

Taste

FACILITY RENTAL &
EVENT INFORMATION



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205.909.4522 | www.birminghamzoo.com/events/facility-rental

VENUES



ZOO LODGE

The Zoo Lodge is a newly renovated rustic stone house nestled in the woods.
Accommodates approximately 20-85 guests

Half Day (Up to 4 Hours)	\$750
Full Day (8am - 5pm)	\$1500



TRAILS OF AFRICA

The Safari Peak overlooks our Trails of Africa habitat, home to our African Elephants.
Accommodates up to 500 guests

Up to 200 People	\$2200
201 to 500 People	\$3500



CHILDREN'S ZOO

The Children's Zoo & the interactive Children's Zoo Barn with zookeeper staff (2 hour maximum 5-7pm), unlimited rides on the carousel and splash pads.
Accommodates up to 1000 guests

Up to 500 People	\$4000
501 to 1000 People	\$5000

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HENLEY PARK EVENT LAWN

Henley Park Event Lawn includes over 32,000 square feet of natural landscaping and space. Accommodates up to 2,500 guests

Up to 500 People	\$3000
501+ People	\$3500



KIWANIS GIRAFFE ENCOUNTER

Stand eye-to-eye with the world's tallest animal as you host your next cocktail or dinner party on a beautiful outdoor deck. Available after hours only. Accommodates 30-60 guests.

30-60 People	\$1500
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ALABAMA WILDS BLACK BEAR CAVE

Come dine among the bears and host your next meeting or dinner. Accommodates 20-50 guests

20-50 Guests (After Hours)	\$500
20 Guests (During Hours)	\$250

NEW ARRIVAL EXPERIENCE



HUGH KAUL PLAZA

Large open event space including water features, abundant plant life and panoramic views of the zoo. Only available after zoo hours.

Evening Rate \$3000



ALTEC/STYSLINGER LEARNING CENTER

Open indoor area featuring pull-out amphitheater style seating.

Accommodates up to 200 people

Full Day/Evening \$1000
 Half Day \$500



EBSCO BOARD ROOM

Meeting space with breathtaking views of the zoo. Accommodates up to 30 people

Full Day/Evening \$750
 Half Day \$375



OVERLOOK TERRACES

Enjoy 360-degree views of the zoo grounds, surrounded by lush gardens. Each deck accommodates up to 100 people.

Evening Rate:
 \$1000 (Each) \$2500 (Both)

Day Rate:
 Full Day (8am-4pm) \$1000 (Each) \$2500 (Both)
 Half Day (Up to 4Hrs) \$500 (Each) \$1500 (Both)

ANIMAL EXTRAS & ADD-ONS



Please note that animal extras must be scheduled at least 3 weeks before an event and are subject to the availability of our Programs Department and the well-being of our animals.

ANIMAL GREETING \$100

Zookeepers will greet your guests as they arrive for 30 minutes with 1 to 2 animals. This option is ideal for large parties. Staff will spend a few minutes with each person who wants to visit with the animal before heading into their event.

ANIMAL DEMONSTRATION \$250

Zookeepers will host a brief wildlife show with 3-4 animals for your guests for up to 30 minutes. This controlled option is ideal for people who would like to sit for the duration of the demo and have a highly educational experience.

ANIMAL WALK ABOUT \$400

Zookeepers will walk around during your event with a new animal every 1/2 hour for up to 2 hours. This option is a more informal come and go setting where guests can visit with zookeepers for as much time as they would like.

ADMISSION & UNLIMITED WRISTBANDS

Admission Only-Adult	\$12.80
Admission Only-Child/Senior	\$8.80
Unlimited Ride Wristband	\$8.00
Non-Profit Admission Only-Adult & Child	\$8.00
Non-Profit Admission + Unlimited Ride Wristband	\$13.00

SCAVENGER HUNTS

The goCITYgo Birmingham Zoo scavenger hunt is a mobile game that is perfect for birthdays, team-building events, or any other party. The clues and challenges encourage teams to explore the zoo and get creative as they submit photos and videos through an app that tallies their points and tracks the leaderboard.

