



Begin your history with us.



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Historic Rock Ford is tucked away on 33 serene acres of lawn, meadow and woodland yet is only minutes away from downtown Lancaster.

By choosing to host your event at Historic Rock Ford, you will be directly contributing to the continued preservation of this 18th century estate and supporting the many museum programs that it offers to both children and adults.



Make your own history at Historic Rock Ford.

Renters love that we include:

- Full weekend access to the venue from Friday at 10am until Sunday at noon. That's more than 48 hours of access to the property!
- The freedom to select your own vendors.
- Set up and tear down of tables and chairs so that you can focus on adding your own personal touches.
- Beautiful outdoor setting with over 5 ceremony locations to choose from!
- A climate-controlled historical barn and large white tent for outdoor receptions.

Charm



- Circa 1794 General Edward Hand Mansion with sweeping piazza
- A rustic 18th century barn with handcrafted Colonial-style lanterns, original hand-hewn beams and stone interior walls
- Climate-controlled Bridal Cottage and Groom's Room
- 18th century tavern style bar for serving drinks
- Surrounded by meadows and woodlands

“Booking with this venue was the best decision! From first email to day-of-event, we had nothing but the best experience. Beautiful venue, very clean, and super flexible with our timeline and requests for accommodations day of. Thank you so much!”
-Kelsey

Time

- Exclusive access to the event spaces from Friday at 10am to Sunday at noon
- A Friday evening ceremony rehearsal is included in rental
- Seven hours of event time for your ceremony and reception. For example: 4pm ceremony, 4:30pm -5:30pm cocktail hour, 5:30pm-11pm reception



Amenities

- A dedicated catering area with microwave, refrigerator, chest freezer, 3-bay commercial sink and stainless steel prep tables
- A 40' x 60' white pole tent with cafe lighting set up on a 40' x 100' concrete pad adjacent to Barn. This tent can hold up to 150 guests at a seated reception
- Includes 125 white padded reception chairs, 100 white plastic ceremony chairs, 19 round 5' tables, 6 round 4' tables, 7 rectangular 8' tables, 2 wine barrels and 3 pedestal/high-top round tables
- Customizable lighting system in the barn, including lanterns, LED spotlights and white twinkle lights
- Free WiFi for guests and vendors
- Set up and tear down of reception tables and chairs included in rental fee





Rental Rates

\$4,500

Winter Season
All Weekend Rental*

Winter season is from the 2nd weekend in November-March

*does not include tent

\$5,900

Off Season
All Weekend Rental

Off Season is April, July and August

\$6,900

Peak Season
All Weekend Rental

Peak season is May, June, September and October

Frequently Asked Questions

How many guests can your venue accommodate?

We can host events of up to 250 guests, although the majority of our events have 100-150 guests.

How much is the deposit to reserve our event date?

A non-refundable 33% deposit, along with a signed rental contract, is needed to reserve an event date at Historic Rock Ford.

Can we serve alcohol?

Yes! It must all be served by a RAMP certified bartender due to liability and insurance requirements. You may purchase and provide the alcohol of your choosing!

Do you allow food trucks?

Yes! We welcome food trucks and have several spots for them to park and connect to electricity with close access to the main event spaces (barn and tent).

Can we pick our own vendors?

Yes! We are an open vendor venue and welcome you to select the vendors that work best for your style and budget.

May we have a ceremony rehearsal at Rock Ford?

A wedding ceremony rehearsal on the grounds at Historic Rock Ford is included in a full weekend rental. You may also host your rehearsal dinner at Rock Ford for an additional fee.

Is your venue ADA accessible?

The barn, tent and front of the mansion are all ADA accessible. There are some areas of the property that are not ADA compliant due to their historical nature.

Do you host events other than weddings?

For almost 50 years, Historic Rock Ford has welcomed celebrations of all kinds and frequently hosts events such as baby showers, anniversaries, bridal showers and birthdays.



Contact our Rental Coordinator to schedule your visit
to Historic Rock Ford.

