



ARBORETUM

Weddings



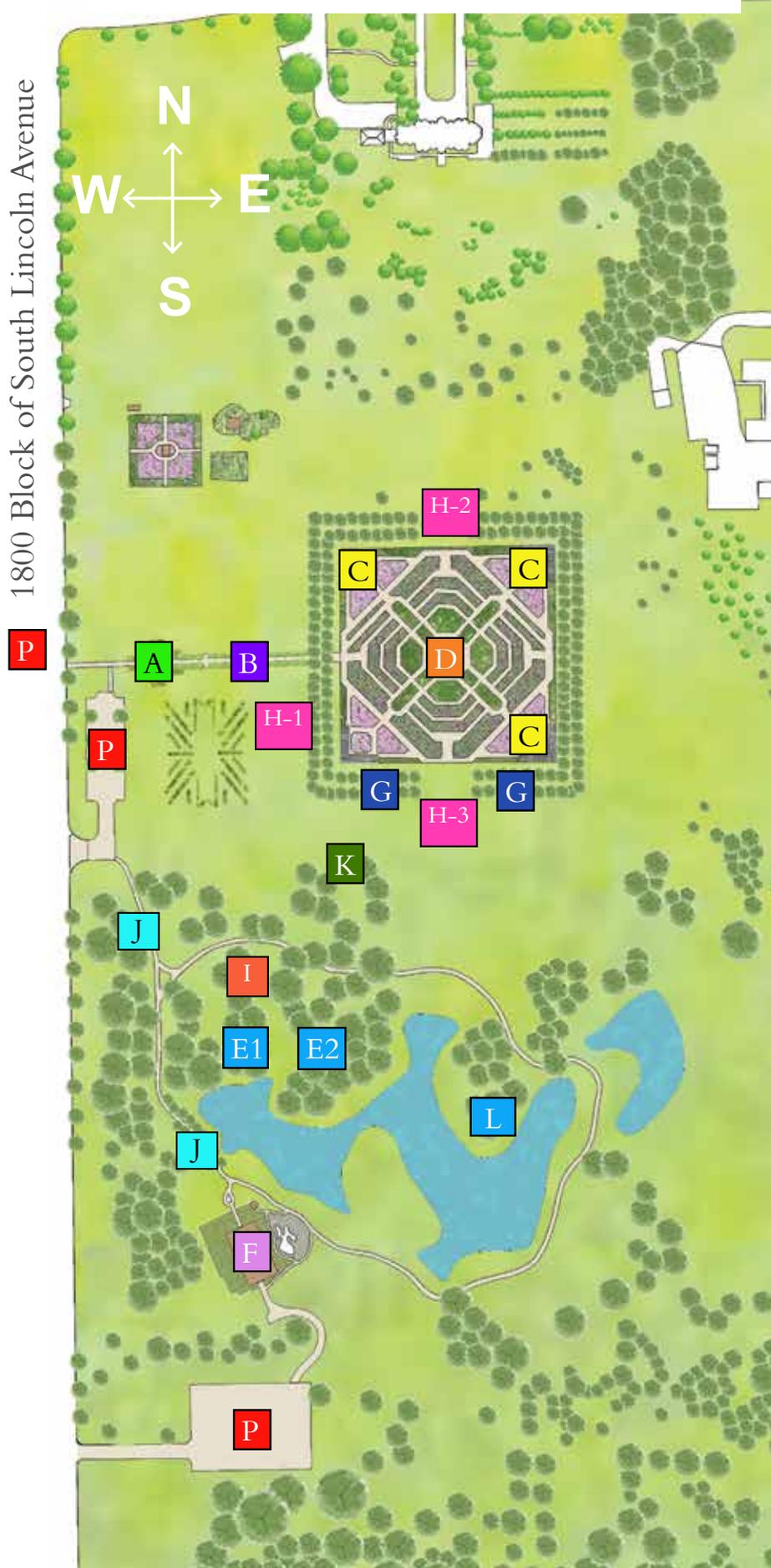
The ARBORETUM is one of the area's most popular outdoor venues for wedding ceremonies and receptions. Several special event lawns showcase the beautiful flowers and park setting to make your day memorable. Weddings are held from as early in the season as May and as late as October. Each season offers a beautiful background that sets the stage for that special day.



LOCATION. Please refer to the event map pictured to the right, to select your preferred site. This brochure highlights each of the event areas during the changing seasons, and defines their seating capacity.

