

# FOR-MAR NATURE PRESERVE & ARBORETUM

## Facility Rental Information

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Genesee County Parks' For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum is the premier venue to host your special occasion. This beautiful 383-acre setting is the perfect site to host weddings, anniversaries, business meetings and more.

Getting married soon? For-Mar has a gorgeous outdoor setting for you. The Maple Walk with its natural tree lined is a beautiful backdrop for your wedding ceremony, and photographs.

Set in the beauty of For-Mar's nature preserve, the Forbes and Martha Merkley Visitor's Center offers an indoor retreat from the ordinary business meeting location. With seating for up to 40 guests, the Visitor's Center is the perfect location for your next business meeting.

## Schedule a Walk Through

To help you plan and prepare for your event, please schedule a time to walk- through the facility with our staff. See contact information on page 4.

**2142 N Genesee Rd. Burton, MI 48509**  
**810.789.8568**

Visitor's Center: 8am - 5pm daily  
Grounds: 8am – sunset daily

## FEES

### Outdoor Wedding

(Available 8am - sunset 3 hour blocks)

Up to 50 people*	\$1,000
Security Deposit	\$250
Additional time per hour	\$200 per hour
Pavilion fee**	\$150
Chair Rental***	\$20/10 chairs

\*No outdoor events with over 50 people will be permitted.

\*\* Pavilion rentals for weddings only.

\*\*\* Must be rented in groups of 10

### Visitor's Center Auditorium/ Treehouse/ Pavilion Rental/ DeWaters Building

(Available for **meetings** only, rented in 3 hour blocks. For organized groups only. Not for the general public.)

Rental	\$150
Security Deposit	Matching

\* Facilities are \$50 an hour for each hour after the initial 3.

Visitor Center Auditorium - Holds 40 people  
Treehouse - Holds 20 people  
Pavilion - Holds 80 people  
DeWaters Building - Hold 40 people  
*Payment due upon booking.*



## Weddings

- May be scheduled between May 15 and October 15
- Rentals are for 3 hours
- All fees and security deposits are due in full at the time of your reservation

## Security Deposit

The security deposit is due in full at the time of the reservation and is fully refundable if the facility is returned to its original condition. Costs will be deducted from the security deposit if the premises are damaged, not cleaned, time limits exceeded, or any rules are violated.

## Refunds

A 50% refund will be given for cancellations made at least 72 hours before the event.

No refunds will be issued after the 72 hour deadline has passed.

For outdoor events, refunds will not be given for cancellations due to inclement weather.

## Equipment

For-Mar provides chairs at an additional charge. To preserve the natural peace and serenity, we do not allow the use of PA systems, amplified instruments, and the use of car horns is prohibited.

## Decorations

All decorations must be natural and may not be attached in any way to any structure or plant on the ground. All wedding signs must be approved by For-Mar staff. Depending upon site and weather conditions, unity candles will only be approved one week prior to the wedding.

## Wedding Rehearsals

Wedding rehearsals may occur prior to the event at no charge. Parties must walk to the site and work around visitors in the gardens. Call to confirm availability.

\*\*\*Please keep in mind that For-Mar is a public facility and that other events may be scheduled in the park at the same time. Our staff will be accessible during your event and will work to minimize any interference and to ensure that you will have an enjoyable and memorable occasion.



# Forbes & Martha Merkley Visitor's Center

The Visitor's Center is air conditioned and the auditorium seats 40 guests. Please limit your event to 40 guests.

## Smoking and Alcohol

Smoking, including E-cigarettes and Vaporizers and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the grounds.

## Parking

Guests must park in the main parking lot off Genesee Road. The parking lot has a capacity of 75 vehicles.



## Accessibility

Motorized vehicles are allowed to drive up to the designated wedding site to drop off those individuals who are unable to walk from the parking lot. Once passengers are dropped off, the vehicle must return to the main parking lot. Restrooms in the Visitor's Center are accessible.

## Food and Drink

Light refreshments are allowed inside the Visitor's Center. Food is allowed outside in the designated picnic area only.

## Pets and Wildlife

Domesticated animals are not permitted. Only birdseed, natural flower petals and bubbles may be used during weddings. Rice and silk flower petals are prohibited. Spray on mosquito repellants and wrist bands are permitted, but citronella lamps or foggers are not allowed.

## Setup and Cleanup

Setup and cleanup is the responsibility of the renter and must be done within the 3 hour rental block.

## Contact Info

For Rentals: Nicole Ferguson  
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For Weddings: Brian Vanpatten  
bvanpatten@gcparks.org

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