

# Wedding Ceremonies & Photography in Conservatory Garden

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## About the Garden

Central Park's formal six-acre Conservatory Garden is comprised of three smaller gardens with particular designs and unique charm. Each has its own sculpted fountain. The Garden's main entrance, located on Fifth Avenue between 104th and 105th Streets, is framed by Vanderbilt Gate — a magnificent iron gate made in Paris in 1894.

- The North Garden, with its glorious spring tulip and fall chrysanthemum displays, is French in design and houses the lovely Three Dancing Maidens fountain.
- The Center Garden is Italianate and has a 12-foot central fountain, wisteria pergola, and a lush lawn flanked by allées of flowering crabapple trees that bloom pink and white in spring
- The South Garden is an intimate English-style garden with five mixed borders of trees, shrubs and perennial plants, and seasonal beds featuring spring bulbs followed by annual displays

Floral displays are in bloom from early spring through late October.

## Wedding Ceremonies & Photography

Intimate wedding ceremonies and photo shoots are allowed in Conservatory Garden with special permits from the Central Park Conservancy. Fees range according to the type of permit requested and go directly toward the maintenance and horticulture within the Garden. Payments can be made by credit card or money order (personal checks are not accepted).

The public has access to the Garden and can only be requested to stay clear of the immediate area of the wedding or photo shoot. Wedding receptions are not permitted in Conservatory Garden.

### Ceremonies

Any of our smaller gardens within Conservatory Garden make for a beautiful wedding location for up to 100 guests, however, permits and reservations are required for wedding ceremonies. Permits guarantee use of the area for one hour on the date of your choice, and the application fee is \$400. If you'd also like to have a photo shoot, there will be an additional permit fee. Please bring your permit on the day of your event, as park staff will need to see it.

### Cancellations

There is a cancellation fee of \$200. However, if you choose to reschedule within one year of your original date, we can hold your payment and apply it to that new date.

### Photography

The permit application fee for a 30-minute wedding photo shoot is \$100 (non-refundable) and parties are limited to 25 people, including the newlyweds and their parents. In case of rain, you can reserve another date. Please bring your permit on the day of your event, as park staff will need to see it.

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## Garden Policies

Use of the lawn is prohibited to all visitors, including wedding participants and guests, during wedding ceremonies. Exceptions are made only for wedding photo shoots (permit required).

The following are also prohibited in Conservatory Garden:

- Throwing rice, birdseed, confetti, etc.
- Draping ribbons, rope, balloons, floral pieces, banners, etc. on trees or shrubs
- Alcohol and/or smoking
- Chairs, rugs, runners, tents, arches, etc.
- Amplifiers for music or audio equipment (acoustic instruments are allowed)
- Use of drones
- Release of birds or animals of any kind

Rules and directives of Park personnel must be followed.

Permit-holders are liable for any and all damage to property or injury to persons that may arise in connection with the use of the Garden, and by accepting this permit, the permit-holder agrees to hold the City of New York, and the Central Park Conservancy, together with their respective officials and employees, harmless from any claims whatsoever that may result from Garden use.

Questions? Call 347-386-4866 (voice mailbox), Monday – Friday, or visit [centralparknyc.org/weddings](https://centralparknyc.org/weddings).

# Permit Application for use of Conservatory Garden, Central Park

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Please complete the permit application, attach your payment, and return by mail to:

Central Park Conservancy  
Conservatory Garden Weddings/Photos  
14 East 60th Street, 8th Floor  
New York, NY 10022

Your date will be reserved immediately, providing there is no conflict with a previously reserved party. If a conflict does exist, we will notify you so that you can choose another date/time. A permit will be mailed back to you one month prior to your event date with a confirmation.

**Note:** For events scheduled for next year, please submit applications after January 1.

Names of Couple

Address

Telephone

Email

Type of Event (Ceremony and/or Photography)

Number of Attendees

Date of Event

Time of Event

Wedding/Photography Session Location [see map, back page] (select one):

North Garden

South Garden

Wisteria Pergola

North Terrace

South Terrace

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, agree to follow all applicable rules and regulations relating to the use of Conservatory Garden. I understand that the public will have access to the Garden at all times during my event, and can only be requested to stay clear of the immediate area of the ceremony and/or photo shoot.

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SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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Please return the signed application with credit card information or money order, made payable to the **Central Park Conservancy**. Return by mail to:

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Please charge my credit card     Visa     MasterCard     Amex     Discover

Card Number

Expiration Date

CVV Code

Name as it appears on card

Billing Address (if different from previous page)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

If the event date is less than seven business days from the date of the application, only credit cards and money orders will be accepted.

# Map of Conservatory Garden, Central Park

