



Facility Rentals

at the John R. Park Homestead

Host your next event at the Homestead! The carefully preserved heritage buildings, brand new Conservation Centre, natural ambiance, and spectacular lakeside vistas of the John R. Park Homestead offer a one-of-a-kind backdrop for your next event. We have many customizable rental options available for all occasions.



Rental Packages



The Creative Commons and Kitchen

This brand new space provides gorgeous views across the western basin of Lake Erie, set against the backdrop of the charming John R. Park Homestead grounds. This stunning room seats 60 people at tables, and 80 auditorium style, and is perfect for showers, private parties, meetings, workshops, and gatherings of any kind. A standard kitchen is included, and is connected via pass-through to the main room, for ease of serving.



Full Conservation Centre (exclusive use)

The newly constructed, fully accessible Conservation Centre is a beautiful, feature space at the Homestead site. Your exclusive rental includes the entire space for your event use: the Creative Commons gathering space, kitchen, front reception area, and outdoor covered patio.



The Homestead Grounds

Rent the Homestead's beautiful, expansive, waterfront grounds! This picturesque space is a photographer's dream, providing a colourful backdrop of mid 19th century architecture, gardens, orchard, and more, overlooking incredible Lake Erie. A Grounds rental includes use of the Homestead's other Auditorium, which includes a small meeting room and washrooms. This can be used as a climate controlled gathering space for wedding parties or other events. The Homestead Grounds are suitable for events of approximately 150. The maximum permitted tent size is 40'x60'.

