



SHAW NATURE RESERVE



Private Rentals

Birthday Parties | Reunions | Corporate Retreats

Let the 2,400 acres of Shaw Nature Reserve provide a beautiful backdrop for your next private event.

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Private Rentals

Thank you for considering Shaw Nature Reserve, a division of the Missouri Botanical Garden, to host your upcoming private rental. Established in 1925, the Nature Reserve is dedicated to restoring native Missouri habitat while providing enriching educational opportunities. Located in Gray Summit, just 30-minutes from St. Louis and right off of Interstate 44, the Nature Reserve offers comfortable amenities surrounded by nature.

Shaw Nature Reserve is an ideal location for those looking to hold a private rental in an outdoor setting. We have both indoor and outdoor options. Whether you are looking for a company retreat or a space for a family reunion, Shaw Nature Reserve has numerous spaces to accommodate your rental needs.

If you are interested in scheduling a private rental at Shaw Nature Reserve or if you have questions after reviewing this packet, please contact us at:

(314)577-9555 or send your inquiry to snrinfo@mobot.org

Policies

General Information:

- Day-time rentals are available between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- All listed rental fees include the general admission for the maximum capacity of that space.
- Missouri Botanical Garden memberships do not apply to private rentals.
- Rentals can be made up to 1-year in advance.
- A signed rental agreement and deposit are required to reserve your rental date.
- Cancellation policies: Shaw Nature Requires a 50% non-refundable deposit of your site rental to reserve your date. Please refer to your rental agreement for details on our cancellation policies.

All Visitor Guidelines apply to private rentals, including:

- No pets, trained service dogs are welcome
- No nicotine products including electronic devices
- No alcohol (unless provided and served by a licensed caterer)
- No collecting (artifacts, wild edibles, flowers/, plants, etc.)

Ask about our non-profit and ZMD affiliated group rates.

Other Events:

The Nature Reserve also hosts other types of events including weddings, vow renewals, and other type of ceremonies. For more information on these types of rentals, please contact your Shaw Nature Reserve coordinator for our Special Events packet.

For information on our Nature + learner—focused field trips for preK—12 and overnights, please send your inquiry to snrinfo@mobot.org

Private Tours

Bus Tour | \$100* for 30-45 minutes

Capacity: --

For a group arriving on its own bus, our guide can step aboard to describe the Nature Reserve's history, what's in bloom, the restoration work, the tall-grass prairie, wildlife and wetlands. It is important that the bus has a microphone. Tours can be customized for your group and additional stops can be made for a fee.

Shaw Explorer | \$150* for 30-45 minutes

Capacity: 1-20

Through a generous donation, the Nature Reserve has a new wagon for guided tours! The new wagon, known as the Shaw Explorer, includes improved safety and accessibility features. Just like a bus tour, the Shaw Explorer tour can be customized for your group and additional stops can be made for a fee.

*\$50 per stop: Additional stops can be made to visit the Bascom House, a restored 1879 home, and the adjoining 5-acre Whitmire Wildflower Garden for an additional 30 minutes. There are benches on the lawn of the Bascom House and in the wildflower garden for those who want to relax while others are walking around.

Walking Tour | \$100 for 1-hour

Capacity: 1-15

A guide will narrate while you walk on some of our 17 miles of hiking trails. You can choose to hear information on a specific ecosystem, general ecology, or native plant landscaping.

If you are interested in scheduling a private tour at Shaw Nature Reserve or are interested in group rates, please contact:

snrinfo@mobot.org or call the Visitor Center at (314) 577—9505

Maritz Trail House



Built in 1942 with native rock, the Maritz Trail House is centrally located among the Nature Reserve's 17-mile trail system providing picnic tables, restrooms, drinking water, and nearby parking. Trails leaving from this location meander through tallgrass prairie, woodland, glades, bottomland forest and is our easiest access to the Meramec River. This classroom located inside the Trail House is equipped with a pulldown screen for presentations, sink and microwave. Can comfortably seat 15 individuals for a presentation.

