

Celebrations at the Seacoast Science Center



Situated on the ocean's edge within historic Odiorne Point State Park, the Seacoast Science Center provides a unique and memorable setting for reunions, anniversaries, commemorative celebrations, or any important event in your life. From the fun and games of a family picnic to a formal dining experience, the Center is sure to surpass your expectations. Knowing that your rental supports the Seacoast Science Center's outstanding educational experiences makes your event meaningful and unique.

We offer three distinctly different settings.

Sugden House and Exhibit Galleries

The historic Sugden House is one of the seacoast's favorite meeting venues. Its stone walls and extensive lighting options create a warm and comfortable atmosphere. The Sugden House is complete with a kitchenette and seating for 100 theater-style or approximately 70 at tables depending on set-up. Ample presentation technologies and wireless internet are available.

Our exhibit galleries can accommodate larger parties (up to 150 guests). Whether you choose a cocktail-style event, buffet, or seated dinner, your guests will be delighted being entertained among the fascinating creatures of the Gulf of Maine Available after 5pm only.)

Function Tent

Our 3,600 sq. ft. function tent (available May-October) offers unsurpassed coastal views. The tent is complete with electricity, lighting, a full floor, and sheltering sidewalls. It accommodates up to 185 (depending on set up) people at tables. Clients may rent additional bump-out tents to increase capacity.

Gregg Interactive Learning Studio

The Gregg Interactive Learning Studio is our modern meeting venue, packed with user-friendly, high definition presentation and video-conferencing equipment. The 1,300 sq. ft. studio can accommodate 32 participants at movable workstations, although the studio's flexibility allows it to accommodate up to 60 with additional tables; 100 theater-style.

Contact us at 603-436-8043, ext. 14 or rentals-events@sscnh.org to book your event.



Located in Odiorne Point State Park.



2021 Price Sheet

Your event can be held under our festive white function tent (available May-October), or indoors, with use of the Sugden House, Gregg Interactive Learning Studio, and exhibit galleries.

Tent Rental

\$440/hour (up to 75 guests); \$550/hour (75-300 guests)**

Rates include:

- Use of the 40'x80' function tent, which includes flooring, lighting around the perimeter inside the tent and bistro lighting, electrical supply (for caterer, band/DJ, etc.), and full siding for the tent, if desired
- Use of 10'x10' EZ-Up pop up tents for bar, hors d'oeuvres, etc. (there are no sides for these tents)
- Use of the Seacoast Science Center facility, restrooms, and all exhibits for the duration of the event
- A Seacoast Science Center staff member to assist with site-specific logistics for the duration of the event

Please note: setup and cleanup is the responsibility of the client or caterer.

Rates do not include tables, chairs, or dance floor. You may rent these, along with dinnerware and linens, either through your caterer or from Exeter Events & Tents (603-778-9838).

Indoor Rental

\$80/hr. for SSC Members; \$110/hr. Non-Members, per function room

Function room rentals can take place any time during the day, subject to availability.

Additional Fees for Indoor and Outdoor Events:

- If there is alcohol at the event, a police officer is required to be present and will be secured by the Seacoast Science Center at the expense of the client. The police detail rate is \$75/hour (\$85/hour on major holidays), with a 4 hour minimum.
- Alcohol must be served by a Seacoast Science Center approved bartending service; please inquire for details.
- The New Hampshire Division of State Parks and Recreation special use permit policy requires that we collect \$1.00 per person. This covers admission to Odiorne Point State Park.
- A cleaning fee deposit of \$300.00 is required for large events (75 people or more). The fee will be returned to the client if the facility and surrounding grounds are satisfactorily cleaned after the event (at the discretion of SSC).
- For large, outdoor outings/meetings only (125 people or more): A liability insurance binder of \$2,000,000 must be drawn for the event by the client. The insurance binder must name Seacoast Science Center, Inc. and NH Division of Parks and Recreation, and Town of Rye as co-insured. A copy of the policy must be provided to the Center prior to the event. An insurance binder can usually be obtained under a personal liability umbrella policy, as a rider on a business' policy, or through a separate event insurance agent (e.g.: wedsafe.com).
- A \$30/hr. staffing fee will be charged for indoor events extending beyond normal business hours*.

Please note that we are open to the public from 10am-4pm.

*9am-4pm. Rentals that require setup or start before 9am, or are not complete by 4pm, will be charged a \$30/hour staffing fee.

**The tent seats up to 185 guests at tables; add-on tents may be rented. Casual events can accommodate up to 300 guests with additional tents.

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Caterers

All caterers must submit a signed copy of the **Caterer's Agreement and the Center's Alcohol Policy**, and provide a copy of **proof of insurance** before they can work on the grounds. We have had great success with the following caterers and as such, they are preferred options:

Blue Mermaid Island Grill: www.blumermaid.com 207-703-2754

Chill Catering: www.chillcatering.com 877-244-5575

Great Circle Catering: www.greatcirclecatering.com 603-422-5503

Liberty Lane Catering: www.libertylanecatering.com 603-926-1545

The White Apron: www.thewhiteapron.com 603-617-3555

Tuscan Kitchen: www.tuscanbrands.com 603-570-3610

Caterers not on the list above must provide a copy of their insurance and food permit(s). We also require that any caterers familiarize themselves with the facilities at least two weeks prior to the event.

Rentals

For tables, chairs, dance floor, additional tents, additional lighting, heaters, etc.:

Sperry Tents Seacoast: sperrytentsseacoast.com 888-825-7542

The rental vendor must contact the Seacoast Science Center's Site Sales Coordinator as soon as possible to discuss logistics for drop-off and pickup of rental equipment.



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