

FAQs for Saturday Daytime Picnic Weddings/Receptions (W/R) at the ENC

Q. What does it cost to have a Saturday Daytime Picnic W/R at the ENC?

A. The venue fee is \$2,000. In addition, there is a \$500 donation requirement. The donation and a \$500 deposit are required to reserve a date. The deposit is applied to the venue fee but is not refunded if the event is cancelled. See complete ENC Rental Policies for details.

Q. What times do Saturday Picnic W/Rs occur?

A. Picnic W/Rs occur in four hour blocks, either 9AM-1PM or 10AM-2PM.

Q. Where do the Picnic W/Rs occur?

A. Picnic W/Rs occur in the stream-top amphitheatre area. There is bench seating, a small covered area for food presentation, several picnic tables, shade trees and nearby restrooms. Please see the "Picnic Wedding Flyer" for photos of this area. This area will be reserved for your date and time. The fire pit area is not included in this option. The ENC is open to the public on Saturdays from 8AM to 4PM and your guests are welcome to enjoy the entire Center.

Q. Is there a limit for guests and parking?

A. Yes. The limit is 50 guests. The ENC parking lot holds approximately 30 cars, but please note that the Center is open to the public on Saturdays and parking is first come-first serve. It is generally a light attendance day and should not pose a significant problem.

Q. Does the ENC provide food or beverages?

A. No, the ENC does not provide food or beverages. You are welcome to bring your own picnic style food and beverages. Only COLD food is permitted and all plates, utensils, cups, containers, tablecloths, etc. must be approved by the ENC Rental Coordinator and meet the specifications of the ENC's sustainable practices (no plastics, including individual serving plastic bottles). The ENC coordinator can recommend vendors for picnic style lunches or platters.

Q. What does it mean when you say that you "specialize" in green weddings?

A. The ENC embraces green practices in every aspect of its operations and decisions. Our building was the first in Orange County to receive LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. We hope that everyone who visits or rents our facility will be inspired to use the Earth's resources wisely.

Q. Can we decorate the area?

A. The area is natural and looks its best when not decorated. Table decorations are allowed and native flowers and plants are requested. The ENC has a variety of vases available for you to borrow and return. No balloons, confetti, sparklers or flame candles are allowed. Additionally, the release of any live animal, including doves or butterflies, is prohibited. No items may be stapled, pinned or nailed to any wood items, including trees. Tossing of sterilized birdseed is permitted in the parking lot. The Rental Coordinator must approve all decorations, flowers, favors, etc. While this may sound excessive, it is important for the ENC to maintain its Native Plant Communities, and not allow items that may compromise that mission.

Q. Is alcohol, smoking or music allowed?

A. No alcohol or smoking is permitted at Picnic W/Rs. Also, no open flame of any kind is permitted. Non amplified music is allowed but must be approved by the Rental Coordinator.

Please refer to the ENC's "Facility Rental Policies" for more detailed information.

Also, if you're considering a larger wedding, see "FAQs for Evening & Sunday Wedding Receptions".