Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens

The tropics await you
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Situated along the banks of the beautiful Rock River, Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens brings the tropics to the Midwest. The facility is the third largest conservatory in Illinois, offering an 11,000-square-foot plant exhibition area complete with water features, seating areas, and sculptures, all in a tropical plant setting.

The beauty continues outdoors with the Eclipse Lagoon, complete with two fountains and a waterfall, pedestrian bridge, patio areas, and walkway connecting the Conservatory to the Sinnissippi Rose Garden.

**WE INVITE YOU TO EXPLORE OUR lush, vibrant atmosphere THAT AWAITS YOUR NEXT EVENT OR CELEBRATION.**
THE IPSEN ATRIUM

This is the largest open space at Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens at 1,700 sq ft. The atrium features a wood-beam ceiling, ample sunlight, a view of the Rock River, a terrazzo floor, and a scenic mural showcasing the river’s past, present and future. This is the ideal location for a large party, a seated dinner for up to 125 guests, or a standing cocktail reception for up to 150 guests.

CAPACITY

Seated dinner for up to 125 guests

Standing cocktail reception for up to 150 guests
“A FLOWER CANNOT BLOSSOM WITHOUT sunshine, AND MAN CANNOT LIVE without love.”

— FRIEDRICH MAX MÜLLER
EXHIBITION AREA

Impress your guests in this magnificent tropical getaway. The 11,000-sq-ft glass Exhibition Area stands 55 ft at its highest point, and features lush foliage, 40-ft palms, infinity pond with koi, outdoor terrace, sculptures, winding paths, and scenic views of the river and lagoon.

CAPACITY

Small wedding of up to 30 people

Standing cocktail reception for 125 people
“PARADISE IS ALWAYS WHERE love dwells.”
—UNKNOWN
JL CLARK
MEETING ROOM

The 1,020-sq-ft meeting room is the perfect getaway from the traditional office meeting. Set in front of the building off the atrium lobby, the room features audiovisual equipment, an outdoor terrace, and proximity to restrooms. The meeting room can also be used for showers, birthdays, and other parties, as well as weddings and special events as a dance room, lounge, or bridal room.

CAPACITY

Seated dinner for 70 guests
Classroom style meeting capacity of 50 guests
“WE build TOO MANY WALLS AND NOT ENOUGH bridges.”
—ISAAC NEWTON
ROCKFORD AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
RIVERVIEW TERRACE

Enjoy the view from the Riverview Terrace, which overlooks the picturesque Rock River and Sinnissippi Rose Garden. The terrace can be accessed through the Exhibition Area, or by way of the outdoor path.

CAPACITY

A wedding for 150 people

Seated dinner for 125 people
“Love is like a river flowing through your heart. I’ll bring the boat, if you bring the bridge.” — Jarod Kintz
THE SIGHTSEEING GARDEN

The Sightseeing Garden is a beautiful garden with waterfall features and winding streams, perfect for a small wedding seating 30 guests, or a standing cocktail party. Perennial and native plants decorate the pathways, with views of the Eclipse Lagoon and decks to sit and enjoy the surroundings.

CAPACITY

Small wedding seating
30 guests

Standing cocktail party
50 guests
“Happiness will grow if you plant the seeds of love in the garden of hope with compassion and care.” — DEBASISH MRIDHA
THE TEA HOUSE GARDEN

The historic Tea House Garden resides next to the 500-ft-long Eclipse Lagoon. A landmark in the community, the Tea House overlooking the Rock River is a scenic location for a wedding ceremony or a standing reception.

CAPACITY

Wedding ceremony or standing reception for up to 125 guests
“THE EARTH IS LIKE A beautiful bride, WHO NEEDS NO MAN-MADE JEWELS TO HEIGHTEN HER loveliness.” – UNKNOWN
Just north of the Eclipse Lagoon, overlooking the Nicholas Conservatory campus and Sinnissippi Rose Garden, is the Waterfall Garden. Sure to impress your guests, this garden boasts an open terrace able to seat 75 guests for a wedding ceremony, fragrant with the aroma of the neighboring rose garden.

**CAPACITY**

Wedding ceremony for up to 75 guests
“Happiness is the fragrance in the garden of love.” — Debasish Mridha
THE PERENNIAL GARDEN

The northern garden is decorated in perennial flowers and a white pergola with the stunning backdrop of the Rose Garden, Eclipse Lagoon, and Nicholas Conservatory. Offers proximity to restrooms and an accessible parking lot.

CAPACITY

Intimate or large wedding ceremony for up to 175 guests
“BEING DEEPLY loved BY SOMEONE GIVES YOU strength, WHILE loving SOMEONE DEEPLY GIVES YOU courage.” — LAO TZU
Select Catering Options

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(815) 398-6411

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