

# Wild Weddings and Events

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Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens

## Our Events

At Naples Zoo, you will be surrounded by lush sub-tropical botanicals and exotic animals creating a sense of adventure. Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens offers couture event experiences to create a night that was designed with your needs in mind. Naples Zoo offers spaces for all types of events including intimate dinner parties and large festival style experiences. During your event you can even be visited by some of Naples Zoo's favorite creatures.



# Our History

**1919** Botanist, Dr. Henry Nehrling, moves his garden to a plot of land in the Naples area to avoid a repetition of the disastrous freeze to his collection in central Florida.

**1952** Julius Fleischmann of the Fleischmann Yeast family sets about the immense restoration of Nehrling's garden.

**1969** Jungle Larry and Safari Jane introduce their exotic animals to the garden and Naples.

**2001** Naples Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

**2004** Collier County Residents save Naples Zoo from developers by purchasing the land and Naples Zoo becomes a non-profit organization.







## Our Venues

- RainForest Grove
- Black Bear Hammock
- Lagoon Loop
- Pavilion
  
- Additional venues are available based on the size and style of your event

Clockwise from Top Left:  
Pavilion, RainForest Grove,  
Lagoon Loop, Black Bear  
Hammock,



## RainForest Grove

This large event space is perfect for sit down dinners or large cocktail receptions. Surrounded by historic trees, this space is a blank canvas that can be transformed into any style you desire. The space can accommodate a 50'x100' tent with additional room along the perimeter for food stations, entertainment or furniture settings.

**Capacity:**  
**Cocktail Reception: 550**  
**Seated Dinner (round tables): 400**





## Black Bear Hammock

The rustic cabin offers a perfect focal point in this picturesque setting. Black Bear Hammock is the ideal location for rustic, shabby chic and down to earth styles. The area is inhabited by Black Bears and Malayan Tigers with Fosas, Black Buck, Cheetahs and Lions nearby.

Capacity:  
Cocktail Reception: 300  
Seated Dinner (round tables): 150



## Lagoon Loop

On the shores of Lake Victoria, home to all the Naples Zoo primates, this beautiful setting is one of the most unique event spaces in the Naples Zoo. This area boasts a thatched roof gazebo and views of the young South African lions and Zebras.

**Capacity:**

**Cocktail Reception: 300**

**Seated Dinner (round tables):**

**150**





## Pavilion

This covered pavilion is the perfect spot for your more casual event. This space boasts close proximity to the Main Entrance. Lighting is included in this space, but upgraded options are available.

**Capacity:**  
**Cocktail Reception: 175**  
**Seated Dinner (round tables): 120**



# Naples Zoo Presentations to Enhance Your Event

- **Animal Encounter**
  - Spend a half hour with some of Naples Zoo's fabulous animals mingling with your guests
- **Formal and Informal Meet the Keeper Talk**
  - Learn all about exotic animals at their enclosures from the staff who cares for them daily
- **Primate Expedition Cruise**
  - Take your guests on a fabulous catamaran tour of our islands of primates (must occur prior to sunset)
- **Safari Canyon Feature Show**
  - Experience exotic animals up close in concert with wildlife footage and live cam action on video screens to better understand the natural world and its wondrous inhabitants



# Daytime Event Options

- Private Event Space Available in Full Day or Half Day Rentals
- Group Admission Rates
- Birthday Packages
- Private Presentations
  - Private Meet the Keeper Presentation
  - “What Do Animals Eat?” Presentation





# Services

Naples Zoo welcomes you to coordinate as much or as little as you prefer. Below is a list of services and rentals Naples Zoo can coordinate for you.

Event Rentals (tables, chairs,  
linens, etc.)

Lighting and Audio Visual

Tents

Flooring

Photography

Videography

Entertainment

Floral, Décor and Props

Catering

When you use our full service planning options, Naples Zoo utilizes the services of the area's best event professionals to ensure you an extraordinary event. Vendors who have not previously worked at Naples Zoo are welcome pending approval by Naples Zoo.

While we are happy to coordinate your food and beverage needs, there are many nuances to the catering process, so we do encourage you to work directly with an approved caterer of your choice to ensure the best planning experience.

# FAQ's

- **During What Hours Can I Host my Naples Zoo Private Event?**
  - Naples Zoo is open to the public between 9:00am and 5:00pm daily and for special events from 9:00am until 11:00pm daily. If you wish to host your event during our regular business hours, the public areas of the Zoo will be shared with our regular guests, and you can have private use of the RainForest Grove event area. If you wish to host your event between the hours of 5:00pm and 11:00pm, Naples Zoo will be available for your private use during the contracted hours.
- **Does Naples Zoo Require that I Use a Specific Caterer?**
  - We do require you to use a caterer listed on Our Trusted Vendors. Should you wish to use a caterer who is not listed, please notify Naples Zoo a minimum of 45 days prior to your event to start the approval process for your caterer. The approval process includes the submission of business licenses and insurance as well as an on-site interview. Naples Zoo reserves the right to refuse any caterer.
- **Can I Have Alcohol at My Event?**
  - Caterers with the appropriate state license are welcome to serve alcohol at your event. All alcohol service must conclude one hour prior to the conclusion of your event, and intoxication is not permitted. Safe transportation must be provided by the client.
- **Does Naples Zoo Provide Equipment Such as Tables, Chairs, Tents, Etc.? What About Décor and Entertainment?**
  - We are able to coordinate all rental, entertainment, décor and design services for you, and encourage you to use our services for these items. However, you are welcome to provide your own rentals, equipment, entertainment and décor (all vendors must be licensed and insured business owners).
- **Does Naples Zoo Have Lighting and Electric in Its Event Areas?**
  - Planning an event at Naples Zoo is similar to planning an event on the beach – certain items need to be brought in. When lighting and electric are needed for an event, a generator and lights are provided by our lighting expert. All power, lighting and audio visual needs are to be provided by Tech-Tronics. Naples Zoo will coordinate with you and all of your vendors to ensure that all power needs are accommodated.
- **Does Naples Zoo Offer Any Experiences with Animals During Events?**
  - Naples Zoo offers a variety of animal experiences from up-close Animal Encounters to Primate Expedition Cruises to Meet the Keeper Presentations and Featured Shows.
- **Are there any décor restrictions?**
  - Naples Zoo does not permit open flames, balloons, pinatas, streamers or confetti. Additionally, as some plants and flowers are toxic to the animals, Naples Zoo asks to review your floral selections for approval to ensure the safety of our animals.



# Start Planning



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