ADULT GAME	\$120.00
Up to 25 Players (Teams of 5)	
ADDITIONAL TEAMS	\$12.00/Per Team
CHILDREN'S GAME	\$60.00
Up to 25 Players (Teams of 5)	
ADDITIONAL TEAMS	\$10.00/Per Team

BIRMINGHAM ZOO, INC. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

***Please contact the Special Events Coordinator at (205) 909.4522
if you have any questions regarding your contract.***

Q: How can I book a facility?

A: After discussing availability with our Special Events Coordinator, the Zoo requires a deposit of one half of the facility fee to guarantee your reservation and a signed contract.

Q: What is included in the facility rental price?

A: Most of the facilities at the Birmingham Zoo include: the venue, any existing tables and chairs, set up of the Zoo's tables and chairs and clean up. Each location will have a certain amount of tables and chairs in stock anything above that number will need to be rented, along with special orders. Please note, all event rental supplies must go through Event Rentals Unlimited. They can be reached at 205.545.9500.

Q: Will I receive free admission to the Zoo when I book a facility?

A: If you would like to enter the Zoo for your event, you will be granted a discounted price for admission tickets.

Q: Can I bring in food for my event?

A: All food and non-alcoholic beverages must be provided by Birmingham Zoo's onsite caterer- Taste.

Q: Do I have to use certain vendors when having an event at the Zoo?

A: The Birmingham Zoo does require that you use Taste as your caterer. You are welcome to use any other outside vendors for rentals, lighting, flowers, cake, etc.

Q: What decorations will the Zoo allow?

A: The Zoo will allow most decorations with the exception of balloons, confetti and glitter.

Q: Can I serve alcohol at my event?

A: The Birmingham Zoo allows alcohol on the property; however, all alcoholic beverages must be provided and served by the Zoo to adhere to Alabama State Law. A bartender and security guard is required for a minimum of four hours with any alcohol service. All bar service must end 30 minutes prior to the event end time specified on the contract. The Birmingham Zoo will be responsible for the hiring of bartenders and security guards.

Q: Do I need to hire security for my event?

A: A security guard is required for a minimum of four hours with any alcohol service for a charge of \$200. Events with more than 100 guests will require two guards; however, the Zoo reserves the right to require additional security guards based on the venue or type of event. The Birmingham Zoo will be responsible for the hiring of security guards.

Q: Can I take engagement pictures inside the Zoo?

A: The Birmingham Zoo would love for you to take your engagement pictures at our wonderful facility; however, we do charge a fee of \$100 and require that all sessions be scheduled with our Event Coordinator at least two weeks in advance.

Q: Do I have to hire a professional wedding coordinator if I have a wedding at the Zoo?

A: While encouraged, the Birmingham Zoo does not require that you have a professional wedding coordinator. Please note that the Zoo's Special Events Coordinator will only assist with the facility rental at the Zoo and will not assist with hiring vendors or other planning.

Q: Can I request certain animals for animal extras?

A: Yes, you are welcome to request a certain animal; however, there are no guarantees that the animal of your choice will be available. Animals are chosen by Zoo staff the day of your event. If there are animals you would not like to have at your event; the Zoo will honor those requests.

Q: What animals are used for animal extras?

A: Animals used for animal extras are not animals that are on exhibit in the Zoo. Some of the animals who might make an appearance at your event include a ferret, box turtle, screech owl, snake, parrot, opossum, blue tongued skink, or a tenrec hedgehog.

Q: What makes the Birmingham Zoo different from other venues in Birmingham?

A: By choosing the Birmingham Zoo as your venue, you help spread the Zoo's mission of "Inspiring Passion for the Natural World through emphasizing Conservation, Education, Scientific Study and Recreation in all aspects of the Birmingham Zoo's exhibits, programs, facilities and activities."

