Plaza until event end time. Bookings during the winter season have access to Gorongosa National Park Exhibit only. Refer to Rental Cost for dates. All clean up and exit of guests is required by event end time.
- Zoo Boise has several beautiful and intimate places to hold your ceremony and take photographs. By scheduling a facility tour, our staff can point out favorite photo spots for you to choose. Receptions in the summer and shoulder seasons must be held in Conservation Plaza. Zoo Boise event facilities are shown by appointment only. If you would like to schedule a facility tour or need further information, contact the rental coordinator at 208-608-7744 or by [e-mail](#).

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Zoo Rental Costs

Evening Rentals

Summer Price Schedule: May - Labor Day

Afterhours private events begin at 5:30PM and end at 9:00PM.

Group Size	Thur-Sat Event	Sun-Wed Event	Thur-Sat Wedding	Sun-Wed Wedding
0-99	\$1,350	\$1,150	\$1,650	\$1,350
100-299	\$3,300	\$2,800	\$3,500	\$3,200
300-599	\$3,800	\$3,300	\$4,000	\$3,500
600-999+	\$4,500	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$4,500
1,000-1,499	\$5,500	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$5,500

Shoulder Season Schedule: March - April + Labor Day - October

Afterhours private events begin at 5:30PM and end 30 minutes after official sunset time.

Group Size	Thur-Sat Event	Sun-Wed Event	Thur-Sat Wedding	Sun-Wed Wedding
0-99	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,350	\$1,200
100-299	\$2,800	\$2,300	\$3,200	\$3,000
300-599	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$3,200
600-999+	\$3,800	\$3,300	\$4,500	\$4,000
1,000-1,499	\$4,500	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$5,000

Winter Price Schedule: November - February

Gorongosa National Park Exhibit Only

Afterhours private events begin at 5:30PM and end at 8:30PM.

Group Size	Thur-Sat Event	Sun-Wed Event	Thur-Sat Wedding	Sun-Wed Wedding
0-100	\$1,000	\$800	\$1,000	\$800
101-250	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,200

Rental prices and wedding venue costs include all attendees ages 0 and up. Annual passes may not be applied to rental fee.

For groups of more than 1,500 during summer or shoulder seasons, consult our [event coordinator](#).

All prices are subject to 6% Idaho Sales Tax. Tax exempt organizations must provide ST-101 to rental coordinator at time of reservation.



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Table and Chair Rentals

Zoo Boise has non-movable tables and chairs to accommodate 140 guests in our event plaza. Use of these items is included in your rental fee.

Should you require additional seating in the plaza, or if you decide to set up in another location, we also have a limited number of tables and chairs available to rent.

Available items are:

5-foot round tables (12)	\$7.00 each
6-foot rectangle tables (8)	\$7.00 each
30-inch bistro tables (18)	\$8.00 each
Folding chairs (120)	\$1.00 each

Linens are available through Taste Catering.

Any additional needs will be your responsibility to arrange through a rental company.



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Optional Amenities

If you would like to include even more fun activities to your evening at Zoo Boise, we have several options to choose from. These activities are offered at specific times and could overlap with event programming. Please see times below. Not all amenities are available during shoulder season and none are offered during the winter season.

Butterflies in Bloom: \$150

Available June 1 - Labor Day only

You and your guests walk along a path inside the butterfly house as the hundreds of exotic Costa Rican butterflies fly around, and potentially land on you (this is not an interactive exhibit: guests are not allowed to touch the butterflies). Butterflies are less active in the evening; therefore, this exhibit is only available 5:30 - 7:00PM.

Conservation Cruise: \$275 - \$375

Available May - September only

Unlimited rides for you and your guests on the Conservation Cruise. The cruise takes guests across the lagoon to the African Plains. All children under 15 years old are required to wear provided life jackets. Hours of operation are 5:30 - 8:30PM.

Cost- \$275 up to 299 people, \$375 for 300+ people

Face Painting and Temporary Tattoo Station: \$150

ZooTeen volunteers will provide face painting or temporary tattoos for guests of all ages during your rental from 5:30 - 8:30PM.

Zoo Boise Carousel: \$300 - \$400

Unlimited rides for you and your guests on the Zoo Boise carousel from 5:30 - 8:30PM.

Cost- \$300 up to 299 people, \$400 for 300+ people

Must be booked through Taste Catering.

Zoo Farm: \$50

At the Zoo Farm guests can pet our zoo animals through a fence. Fee covers staffing and farm food for up to 100 feedings per event from 5:30 - 7:30PM on a first come first serve basis.

Cotton Candy & Popcorn*

See Catering Menu attachment.

* Cotton candy and popcorn are booked/invoiced separately through Taste Catering.