PICNIC SHELTER

The picnic shelter is located in a wooded area near the 1876 town of Walnut Hill. The 30’x45’ open-air shelter includes electricity and picnic table seating for up to 200. You will find modern restrooms, water, and an outdoor stage nearby. It is available for rental May-October during our regular season, and can be reserved other dates by request.

WALNUT HILL GAZEBO & FLYNN MANSION PORCH

There are many outdoor options across our 500 acres that can serve as the ideal setting for your wedding. Popular choices include our Walnut Hill Gazebo and the front steps of the Victorian Flynn Mansion. We encourage you to tour the grounds with our knowledgeable staff to find the perfect spot to say, “I do!”.

DISCOUNTS

- 10% off for Living History Farms Members

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Property-wide rentals are available by special request.
- A non-refundable 50% deposit is due with your signed rental contract. Your deposit will be applied toward your total bill.
- A Living History Farms staff member will be on duty during your event.
- Rental fees include the setup and tear down of tables and chairs in each space, as well as trash removal.

FOOD & BEVERAGE INFO

- If you wish to serve food at your event, you may choose from our list of exclusive caterers. Contact our Community Events Manager for a current list at rentals@LHF.org or (515)278-5286 ext 126.
- Consuming alcohol on Living History Farms’ property during our regular operating hours (9am-4pm) from May 1 through October is prohibited. Outside of those hours, renters may offer bar service through a professional caterer, or the rental party must furnish a Certificate of Insurance naming Living History Farms as an additional insured, with respect to their general liability insurance.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To get started, please fill out a rental interest form on our website at www.LHF.org/AboutUs/Rentals, send an email to rentals@LHF.org, or call (515)278-5286 ext. 126 for more information.
WILLIAM G. MURRAY EDUCATION CENTER

The Murray Education Center is a unique, partially in-ground modern facility for classes, workshops, day retreats, showers, receptions, and reunions. The meeting room features a vaulted ceiling with a wall of southern windows. The spacious balcony overlooks a peaceful pond where deer, ducks, and Canadian geese often gather. The space also includes a lobby or registration area, a restroom, and a modern catering kitchen with commercial refrigerator and freezer, stove, and microwave.

The Education Center is not available from June-August due to Day Camp activities.

RENTAL DETAILS
Max Capacity: 115 theater style, 118 standing, or 55 seated at tables
- 8’x18” Tables
- Stacking Chairs
- 8’ Banquet Tables
- Easels
- Portable Projection Screen
- Modern Catering Kitchen
- Restrooms on site
- Wireless Internet

CHURCH OF THE LAND

Our “Prairie Gothic” Church is available year-round for weddings, baptisms, music recitals/programs, memorials, and church services. Located in the 1876 town of Walnut Hill, the church seats 130 people in its sanctuary.

You’ll also have access to a bridal dressing room, piano, pump organ, sound system, candelabras, hurricane lamps, and pew clips. The church is air-conditioned and heated.

Renters must reserve the church for a minimum of three hours for weddings, which includes a one hour rehearsal time (four hours total).

RENTAL DETAILS
Max Capacity: 130 seated, 152 total
- Bridal Dressing Room
- Piano & Pump Organ
- Sound System
- Candelabras
- Hurricane Lamps
- Pew Clips

VISITOR CENTER

Spacious, airy, and open, the Great Hall in the Visitor Center at Living History Farms features exposed beams, skylights, brick, inlaid wood, and windows looking out onto the 1876 town of Walnut Hill. The Great Hall’s French doors open to a stone courtyard surrounded by evergreen trees. The Great Hall is available evenings 4:30pm to midnight from May-October or throughout the day, 8:00am to midnight, from November-April. The Visitor Center is perfect for receptions, meetings, retreats, and graduation parties.

The adjoining Celebration Room is ideal for catering displays or for a private retreat that seats 50 people. The room features scenes of Living History Farms on the walls and a built-in 10-foot projector screen.

RENTAL DETAILS
Max Capacity: 156 seated at tables, or 330 standing/chairs only
- 8’ Banquet Tables
- 60” Round Tables
- Maroon Chairs
- Modern Catering Kitchen
- Vending Machines
- Restrooms on site
- Wireless Internet
- Complimentary Parking

FLYNN BARN

The Flynn Barn, built in 1871 alongside the stunning Flynn Mansion, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The barn is available to rent evenings from May-October, and at other times during the year by request. The barn doors on the west side open wide to 68”x61”. Mortise and tenon beams frame the open-beamed expanse above the white oak floor.

Electric barn lanterns fixed to the inside perimeter beams provide intimate lighting and modern restrooms are only a short walk away. Hard surface parking is available nearby at the Visitor Center.

The Flynn Barn is ideal for dinners, auctions, receptions, dances, graduation parties, and shows.

RENTAL DETAILS
Max Capacity: 160 seated at tables, or 280 standing/chairs only
- 8’ Banquet Tables
- 60” Round Tables
- 70” Round Tables
- Folding Chairs
- Electric Barn Lanterns

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RENTAL DETAILS
Max Capacity: 115 theater style, 118 standing, or 55 seated at tables
- 6’x18” Tables
- Stacking Chairs
- 8’ Banquet Tables
- Easels
- Portable Projection Screen
- Modern Catering Kitchen
- Restrooms on site
- Wireless Internet