ASSISTANCE. Arboretum staff will be on hand at the beginning of your ceremony to help direct traffic and offer the use of a golf cart as needed to escort guests with difficulty navigating the grounds. As regular staff hours are limited to Monday through Friday from 8:00 - 4:00 pm, be sure to ask about additional fees for staff service during non-work hours.

800 Block of West Florida Avenue



- A** Noel Welcome Garden
(Photos and weddings up to 20 guests)
- B** Welcome Walk
(Photos & Promenade)
- C** Hartley Arbors
(Weddings up to 100 guests)
C1 — NW
C2 — NE
C4 — SW
- D** Hartley Star
(Weddings up to 500 guests)
- E** Ponds Event Lawn
(Weddings up to 200+ guests)
E1 — 100 to 150 guests
E2 — 200 to 300 guests
- F** Japan House
(Photos only)
- G** Linden Alleé
(Weddings up to 200 guests)
- H** Hartley Event Lawns
(Weddings from 200 to 400 guests)
H1—West
H2—North
H3—South
- I** Oak Grove
- J** Sen Cherry Tree Alleé
- K** Pump House
- L** Sycamore Peninsula
- P** Metered parking is available in the lot south of Japan House as well as along South Lincoln Avenue Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Parking is free in these areas evenings and weekends.

Limited accessibility is available

Noel Welcome Garden (A)

The Noel Welcome Garden is a quiet intimate space for small wedding ceremonies (about 20) and is a great place for taking photographs.



Photo Credits

(Top) Katie and Wes Osmond - SEPTEMBER wedding - Megan Renae Photography

WELCOME WALK (B)

The Welcome Walk, leading to the west entrance of the Miles C Hartley Selections Garden, serves as a lovely wedding aisle. Planting typically begins in June, depending upon the season. The difference in seasonal moisture from one year to the next plays an important a role in determining when the flowers bloom.



Photo Credits

(Top) Lauren Jaeger - MAY wedding - Anastasia Marie Photography

(Bottom) Caitlyn and Alexander Voikovskyy - JUNE wedding - Ebby L. Photography.

WELCOME WALK continued (B)



Photo Credits

(Top) Elizabeth Kacich - JULY wedding - Beyond the Well Photography

(Bottom) Sarah and Kevin Mickle - OCTOBER wedding

MILES C HARTLEY SELECTIONS GARDEN (D)

The Hartley showcases hundreds of varieties of flowering plants surrounded by trees and shrubs and can accommodate up to 500 guests. The flowers begin blooming in early July (typically planted no sooner than mid- June) depending upon seasonal moisture and soil temperature.



Photo Credits

(Top) Sarah Reifsteck - JULY wedding - Staske Photography

(Bottom) Rebecca Kamerer - OCTOBER wedding - Heather Cupps Miller Photography

SEATING / RECEPTIONS

The Hartley Star can seat up to 500 guests. Things to consider are time of day for your ceremony and the direction of the sun. Best time for a Hartley wedding is mid-July to September



Photo Credits

(Top and inset) Elizabeth and Robert Kachich JULY wedding - Beyond the Well Photography

(Bottom) Set up provided by Champaign County Tent

Chairs, pedestals, pergolas, tents etc are not provided by the Arboretum and may be rented from area vendors such as, Herriott's Party Rental (217) 35609713, Champaign County Tent (217) 328- 5749, and Signature Event Rental (217) 787-9461.



(Above) Tented reception provided by Twin City Tent and Awning for Ma'yan and Jesse Vander Does's wedding (Inset) Ma'yan and Jesse Vander Does - JULY wedding - Kelsey Wright Photography



OAK GROVE (E1 / E2)

The Oak Grove offers a shaded lawn that can accommodate large weddings or receptions during hot weather.



Photo Credits

(Above) Ma'yan and Jesse Vander Does - JULY wedding - Kelsey Wright Photography

(Top right) Sarah Reifsteck - JULY wedding - Staske Photography

(Bottom right) Sarah and Kevin Mickle - OCTOBER wedding



SYCAMORE GROVE (E3)

The Sycamore Grove, overlooking the ponds, offers a shaded lawn that can accommodate weddings up to 100 guests.





THE PONDS

There are three event areas that overlook the ponds - E1/ E2 and E3 - the Sycamore Grove (for smaller weddings of 100.).