PRICE: \$150

CAPACITY: 15 guests seated, 25 standing

PARKING: Ample parking in the Maritz Trail House parking lot with limited closer accessible parking available

TABLES/CHAIRS: tables and chair setup of your choosing

AMENITIES:

- Indoor rental space with heating and cooling
- Pulldown screen for presentations (laptop and projector not included)
- Access to electricity indoors and outdoor on the patio
- Nearby water fountain and restrooms
- Close access to Rus Goddard River Trail system



Glassberg Pavilions



The Sunny and Myron Glassberg Pavilions provide the perfect space for an outdoor gathering amidst the Whitmire Wildflower Garden prairie. Located just south of the Bascom House, these covered pavilions offer shelter from light rain and a shady space to gather. Available picnic tables can comfortably seat around 50 individuals. These two pavilions are both equipped with electricity and offer breathtaking views of the Shaw Nature Reserve landscape.

PRICE: \$250 (one Glassberg Pavilion)

CAPACITY: 50 guests included in price, additional \$5/person up to 60

PARKING: Ample parking in the Bascom House parking lot with limited closer accessible parking available

TABLES/CHAIRS: 8 picnic tables

AMENITIES:

- Access to electricity
- Nearby water fountain and restrooms
- Close access to our 5-acre native plant Whitmire Wildflower Garden



Carriage House



Located behind the historic Bascom House, the Carriage House offers a small indoor space perfectly nestled next to the Whitmire Wildflower Garden. The back porch offers a peaceful space to relax in the provided Adirondack chairs overlooking the 5-acre native garden. This space can comfortably seat 25 individuals with a pulldown screen for presentations.

PRICE: \$300

CAPACITY: 25 guests seated, 35 standing

PARKING: Ample parking in the Bascom House parking lot with limited closer accessible parking available

TABLES/CHAIRS: rectangular tables and chair setup of your choosing

AMENITIES:

- Indoor rental space with heating and cooling
- Pulldown screen for presentations (laptop and projector not included)
- Access to electricity indoors and outdoor on the patio
- Nearby water fountain and restrooms
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Assembly Building



Originally a barn built in the 1800's, the Assembly Building offers a large-rustic meeting space. Perfect for a family gathering or a corporate meeting, this building can comfortably seat 50 individuals. Secluded in the Dana Brown Overnight Center complex, this building offers a more private space for your rental. Enjoy nearby trail systems connecting to the heart of the Nature Reserve and close access to the wetland. This complex is accessed from a private drive off of Old Gray Summit Road.

PRICE: \$500

CAPACITY: 60 guests

PARKING: private parking nearby with limited closer accessible parking available

TABLES/CHAIRS: tables and chair setup of your choosing

AMENITIES:

- Indoor rental space with heating and cooling
- Pulldown screen for presentations (laptop and projector available upon request)
- Access to electricity indoors and outdoor on the patio
- Private restrooms and water fountain available inside building
- Access to private kitchen: stove/oven, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, plates, bowls, cups, mugs, utensils, industrial coffee maker



Adlyne Freund Center



The Adlyne Freund Center is an original structure upon purchase of the land. This old hunting lodge was repurposed as a meeting space for education programs. Secluded in the Dana Brown Overnight Center complex, this building offers a more privatized rental. Enjoy nearby trail systems connecting to the heart of the Nature Reserve and close access to the wetland. This complex is accessed from a private drive off of Old Gray Summit Road.

