

WEDDINGS

at President Lincoln's Cottage



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THE CRADLE OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

Located on a picturesque hilltop on the grounds of the historic Soldiers' Home, President Lincoln's Cottage offers a unique and inspiring setting for special events. During the Civil War, the president used this beloved home for important meetings, entertaining, and developing nation-changing documents such as the Emancipation Proclamation. Today, the Cottage, its surrounding grounds, and an array of adjacent historic buildings are available to the public for special event rentals. Proceeds from your event help preserve this National Monument and National Historic Landmark.



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Our offerings include ample free parking, handicap accessibility, access to a wedding suite, and on-site museum staff. 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 will remain open prior to ceremonies for guests to enjoy at their leisure.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE

Built in 1842 for banker George Washington Riggs, this 34-room 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, such as the decision to create and issue the Emancipation Proclamation. Ideal for both intimate and larger weddings, this inspiring home features handsome woodwork, marble fireplaces, an inviting veranda, and expansive lawn bordered by impressive trees including a large osage orange and magnolia.



EXCLUSIVE RENTAL

This option will provide your group with EXCLUSIVE use of the historic site. With early access to the Cottage, utilize the space as a getting ready location and ensure your vendors have time to set up for your special day! After a ceremony on the South Lawn, guests will enjoy cocktails on both floors of President Lincoln's Cottage. Following dinner, guests will enjoy an evening reception on our tented lawn. The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center and its exhibit galleries will also be open for the duration of the event. Tents may be reserved separately by our exclusive tenting provider.

Capacity: 300 Guests

8-hour Rental: \$15,000



THE FIRST FLOOR

Ideal for receptions and dinners of up to 120 guests, the first floor features a collection of inviting drawing rooms and parlors and their adjoining outdoor spaces. The mature magnolia, beautiful landscaping, and vista provide a setting that even Mary Lincoln would approve of! Following a seated ceremony on the expansive lawn, guests may enjoy drinks from an outdoor bar, roam the rooms of this historic house, and enjoy an enchanting dinner under the stars.

Capacity: 120 Guests

8-hour Rental: \$7,500



COTTAGE FIRST & SECOND FLOORS

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 lawn, guests may enjoy a cocktail reception on the first floor followed by a seated dinner on the second floor. Following dinner, the reception will continue to the first floor — a perfect spot for cake cutting and a first dance!

Capacity: 120 Guests

6-hour Rental: \$9,950



TENTING & COTTAGE COCKTAILS

Our most popular option! After a seated ceremony on the serene lawn of President Lincoln’s Cottage, guests will enjoy sipping cocktails while exploring over a dozen rooms in the historic home. Following cocktails, your guests will be indulged in an evening of dinner and dancing under a tent. Tents may be reserved separately by our exclusive tenting provider.

Capacity: 200 Guests

8-hour Rental: \$8,500



THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION

Called “The Governor’s Mansion” because of its historical use, Quarters 1 was built as the residence of the military governors for the Soldiers’ Home. When President Buchanan was invited to live at the Soldiers’ Home in 1857, it’s likely he lived in this residence and commented that he “slept much better than at the White House.” Buchanan was the first of the 19th century presidents to spend the “hot season” at Soldiers’ Home. Now available to the public for the first time, this stately home features carved marble mantelpieces, high ceilings, and beautiful moldings. After a garden ceremony, guests may enjoy cocktails on the massive wrap around porch, before enjoying a meal in the grand drawing room. Our most popular option for daytime weddings and rehearsal dinners!



CAPACITY & PRICING

80 Standing Reception / 50 Seated

7-hour Wedding Rental: \$3,500

5-hour Rehearsal Dinner Rental: \$2,500
(\$1,500 when combined with any other offer)

This space may be reserved for day of wedding preparations when renting President Lincoln's Cottage.





STANLEY HALL

For the very first time, this striking stone structure is available for wedding ceremonies. Built originally as the concert and recreation hall for the Soldiers' Home, the building was lovingly restored and then converted into a church in the 20th century. The building features a mammoth wooden vaulted ceiling, illuminated stained glass windows depicting military scenes, pew style seating, and a towering 1860's pipe organ bearing dozens of 19th century signatures carved into its woodwork.

Capacity: 250 Guests

4- hour rental: \$3,000
(\$1,500 when combined with any other offer)

ROSE CHAPEL

Built in 1870, Rose Chapel is constructed of beautifully crafted Seneca sandstone and features a large vaulted ceiling and intricate stained glass. For the first time, the historic church is now available for wedding ceremonies and vow renewals.

Capacity: 100 Theater Style

4- hour rental: \$1,500
(\$1,000 when combined with any other offer)



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EVENT ADD-ONS

SIGNATURE TOURS FOR OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS

Give your guests a chance to explore President Lincoln's Cottage, a "museum of ideas", while they're in town with tickets for our Signature Tour. Our professional staff use interactive multimedia and traditional storytelling methods to bring President Lincoln to life for visitors of all ages. The vibrant, conversational tour provides new perspectives, gives space for self-reflection, and connects Lincoln's legacy to the fight for freedom. Not only will your guests celebrate your special day at the Cottage, they will appreciate the meaning and history of the place you chose. It's the perfect addition to any welcome basket!

Signature Tour: \$12.50 per person



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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, to personalized palm leaf fans our Museum Store has the perfect gift to delight your guests. Ask our events team for additional information.

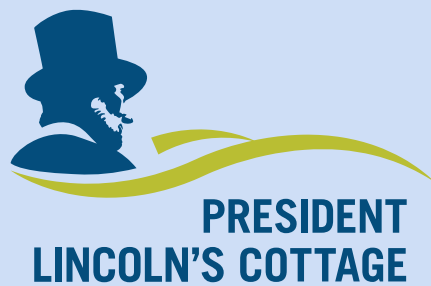


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