

WEDDINGS

at President Lincoln's Cottage





A SCENIC AND HISTORIC SETTING FOR YOUR SPECIAL DAY

Built in 1842, this Gothic Revival-style mansion became a sanctuary for sitting U.S. Presidents in the 19th century. While in residence, Abraham Lincoln made momentous decisions that defined his presidency—and where he drafted the Emancipation Proclamation.

This inspiring home features handsome woodwork, marble fireplaces, an inviting veranda, and expansive lawns bordered by impressive trees, including a large Osage orange and magnolia. Our spaces can easily accommodate intimate nuptials as well as large receptions.

All event packages include ample free parking, on-site museum staff for cocktail hour, and more! Our spaces are also ADA accessible. Rental blocks include setup and breakdown time — in most cases resulting in two hours of setup and one hour of breakdown. The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center and exhibits remain open for guests to enjoy at their leisure.



EVENT PACKAGES





THE EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE

This option will provide your group with EXCLUSIVE use of the historic site for the day. Get ready in the Cottage, have brunch on the grounds, and ensure your vendors have plenty of time to set up for your special day.

After a picturesque ceremony on the South Lawn, guests may enjoy cocktails on both floors of President Lincoln's Cottage. Following cocktails, enjoy an evening reception on any one of our tented lawns. The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center and its exhibit galleries will also be open for the duration of the event.

Capacity: North Lawn 100 Guests / Visitor Center Lawn 350 Guests
16-hour Rental: \$15,000

*Tent to be reserved separately through our exclusive tenting provider.
Pricing starts at \$5,850*



COTTAGE COCKTAILS & LAWN

Our most popular option!

After a seated ceremony on the serene South Lawn of President Lincoln's Cottage, guests will enjoy sipping cocktails while exploring the First Floor of this historic home. Your guests will then be invited to an evening of dinner and dancing under a tent on one of our lawns.

Capacity: North Lawn 100 Guests / Visitor Center Lawn 350 Guests

8-hour Rental: \$7,500

Tent to be reserved separately through our exclusive tenting provider.

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FULL COTTAGE

It may be called a “Cottage”, but this spacious Gothic Revival home is a true Presidential retreat and features high ceilings, beautiful wood paneling, and period-style lighting. This option includes both floors of President Lincoln’s Cottage and the surrounding lawns. After a seated ceremony on the expansive South Lawn, guests may enjoy a cocktail reception on the First Floor followed by a seated dinner on the Second Floor. After dinner, the reception will continue to the First Floor — a perfect spot for cake cutting and a first dance.

Capacity: 350 Reception / 200 Seated Dinner (*note - not all seating will be in one room*)

For seated dinner with full room sightlines, maximum of 100 guests.

8-hour Rental: \$8,500



COTTAGE FIRST FLOOR

Ideal for receptions and dinners of up to 120 guests, the First Floor features the inviting drawing room, dining room, parlor, library and adjoining outdoor spaces. The mature magnolia, beautiful landscaping, and vista provide a setting of which even the discerning Mary Lincoln would approve.

Following a seated ceremony on the expansive South Lawn, guests may enjoy drinks from an outdoor bar, roam the rooms of this historic house, and enjoy an enchanting dinner inside or under the stars.

Capacity: 175 Reception / 100 Seated Dinner (note - not all seating will be in one room)
For seated dinner with full room sightlines, maximum of 100 guests.

8-hour Rental: \$6,500



THE GREAT OUTDOORS



VISITOR CENTER LAWN

For large outdoor-only events, a tent may be erected on the lawn of our Beaux Arts-style visitor center. The pastoral grounds make for a charming backdrop while restrooms are conveniently located in the visitor center.

Capacity: 350 Guests
6-hour rental: \$4,000

Tent must be reserved separately through our exclusive tenting provider. Pricing starts at \$5,850



NORTH LAWN

For small outdoor-only events, a tent may be erected on the North Lawn adjacent to the Cottage. Having Lincoln and his horse under your tent will enchant guests for the evening. Restrooms are conveniently located in nearby Beaux Arts - style Visitor Education Center.

Capacity: 100 Guests
6-hour rental: \$3,000

Tent must be reserved separately through our exclusive tenting provider. Pricing starts at \$5,850



ADDITIONAL SPACES

INCLUDED WITH EVERY COTTAGE RENTAL



ROBERT H. SMITH VISITOR EDUCATION CENTER

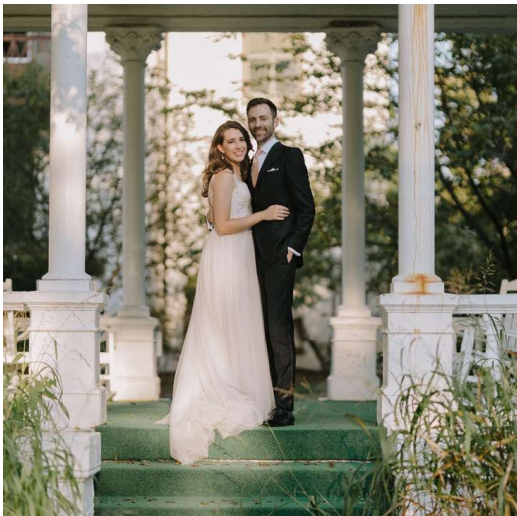
Built in 1905 as the administration building for the Soldiers' Home, this impressive Beaux Arts-style building features a gracious atrium, beautiful turn of the century tile floors, and hand carved oak woodwork.

This building provides restroom facilities for any weddings utilizing the visitor center lawn and it includes access to the adjoining exhibit galleries.



THE MARY LINCOLN ROOM

Located off the Lincoln's bedroom, this room would have been Mary Lincoln's dressing room. As the only fully decorated room in the Cottage, this beautiful room - not usually available to the public - is a nod to Mary herself. The Mary Room is often used as a wedding suite for getting ready and photographs.



THE BANDSTAND

This charming structure was built at the turn of the 20th century as a performance space for the Soldiers' Home band and their weekly concerts. Today, the cast iron bandstand offers a shaded outdoor area with views of our historic campus, perfect for your first look, family portraits, or a quiet space to get away on your big day.



EVENT ADD-ONS

SIGNATURE COTTAGE TOUR

With our Signature Tour, your guests will not only celebrate your special day at the Cottage, they will also appreciate the inspiration and significance of this remarkable place you chose.

The vibrant, multimedia tours provide new perspectives on Lincoln's life and the relevance of his legacy today.

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Tour tickets are the perfect addition to any welcome basket or Wedding Party Rehearsal.

WEDDING FAVORS

Our Museum Store offers unique favor options, so your guests will remember your special day and this special place.

From locally-made, custom candles to jumbo pennies, and personalized palm-leaf fans, our Museum Store has the perfect gift to delight your guests.

Ask our events team for additional information.

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