PRICE: \$400

CAPACITY: 30 guests

PARKING: private parking nearby with limited closer accessible parking available

TABLES/CHAIRS: tables and chair setup of your choosing

AMENITIES:

- Indoor rental space with heating and cooling
- Pulldown screen for presentations (laptop and projector not included)
- Access to electricity indoors and outdoor on the patio
- Private restrooms and water fountain available inside building
- Access to private kitchen: stove/oven, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, plates, bowls, cups, mugs, utensils, industrial coffee maker



Dana Brown Overnight Center

Completed in 2003, the Dana Brown Overnight Center is a cluster of historic log or post-beam structures dating back to the 1800s. Salvaged from various sites within 100 miles of the Nature Reserve, these buildings were carefully dismantled and reconstructed at Shaw Nature Reserve mainly for education programs and overnight retreats.

Priority of rentals at this facility is given to school groups. Rentals between March-May and September-November will only be available Saturday-Sunday.

Bunkhouses

There are four sleeping bunkhouses tucked into the surrounding woodland at the Dana Brown Overnight Center offering a perfect overnight retreat in nature with comfortable amenities. Each bunkhouse is climate controlled with heating and cooling and each have one half bath. These bunkhouses are equipped with bunked bents that can sleep between 15-19 individuals each. Groups may rent one or all four bunkhouses based on cabin availability.

As food and drinks are not allowed in the bunkhouses, rental of a bunkhouse must also be accompanied with the rental of at least one meeting building, equipped with a dining and kitchen area. See *information listed for the **Adlyne Freund Center** and the **Assembly Building** on pages 8 and 9.*

PRICE:

\$500 / bunkhouse 1st night, \$300/house each consecutive night

\$400 / 1st 2-days for Adlyne Freund Center, \$240 each consecutive day

\$500 / 1st 2-days for Assembly Building, \$300 each consecutive day

Exclusive Full-Site Rental 2-days, 1 night: \$2,900; 3-days, 2-nights: \$4,600

CAPACITY: 15-19 individuals per bunkhouse, 60 max capacity between all four bunk houses

PARKING: private parking nearby with limited closer accessible parking available

BUNKS: each bunk will come equipped with a mattress, renters are responsible for all other bedding

AMENITIES:

- Indoor rental space with heating and cooling
- Access to electricity
- Access to the Shower House - this may be shared for same day rentals



Frequently Asked Questions

Will prescribed fire impact our private rental?

Being a nature reserve, there is active management practices to ensure our habitats stay healthy. This could include prescribed burning. Prescribed burning typically occurs late October to March. Prescribed fire will have minimal impacts to your private rental, though there is a chance that there will be prescribed fire in other areas during the day of your rental. The surrounding area might look scorched in late winter to early spring. By late April, vegetation is already growing back and is around shin-high!

What if the weather is not looking good for our scheduled event?

Renters understand that in some cases they are planning an outdoor event. If renting at the Glassberg Pavilions, no indoor space will be available as a backup. The Glassberg Pavilions will give ample amount of cover during light rain. Refer to your rental agreement for specific inclement weather details.

Is there electricity?

Electricity is available for your use at each of our indoor locations and at the Glassberg Pavilions.

Can we bring in our own alcohol?

Only alcohol provided and served by a licensed caterer is permitted at Shaw Nature Reserve.

Can we put up decorations?

Yes! Decorations must be hung by string only; no nails, tacks, or adhesive. Renting party must provide their own ladder to decorate. Please be mindful of the gardens and plantings surrounding the building and Glassberg Pavilions. Please no fresh flowers, balloons, rice, birdseed, potpourri, glitter, or plastic confetti.

How early can we come in to decorate?

Your decoration/set up time is included in your rental time frame listed in your agreement. To respect our staff's time setting up for your event, please do not arrive earlier than your rental time frame. If you need more time, ask about purchasing additional hours.

Can we bring our own tables and chairs?

Yes! Tables and chairs will be provided for indoor rentals by Shaw Nature Reserve. The Glassberg Pavilions will come with eight picnic tables. Please keep these items indoors or on the concrete patio. If additional tables or chairs are needed, you may bring your own.

Are we able to bring drones for photography?

Drones are not permitted at Shaw Nature Reserve unless a licensed operator submits a liability and insurance application.