

BRUSHWOOD CENTER AT RYERSON WOODS

A Gathering Place in Nature



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Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods is the perfect place for an intimate celebration in nature. Nestled deep in the 565 acres of the tranquil wooded sanctuary of the Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area in Riverwoods, Illinois, we are only 25 miles from downtown Chicago but feel worlds away from the busyness of life. Experience the warmth and charm of the historic Ryerson estate with the benefits offered through the surrounding nature. The beauty, peace, and quiet of a pristine oak woodland is an idyllic backdrop to your special day.

SUSTAINABILITY:

As an environmental non-profit, sustainability is one of Brushwood Center's top priorities. We do all we can to reduce impact from our events and programming, and are perfectly suited to help you plan an eco-friendly event in nature.

Our Sustainability Practices

- We ensure that our preferred vendors compost all food scraps and recycle all containers
- We do not allow single-use plastics in any catering, decor, and floral arrangements
- We utilize non-toxic, eco-friendly cleaning supplies
- We compost waste from our programs and operations onsite
- Our environmental education programs for youth and families throughout Lake County foster a care for the environment in the next generation

Highlights of our Historic Site

- The Ryerson Family built Brushwood Center in 1942 largely using reclaimed materials, including our wide-planked hardwood floors and stunning brick exterior.
- We run a creative-reuse center out of the house, and to date have diverted over 5,000 pounds of art supplies from the landfill and provided supplies for non-profits, artists, educators and art therapists across the Chicago-land area.
- Our beautiful backyard garden features native, pollinator-friendly plants and is tended without any chemical pesticides or herbicides.
- Ryerson Woods is the traditional home and hunting grounds of the Potawatomi people. We acknowledge this site as indigenous land and the Potawatomi people as it's original caretakers, and work to honor their legacy through our environmental programming.



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WEDDING FEES / Fees include entire first floor of the home and the garden



Rehearsal (evening prior): Complimentary for first hour; \$500 each hour thereafter

Ceremony Only (5 hours within 9am-5pm): \$2,000

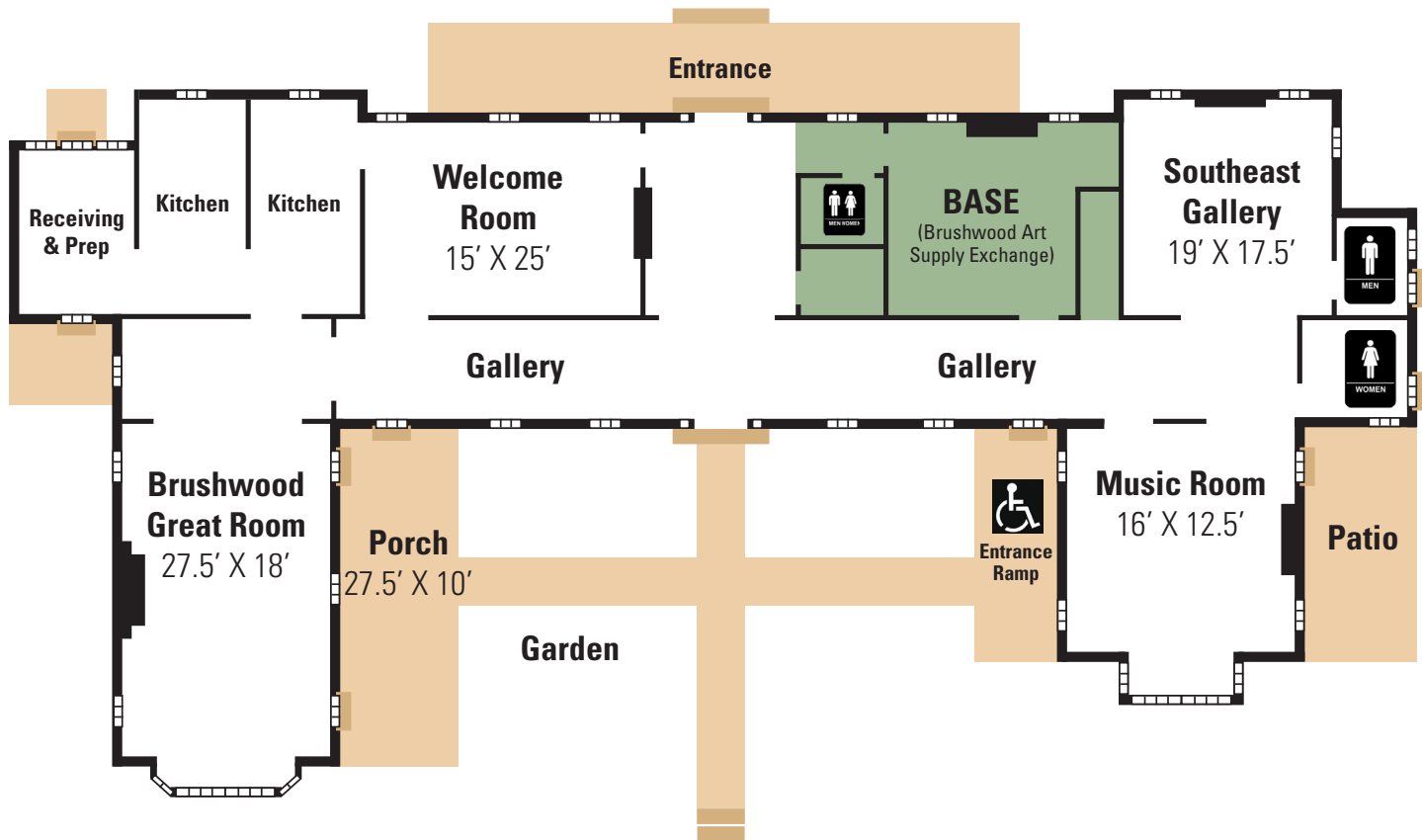
Ceremony and Reception (12 hours): \$4,500

Late Departure Fees on Wedding Day: \$500 per 15 minutes

VENUE CAPACITY



GATHERING SPACE	SQ. FT.	GUEST CAPACITY
The Brushwood Great Room	495	48 seated at tables / 50-65 lecture style
The Southeast Gallery	332	10-20 seated at tables
The Music Room	200	Suitable for small meetings of five or less
Brushwood Center (Entire Home)	2300	
Cocktail Reception Format		80-150
Open House Format		100-250
Tenting For larger groups, permitted tents may be used in the garden		





Located among pristine woodlands in the Ryerson historic home in Riverwoods, IL., Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods promotes the importance of nature for nurturing personal and community wellbeing, cultivating creativity, and inspiring learning. In doing so, we honor the legacy of those who came before us on this land and champion a region where people will care about and for nature.

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