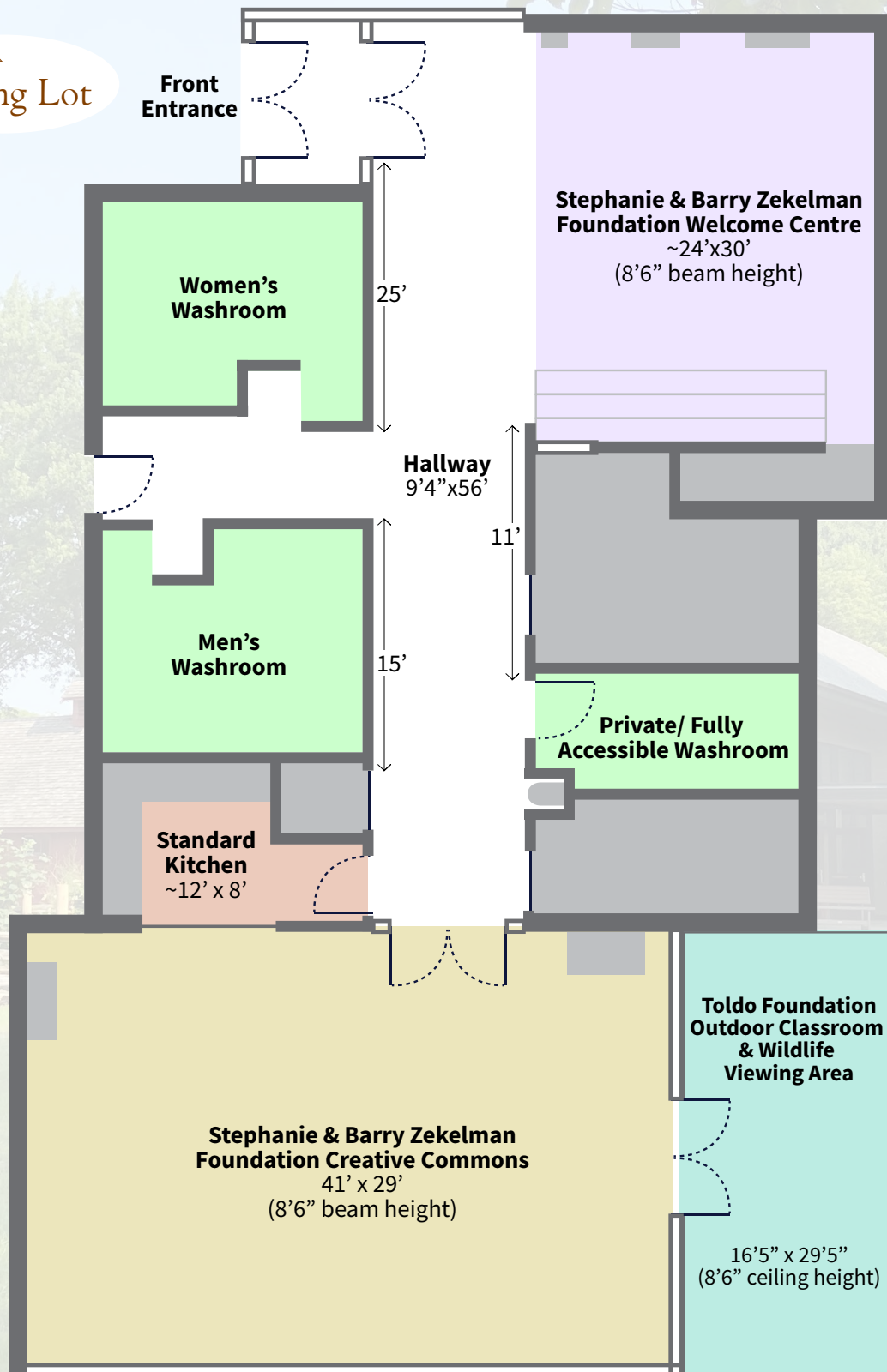


Full Site Rental (exclusive use)

Reserve the entire site and host an unforgettable event! A full site rental includes the new Conservation Centre (main dining room, kitchen, washrooms, and reception area), the entirety of the Homestead's picturesque grounds, and Auditorium (secondary reception space and washrooms). The entire facility can accommodate events for up to 300 guests.

Conservation Centre Floor Plan

 Parking Lot



South / Lake Erie


Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I serve alcohol at my event?

Yes. However, you are required by law to obtain a Special Occasions Permit from the LCBO for any event or gathering where alcohol is consumed. This permit will be required with the final payment two weeks before your rental date.

2. Are linens available to rent?

Up to 20 white linen tablecloths are available for rent.

3. When can I set up for my event?

Venue rental times MUST include ALL set up and take down. Should set up or take down exceed the rental time on the agreement, additional charges will apply. It is the Renter's responsibility to set up for their event and ensure adequate assistance to do so within the allotted rental agreement times. All decorations, third party rental equipment and personal belongings of the Renter or guests shall be removed from the facility at the end of the event (unless otherwise agreed.) ERCA is not responsible for items left behind.

4. What are the insurance requirements?

All events with tents and/or with liquor being served require a two-million dollar event insurance policy. A certificate of insurance naming the Essex Region Conservation Authority as 'additional insured' is required.

5. Is smoking permitted?

As the site features significant, irreplaceable, historic wooden structures – open flame is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: candles, fireworks, sparklers, smoking, vaping, etc. Caterers may be permitted to utilize BBQs etc. for food preparation. The location of this equipment must be confirmed with the Curator at least 2 weeks prior to your event, and will be strictly enforced. Renters can set up designated smoking/vaping areas in the parking lot.

6. Do you have WIFI available?

Fibre optic internet is not expected at the site until sometime in 2023. Please contact site staff to discuss your connectivity needs and the current status.





Add ons:

- Photography Permit – access to heritage building interiors.
- Garden Party (includes the use of the grounds and a costumed guide to provide tours of House. Suitable as a break between your reception and ceremony, etc. 90 min max.)
- Rustic arbor rental.
- Wine barrels (2) with silk flower arrangements.
- Rustic wooden bench rentals. Small benches seat 3, large benches seat 5.
- Linen rental.

Your rental includes:

- One complimentary tour of the space in consultation with JRPH event staff.
- A Grounds Only Photography Permit.
- Access to 75 white plastic folding chairs and 15 six-foot white plastic folding tables.
- Day-of staff support for any major issues related to the facility.

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