



Ijams Nature Center Wedding Guide





Celebrate your union at **Ijams Nature Center**, where lush green foliage and the subtle sounds of nature provide an intimate, enchanting backdrop for your special day.

Nature is waiting...

Located five minutes from downtown Knoxville, Tenn., this 315-acre wildlife sanctuary and greenspace is one of this community's greatest treasures.

Book your dream wedding today and make a big difference!

Ijams encourages stewardship of the natural world by providing an urban greenspace for people to learn about and enjoy the outdoors through engaging experiences. **Wedding package fees support this mission by funding Ijams' educational and community initiatives.**



Book Today!

Want to see the site for yourself? Book a tour of the venue with our Rental and Events Coordinator to find out how we can make your special day come true!

Ijams Elopement Packages



The Ijams Elopement and Small Ceremony Packages are a wonderful option to create a destination feel or a beautiful intimate gathering with your closest friends and family.

Simple Elopement/Destination Elopement \$50

- Up to one hour on property for light decorating, ceremony, and clean up
- Ceremonies can be just about anywhere! Popular destinations include: Quarry Lake, Terrace Gardens, Hayworth Hollow, Keyhole
- 10-15 people max
- Does not include rental equipment



Small Ceremony/Elopement Package \$150

- Up to two hours for light decorating, ceremony, and clean up
- Up to 25 people
- Includes chair rental (if ceremony is at a location that can be accessed to put up chairs)



Interested in seeing where your destination wedding could be?

Book a tour of the venue to find out how we can make your special day come true!

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Homesite Wedding Packages



Wedding ceremonies and receptions are often held at the secluded Ijams Homesite, where the legacy of the Ijams family started in 1910. This is the only section of the Ijams grounds specifically designated for weddings.



The Ijams Homesite is available for your ceremony and/or reception from **9 a.m.-11 p.m.** and can accommodate **up to 150 guests (may be able to accommodate more based on need).**



The Ijams Homesite features a large lawn surrounded by native flower beds. A covered pavilion is nestled between the meadow and a small water feature. The terraced gardens, filled with a variety of colors and textures, face the large tent pad, restrooms, and a small pond. Weekend weddings have access to the Miller Building, which has a changing area, two restrooms and a small kitchen.

The magic of the Ijams Homesite is that it offers a wide range of ways to set up your wedding to make your day personal and memorable!



All venues at Ijams Nature Center are maintained with sustainable practices and careful attention to not disrupt the diverse natural environment.

A perfect event is also an eco-friendly event!

Wedding Ceremony Package

Private Ceremonies Options

Ijams Nature Center hosts both small and large, private wedding ceremonies throughout the property for you to gather with your friends and family on your special day.

The historic Ijams homesite offers a myriad of backdrops for simple yet beautiful ceremonies that can be tailored to fit your vision for your perfect wedding.



Ceremony Only Packages: \$750-\$1000

As part of your ceremony package, you can choose your ceremony site from the following: homesite lawn, pavilion, terrace gardens or tent pad areas. Day-of event staff will help by having your chairs set up and ready for your arrival. The staff will also help by directing your guest parking, greeting and assisting guests, and assisting with any trash and recycling needs.

Packages also include chairs rentals, reserved parking for guests, day of staff, and a dress rehearsal prior to your event.

"The event staff were a breeze to work with. I planned my wedding from out of town and the event coordinator worked with me to get a vision of what my day would look like. The meadow was perfect for the ceremony. It provided the perfect backdrop for my summer wedding."

--Kelly

"We were able to make our special day exactly how we pictured, maybe even better!"

--Kelsi

"We were so happy to have our wedding at Ijams. The venue is beautiful. We had the flexibility to be able to transform the site into our vision for the day. Everything looked beautiful!"

--Samantha

"Our wedding was perfect! The area is beautiful and spacious, and we were able to make it our own as much as we wanted. It was a perfect evening!"

--Jordan

Wedding Package Pricing

How to choose your perfect package:

Wedding package time begins when your guests start arriving on property (30 minutes before the ceremony time).

Your package time includes ceremony, reception activities, and clean up time (1 hour is suggested for break down.)

Homesite 4-Hour Package

\$3000-\$3500

Homesite 6-Hour Package

\$4000-\$4500

Home Site Additional Hours

\$300 per hour

As a part of your wedding package you get use of homesite wedding lawn, pavilion, terrace gardens and tent pad area on the day of your event.

Day-of event staff will help take the stress out of your big day by directing parking, greeting and assisting guests, bartending and more, all with happy, smiling faces!

Packages also include wedding tent, chairs, and table rentals, reserved parking for guests and a one hour dress rehearsal prior to your event.

On your wedding day, you get access to the wedding site as early as 9am to decorate and transform the venue for your ceremony on top of your hourly package.



Add On Options:

Alcohol Permit

includes licensed bartenders to serve beer and wine at your event
\$100-\$250

Eco-Friendly Dinnerware

If you would like to add an eco-friendly dinnerware option to your event, Ijams can provide all the plates, cups, silverware, etc for your event that is all made out of sustainably sourced materials that will completely breakdown for \$1.25 per person.

Ceremony and Reception Options at the Visitor Center

The Multipurpose Room, conveniently located in the Ijams Visitor Center, is the perfect location for wedding receptions and celebrations for those who wish to avoid the obstacles of an outdoor venue.

The Multipurpose Room can hold **up to 80 guests**. The space also features a small kitchenette, a working fireplace, and a spacious back patio equipped with patio furniture and fire pits. The Ijams Visitor Center will remain open through the entirety of your event, allowing your guests to view Ijams exhibit spaces.

Your **tables and chairs are included**. The room also comes equipped with a sound system and projector system that can also be rented with an extra fee.

The Multipurpose Room wedding packages **include table and chair setup** before your arrival and an **event attendant to assist** with your day!

**Multipurpose Room and Back Terrace
Wedding Rate
\$125 per hour**



Looking for wedding inspiration?

Check out our Weddings at Ijams Nature Center board on Pinterest to see all of the amazing possibilities for your special day.