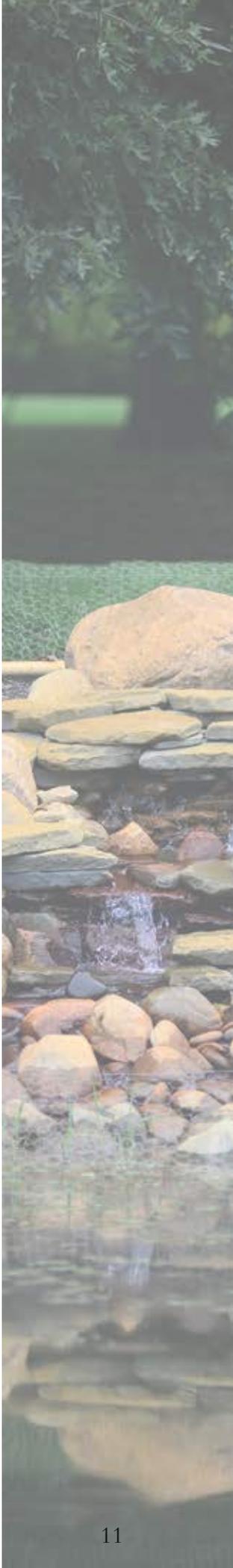


Photo Credits

(Above) Ma'yan and Jesse Vander Does - JULY wedding - Kelsey Wright Photography

(Top right) Michaela and Kyle Moore - AUGUST wedding - Benjamin Lapid Photography

(Bottom right) Elizabeth and Robert Kachich - JULY wedding - Beyond the Well Photography



LINDEN ALLEE
New area under development



Photo Credits
(Top) Benjamin and Ashley Briggs - SEPTEMBER wedding
(Bottom) Sarah Mickle - OCTOBER wedding

HARTLEY ARBORS



Photo Credits

(Top) Rebecca Kamerer - OCTOBER wedding - Heather Cupps-Miller photography
(Bottom) Kevin and Sarah Mickle - OCTOBER wedding



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many people can we invite?

A: Our event areas vary according to your desires. We have hosted small weddings (20 or less) and can accommodate weddings of 250 or more.

Q: Is there a fee?

A: Yes. Please give us a call and we'll check our calendar for availability. If the date you have in mind is available we will answer your questions about security deposits and fees.

Q: What if it rains....do I get my money back?

A: Depends. Our policy is that the event fee is due 30 days prior to the event and is refundable if you notify us of your intent to cancel no less than seven days prior to the scheduled event. Please be prepared for inclement weather and have a 'plan B.'

Q: Can we bring pedestals, pergolas, tables etc. to the Arboretum for our ceremony?

A: Absolutely. Feel free to bring your props and signs. We do ask that you not make any holes in the concrete, wood or planting beds.

Q: What about scattering flower petals on the ground - is that a problem?

A: Please use only natural (real) flower petals.

Q: Can we have unity candles at our ceremonies?

A: No. While candles are not allowed, tiki torches may be used during an evening ceremony.

Q: Can we have our wedding in the evening?

Yes. We do allow evening ceremonies - because there are no lights at the Arboretum, we ask that you let us know if your ceremony or reception goes beyond 8 pm. We will then contact the UI Safety Office to let them know there is an approved event that will be held beyond closing times.

Q: May we serve alcohol?

A: Yes, but for alcohol to be served on the grounds of the Arboretum, the entire event must be catered by UIUC Catering (217) 333-0126.

Q: Are there restrooms at the Arboretum or a place for the bride to get ready?

A: Not yet. While planning is underway for the construction of restrooms, currently there are no facilities at the Arboretum. We recommend portable restrooms be brought in for your guests. Small tents may also be used as changing areas for the bridal party.

Q: Where do we park?

A: There are two parking lots at the Arboretum and also there is metered parking (no cost on weekends) along Lincoln Avenue (see map on the next page).

Q: What about reserved parking for our guests. Is there handicapped parking?

A: No. The Arboretum is a public garden and as such people will be visiting and perhaps parking in the lots noted on the map. If you desire to reserve parking, barriers may be rented from the UI Facility and Services Department, with an additional fee to be paid by the wedding party. For a nominal fee, we can also provide a golf cart for your guests.

Q: Is electricity available?

A: We do have outlets for electricity. Depending upon the location of your ceremony we can accommodate usage up to 40 amps. For additional electricity needs, special requests may be made to the UI Facility and Services (217) 333-0340 with an additional fee to be paid by the wedding party.