



Group Sales Facilities and Pricing

All agreements and arrangements must be booked and confirmed at least four weeks prior to the desired date of event. Prices and location availability are subject to change.

Please be aware that from January 1, 2008 through January 1, 2011, construction will be occurring at the Zoo in conjunction with the Trail of the Tiger expansion. This construction may affect the availability of venues listed below. Please also know that vehicle traffic in the Zoo for loading and unloading will be restricted to protect the train tracks for the new train feature due to open in the spring of 2008.

Benefits of hosting an event at the Virginia Zoo

- Flexibility to hold event during or after operating hours
- Zoo admission for guests based on number determined by capacity of venue rented)
- Free limited parking
- On-site catering through Aramark at the Virginia Zoo
- On-site table and chair rental available
- Amusement rentals and other equipment through Zoo's preferred vendor – Big Top Entertainment
- Ability to have animal encounter with select docent animals (extra fee applies)
- 10% discount of facility rental fee for 501(c)(3) nonprofits (discount does not apply to catering, equipment, services or Big Top fees)

Fees:

In addition to rental fees for specific venues, the following event fees also apply:

- Zoo security..... \$25/hour
- Norfolk Police Department (Required for all functions serving alcohol) \$25/hour/min. 4 hours
- Clean up/disposal\$150-\$200 depending on venue and group size
- Zoo admission for extra guests \$1.50 each
- Table rental:..... \$6 each
- Chair rental:..... \$0.75 each
- Setup/break down fees:.....20% of table/chair rental
- Aramark and Big Top Entertainment fees are quoted separately
- Animal encounter fees quoted separately
- An addition \$250 fee will be charged to any group that does not properly dispose of trash in approved receptacles at the venue

Outdoor Venues:

Large Event Tent (Admission for 500 guests)

Located in the heart of the Zoo, the open-air tent's versatility and paver flooring makes it perfect for elegant seated dinners or parties with live entertainment. The 60' x 120' tent includes access to power and water, and can accommodate 300 seated guests at round tables and 500 seated guests at banquet tables.

Monday – Friday: \$500 for three hours

Additional Time : \$100 per hour

Saturday – Sunday: \$2,000

Event Field

Located next to the Large Event Tent, this spacious field is perfect for amusements, activities, staging and additional tents. Access to power and water is available.

Sunday – Saturday: \$500

Small Tent *(Admission for 50 guests)*

This 20 x 40 festival tent is ideal for small company picnics or meetings. The tent can accommodate 50 seated guests.

Sunday – Saturday: \$200 for three hours
Additional Time: \$25 per hour

Small Tent Party Package *(Admission for 50 guests)*

Great for small celebrations and family parties, the party package is held in the Small Tent, or may be booked indoors from November through March. This package includes reserved party space for two hours between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, a Docent facilitated animal encounter with two animals (chosen from a supplied list), two tables and eight chairs. You may bring in your own cake (no ice cream cakes). Other food items must be purchased from our on-site caterer.

Sunday – Saturday: \$325 for two hours
Additional Time: \$25 per hour

Africa Boardwalk *(Admission for 50 guests)*

The Africa exhibit provides a dramatic backdrop to your function. This elevated pathway, with two covered overlooks, winds among the animal habitats and takes your guests 17 feet above the lush. This is an ideal venue for private ceremonies and parties. The covered overlook accommodates up to 50 seated guests.

Monday – Friday: \$500 for three hours
Additional Time: \$100 per hour
Saturday – Sunday: \$2,000

Flora Point *(Admission for 50 guests)*

Located in a secluded section of the Zoo and overlooking the Lafayette River, this area is beautifully landscaped and wonderful for parties and private ceremonies. Stone marquee can accommodate up to 50 seated guests.

Sunday – Saturday: \$200 for one hour
Additional time: \$100 per hour

Compass Rose Plaza

Upon entering the Zoo, your guests arrive at the Compass Rose Plaza where they are greeted by Roman fountains and an incredible focal point, the Kugel Ball. Evening lighting of the Plaza and Victorian-style Education and Visitor Center building creates a stunning ambience. This facility is only available outside operating hours.

Sunday – Saturday: \$300 for one hour
Additional time: \$100 per hour

Indoor Venues:

Education Classroom *(Admission for 50 guests)*

Located at the Zoo entrance, this area is ideal for meetings, classes, conferences, lectures and training sessions. Room can accommodate up to 50 seated guests.

Sunday – Saturday: \$350 for three hours
Additional Time: \$50 per hour

Africa Interpretive Center *(Admission for 45 guests)*

Located in the Africa exhibit, this area is an excellent spot for small meetings and celebrations. Room can accommodate up to 45 seated guests.

Sunday – Saturday: \$200 for three hours
Additional Time: \$50 per hour

Education Center *(Admission for 75 guests)*

Located near the Barnyard exhibit, this amphitheater-style room is perfect for classes and lectures. This room also includes a small stage and podium. Seating can accommodate up to 75 seated guests.

Sunday – Saturday: \$200 for three hours
Additional Time: \$50 per hour

The African Village Restaurant *(Admission for 48 guests)*

The African Restaurant works well for luncheons, small celebrations and holiday parties. It offers a full-service kitchen, nearby restrooms and all guest amenities. Large windows provide a panoramic view of the African plains. This facility is available only in November, December, January and February *or* after operating hours. Tables and chairs in the restaurant area can accommodate up to 48 seated guests (included).

Sunday – Saturday: \$350 for two hours
Additional Time: \$75 per hour

Visitor Center Large Conference Room *(Admission for 20 guests)*

Located at the Zoo entrance on the second floor, the large conference room overlooks the Compass Rose Plaza. It is ideal for meetings, conferences and lectures. The room includes a small white board and projection screen. Conference table and chairs can accommodate 20 guests (included).

Sunday – Saturday: \$200 for two hours
Additional time: \$25 per hour

Visitor Center Small Conference Room *(Admission for 7 guests)*

Located on the second floor of the Visitor's Center at the entrance of your Virginia Zoo, this conference room is perfect for small meetings. Conference table and chairs accommodate 7 guests (included).

Sunday – Saturday: \$75 for two hours
Additional time: \$25 per hour

Entire Zoo Rental *(Admission for 500 guests)*

Did you ever want to have the Zoo all to yourself? Well now you can rent the entire Zoo! Our full Zoo rental is a great way to entertain 500 or more people (maximum 4,000). Let your imagination run WILD when you use the Entire Zoo for your next big company picnic, conference, reception, or convention. Make your event more spectacular with event add-ons.

Rental Rate: \$5,000

Zoo Rental package includes:

- Zoo rental from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (available June 1 – August 31)
- Admission for 500 guests
- Animals on exhibit until 7:30 p.m. as attended by their Keeper staff (in extreme weather, animals have access to indoor, off-sight areas)
- Large Tent rental
- Event department representative
- Event security
- Clean up of receptacles and stocking of bathrooms
- Free limited parking
- Extended operating hours for the Gift shop and/or African Restaurant by request
- One alternate event date in case of weather conditions. Event change notice must be given three (3) days in advance. A 50% refund may be issued if the alternate date cannot be accommodated.

For more information:

We invite you to learn more about our unique venue. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Development and Communications Department at (757) 441-2374, ext. 253 or email melissa.love@norfolk.gov.