Congratulations on your engagement! By choosing Seacoast Science Center as your venue you will create lasting memories and know that your rental supports our mission to inspire conservation of our Blue Planet.

Our Venue

Our coastal setting includes breathtaking views of four lighthouses, the Piscataqua River, and the Isles of Shoals. The beautiful 40’x90’ oceanside tent can accommodate up to 185 guests and is available from May through October. With an added dance floor, the tent will accommodate approximately 150 guests. Larger parties have the option of bringing in an additional tent.

Your venue rental secures this beautiful area of the park. Bringing in independent vendors for catering, music, and planning allows you to create the perfect day.

To learn more and to book your event, please contact Hollie Dutton at rentals-events@sscnh.org or 603-436-8043, ext. 14.
2023 Fees and Associated Costs

Saturday Events Under the Tent

$8,500 plus applicable fees, which includes:

- Six hours of rental time, not to exceed 11:00 pm, in compliance with the Town of Rye Noise Ordinance.
- Use of the 40’x90’ Bayview Frame white function tent including:
  - All-weather flooring (dance floor not included; this must be rented)
  - Electricity for caterer, band/DJ, etc.
  - Full clear siding for the tent
  - Access to the Seacoast Science Center’s restrooms and exhibits for the duration of the event
  - A Seacoast Science Center staff member to assist with questions and site-specific logistics, who arrives 4 hours prior to function start time.

Please Note:
- SSC is not responsible for setup and cleanup; this is to be done by the client or vendor/s.
- Clients must rent tables, chairs, dance floor, and bump-out tents through Sperry Tents Seacoast.

Indoor Events

$450 per hour, plus applicable fees (see next page)

Hosting a smaller gathering under 50 guests? Please contact us to discuss our indoor options.

- Limited number of 6’ rectangular tables and chairs
- Use of the Seacoast Science Center facility, restrooms, and all exhibits.
- A Seacoast Science Center staff member to assist with questions and site-specific logistics.

Please Note:
- SSC is not responsible for setup and cleanup; this is to be done by the client or vendor/s.
- Indoor events cannot begin until 4:00 pm, unless using only the Sugden House and/or the Learning Studio. Setup cannot begin until 4:00 pm in public spaces.

New for 2023 weddings!

- Your wedding will be the only event under the tent for the entire weekend. You will have extended access to the tent space to allow for elaborate set-up installations and extended breakdown time.
- Use of ceremony site for scheduled ceremony time is included in our base fee.
- SSC Event Staff will be onsite to work with your coordinator for all onsite logistics.
- Sperry Tents is our exclusive tent vendor and they offer some beautiful upgrade options to our Bayview Frame Tent.

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2023 Additional Fees and Information

**Equipment Rentals**
Tables, chairs, dance floor, additional tents, lighting, heaters, etc. must be rented from our exclusive equipment rental vendor Sperry Tents Seacoast. Rental Drop Off allowed Friday after 4:30pm and Rental Pickup allowed through Sunday by 4pm, or as coordinated and approved by Sperry and the Center.

**Coordination or Planning**
All weddings must have a professional coordinator.

**Police Detail and Alcohol**
If there is going to be alcohol at the event, a police detail must be hired at the rate of $85/hour ($95/hour for major holidays), with a 4 hour minimum. Subject to change per Rye Police Department.
All alcohol must be served by a caterer or insured bartending service. The caterer or insured bartending service (whoever is handling bar service) must have a signed copy of SSC’s current Alcohol and Intoxication Policy on file at Seacoast Science Center, as well as service certifications.

**New Hampshire State Park Fee**
NH State Division of Parks and Recreation requires a park use fee per person to be collected by SSC on their behalf. 2023 rates to be determined and will not exceed $4 per person.

**Cleaning Deposit and Security Fee**
SSC reserves the right to invoice for any damages to buildings and grounds, including excessive cleanup.

**Liability Insurance**
We require the client to draw a liability insurance binder; details available in the event contract.

**Caterers**
Food service must be through a licensed caterer; you are welcome to work on or off of the preferred vendor list.

**Other Restrictions**
Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, pyrotechnics, fire pits, balloons, artificial petals and drones.

**For More Information**
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Enjoy planning your wedding and thank you for considering the Seacoast Science Center!