

Say, "I Do!" in this natural setting.

Brides find Elachee's many open-air and indoor options an ideal backdrop to exchange vows.

Accommodating intimate ceremonies up to gatherings of up to 200 guests, brides cite Elachee's unmatched scenery, simplicity, accessibility and flexible terms as top reasons to choose this north Georgia venue.

Nestled in a magnificent 1,440-acre nature preserve, Elachee is located in one of Georgia's largest protected green spaces.

Elachee's natural charm makes elaborate decorations unnecessary. Capture memories of this special occasion by staging photos along shaded woodland trails, by gurgling streams, native foliage and more.

Elachee is only 20 minutes from the Mall of Georgia, easily accessible to/from I-985 and I-85, and close to amenities in downtown Gainesville, Oakwood, Braselton, and in nearby Dahlonega and Gwinnett County.



Photo credit: Tasha Grabowski

Schedule a Rental Tour

Rental tours are by appointment, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You may visit the Elachee grounds unaccompanied during the daily park hours of 7 a.m. to dusk.

CALL: 770-535-1976

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About Elachee Rentals

Elachee Nature Science Center facilities are available for rental when not in use for nature-based education programs.

As a public education facility, Elachee does not alter programming schedules, close any portion of the Visitor Center or hiking trails to accommodate rentals.

The Elachee Board of Trustees reserves the right to review rental requests, and approve or deny the request of any group. The Board of Trustees and staff of Elachee retain the right to access the Elachee facilities during the time of rental.

Elachee is a private, independently owned and operated 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. For nearly 40 years, this premier SACS/AdvancED-accredited nature center has been instrumental in building environmental literacy for Georgians. Learn more at elachee.org.



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Weddings



Picture Perfect Venues

Featured locations are handicap accessible.

Dunlap/Armstrong Visitor Center Patio

This treasure, situated on the woodland side of the Elachee Visitor Center, is the most popular choice and largest space for weddings and receptions. Gather on the expansive outdoor patio that features a rock wall of native stone, unique architectural features and an incomparable view of the Chicopee Woods. After saying, "I Do," transform the space into a dance floor, seated dinner or cocktail buffet for a day or evening celebration. Rental includes use of the upper balcony.

CAPACITY: Up to 200

Geiger Pavilion

Exchange vows in this beautiful open air structure overlooking the Chicopee Woods. Adjacent to the Elachee Visitor Center, the Pavilion is suitable for smaller ceremonies and/or wedding receptions. This space is equipped with ceiling fans, lighting and electricity. Connected by a covered walkway, the Pavilion has easy access to Mundy Education Hall.

CAPACITY: Up to 100

The Knoll

This rustic outdoor amphitheatre offers an intimate wedding ceremony option. Its bench seating faces a wooden stage with an architectural 'window' feature that is set against grandeur of the Chicopee Woods. Situated between the Pavilion and Patio, Elachee has multiple options for accommodating an equally intimate or a larger reception.

CAPACITY: Up to 60

Mundy Education Hall

Ideal for smaller wedding receptions and rehearsal dinners, this indoor gathering space also features a covered porch and balcony with unfettered views of the Chicopee Woods, an adjacent catering kitchen and entry plaza, and AV capability.

CAPACITY: Up to 100

Wedding Packages

White Oak Package

Ceremony and Reception: Up to 200 Guests

Venue: Dunlap/Armstrong Visitor Center Patio

Base rental subject to guidelines, and also includes: use of Elachee Visitor Center upper balcony, patio-level catering kitchen, bridal party dressing area, 200 cushioned black metal folding chairs, 26 six-foot and 3 eight-foot rectangular tables.

White Oak Package Fee: \$3,900

Trillium Package

Ceremony and Reception: up to 100 Guests

Venue: Geiger Pavilion and Mundy Education Hall

Rental subject to guidelines and also includes: Use of catering kitchen, bridal party dressing area, 20 six-foot rectangular tables, 100 cushioned black metal chairs.

Trillium Package Fee: \$3,200

Dogwood Package

Knoll Ceremony: up to 60 Guests

Patio Reception: up to 200 Guests

Rental subject to guidelines and also includes: use of Elachee Visitor Center upper balcony, patio-level catering kitchen, bridal party dressing area, 200 cushioned black metal folding chairs, 26 six-foot and 3 eight-foot rectangular tables.

Dogwood Package Fee: \$3,700

Wild Azalea Package

Knoll Ceremony: up to 60 Guests

Pavilion and Mundy Hall Reception: up to 100 Guests

Rental subject to guidelines and also includes: Use of catering kitchen, bridal party dressing area, 20 six-foot rectangular tables, 100 cushioned black metal chairs.

Wild Azalea Package Fee: \$2,900

Rental Guidelines

Wedding rentals are Saturday or Sunday.

How Long is a Rental?

Event Day: All rental packages provide the wedding party a 12-hour 'day of' venue access.

Bride and Groom 'send off' no later than 10:30 p.m., with take-down/clean-up and departure by 11:30 p.m.

Ceremony Rehearsal: a 1.5-hour rehearsal will be scheduled Friday before the wedding between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

What Do Rental Packages Include?

- Refundable \$400 damage security deposit.
- Elachee will provide 'day of' event coordination and concierge services. *Wedding parties will be required to name a 'day of' wedding manager.*
- Two (2) vendor walk-through sessions (1 hour each) no later than 30 days prior the scheduled event.
- One (1) security officer* for 6 hours 'day of' event. **If serving alcohol, a second security officer is required, resulting in a minimum additional fee of \$250.*
- 'Day of' access to a bridal party dressing room.
- 'Day of' access to specified catering kitchen. *In accordance with GA Department of Health regulations, food may be re-heated, not prepared, in Elachee kitchens.*
- Use of specified Elachee tables/chairs. *If requested, Elachee will set up based upon an agreed upon site plan.*
- 'Day of' photography and videography access to the entire Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve.
- Permission for live music and/or DJ. Performers must provide their own sound equipment.

Renter Responsibilities

- Food, Beverages, Table Coverings and Decorations, Tableware, Floral Materials and Other Furniture
- Ice and Ice Storage
- No Smoking, No Pets
- No Live Flame Candles (flameless only), Rice, Tiki Torches, Balloons, Confetti, Luminaries, Sparklers, Fireworks or other Incendiary Devices

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