

## Conservatory Garden Policies

Wedding & Photography

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**All permits are for 90 minutes from the start time indicated on the permit.** Late starts are not granted additional time. All preparation for the event must occur within the allotted 90 minutes.

**Use of the Center Lawn is prohibited to all visitors**, including wedding participants and guests during ceremonies. The Lawn may only be used for wedding photos and other permitted photo shoots. Ceremonies scheduled in the Center Garden should be conducted on the pergola, the pergola terraces, or near the fountain. Please avoid activity near the crabapple allées or the Vanderbilt Gate.

A wedding permit is not a rental agreement and **Garden visitors are allowed to enter the general area where a permitted event is taking place.** Members of the wedding party, or the wedding planner if applicable, should talk with the on-duty enforcement officers or Park Rangers to ask for visitor cooperation if needed. Generally, visitors are cooperative in steering clear of the immediate area of an event, but officers are present to assist if needed.

**Permit/ticket 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/ticket the ticket 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.

**The following are also prohibited in the Conservatory Garden:**

- Throwing rice, birdseeds, confetti, flowers petals, etc.
- Draping ribbons, rope, balloons, floral pieces, (other than bouquets) banners, etc. on trees, fences, benches or shrubs
- Alcohol and/or smoking
- Chairs, furniture, rugs, runners, tents, arches, etc.
- Amplified sound for music or audio equipment. *Acoustic instruments are allowed.*
- Use of drones
- Releasing birds or animals of any kind