Welcome

The Idaho Botanical Garden, one of the first and oldest botanical gardens in Idaho, is a lush 15-acre tapestry of dappled shade and vibrant splashes of color.

Nestled in the Boise Foothills, it is a sanctuary in the heart of the Old Penitentiary Historic District. The Garden promotes horticulture in the Treasure Valley using native and domestic plants adapted to the intermountain region.

The Idaho Botanical Garden, which is designated as a living museum, is occasionally available for special events. Each special event is considered non-exclusive, which means the Garden is still open to the public; however, your special use area will be reserved for you and your guests.
This garden’s “forest” includes broadleaf evergreens, conifers, and deciduous plants that require and prosper from the shade, the cool and moist air, and a break from the intense heat and sun of the Boise summer afternoons. Temperatures in the Meditation Garden can be as much as 20 degrees cooler than open, exposed locations in the afternoon.

The thin, wispy arborvitae in this garden was planted and left by minimum security inmates operating a tree nursery for the Old State Penitentiary in the 1960s. The rock wall along the back border of this garden contains sandstone quarried from Table Rock by the inmates. This area now creates an inviting forest and provides shade to the picnic tables scattered beneath the tree canopy.

UP TO 300 GUESTS
AVAILABLE APRIL, MAY, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.
Centered around the Old Penitentiary's concrete Turkey Pad, the Dry Garden showcases extremely drought tolerant plants suitable for the Treasure Valley. Once mature, the plants in this garden will receive little to no supplemental water, but rely on our 11 inches of average rainfall a year.

A dry stream bed, planted with a range of cactus, penstemons, buckwheats and other flowers, runs alongside the historic concrete pad in which you can make out the prints of turkey feet.
ENGLISH GARDEN

Opened in 1998, was designed by world-renowned English landscape architect John Brookes and was made possible by Muriel and Diana Kirk. The wall of the Old Idaho State Penitentiary serves as this garden’s distant backdrop and helps define the style of an English Garden, where large groupings of perennials provide seasonal interest year round. More than 1,300 perennials have been planted in this garden.

A key focal point of the Muriel and Diana Kirk English Garden is the charming Summer House, constructed of Tablerock sandstone. The black slate roof originally graced the Veterans Home, and the ceiling is wood from the floor of Boise’s former J.C. Penny’s store. The crowning achievement is the wrought iron and copper weather vane, crafted by Boise’s own master blacksmith Nahum Hersom. Another focal point is the Princess Diana Fountain, dedicated in 1998 in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales.

UP TO 200 GUESTS
AVAILABLE MARCH - OCTOBER.
The field is nestled next to the English Garden and the Old Penitentiary wall. In the 1940s, inmates of the prison played baseball and football as ‘The Outlaws’
Preferred Vendors: Event Rent is the Garden’s exclusive vendor for equipment needs. Your Garden liaison will work with you to secure your rentals.

The Garden works with the following catering companies:

Willowcreek Grill & RAW Sushi - 208.343.5544
Boise River Catering - 208.559.1996
Open Table Catering - 208.629.2557
Tasso - 208.336.2555
Boise Liquor Catering - 208.985.9000
Jo’s Traveling Bar - 208.440.6429
Curb Mobile Bar & Catering – 208.949.6417

To work with a company not currently listed on the preferred vendor list, please contact IBG with vendor information. Vendor must have written permission from Idaho Botanical Garden and agree to an on-site orientation.

Scheduling: The Garden is unable to guarantee dates until a contract and deposit (50% of the total) is in place. Deposits are non-refundable. Remaining balances are due 30 days prior to your event date.

Rehearsal: Each wedding receives a complimentary one hour rehearsal. Your Garden liaison will reach out 30 days prior to your event to schedule. The Garden is unable to secure rehearsal dates earlier, and the remaining balance must be paid in full before scheduling the rehearsal.

Inclement Weather: As an outdoor venue we do not reschedule or refund for inclement weather. We recommend working with the rental company to secure appropriate tents in advance.

Additional Amenities: Each wedding will be granted access to a private prep room and bathroom within the Garden Cottage.

To discuss additional details and schedule an event please contact events@idahobotanicalgarden.org or call 208-275-8606.

PRICING

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Insurance = $125 (or may provide own event insurance with minimum of $1,000,000 coverage)

HOURS

12pm – 9pm
+ 1 hour for Cleanup

All activities, including load-in, setup, and tear down, must occur within this time-frame. Cleanup must be finished by 10pm.