

# **HOST AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT**

in a unique venue

The Marshall Steam Museum may be rented alone or in combination with other add-ons, making for a truly memorable occasion!

There is a 4-hour minimum rental period, which includes set-up and breakdown. If your reception itself is 4 hours, you will likely need to add 2–3 additional hours for set-up and clean-up.

By pre-arrangement, the rental may also include use of available folding tables. The museum has four 6-foot folding tables and two 4-footers available (for use *inside* the museum only), with patrons responsible for set-up and return of items to their original locations. Additional items may be rented or supplied by the renter. There may be additional fees for extraordinary set-up, removal or subsequent cleaning. More details are outlined in the event contract.

The facility may be rented on days when the museum is not open for public events or tours. Please inquire when selecting a date.

## Rental Fees

- \$750 for 4 hours (including set-up & clean-up); typical rental is 6 hours for \$950
- Add-ons are available with 4-hour museum rental

\$250 nonrefundable deposit required to secure a date



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Are there restrictions on decorations?

Decorations (such as floral arrangements, table settings, or centerpieces) are welcome but may not be placed in or on display cases or artifacts. Because the Marshall Steam Museum is an older building with historic collections, we ask that patrons be mindful and respectful of the displays when making their decorating plans. The space has some areas where banners may be hung or images displayed on a screen, so please inquire about these options, if interested.

All decorations must be removed at the end of the event and picked up by 5 pm on the next business day (*note*: *the museum is not open/staffed on Sundays*). No confetti, rice, birdseed, balloons, flammable props, or live animals are permitted.

## *Is photography allowed?*

Photography is encouraged, but all visitors must remain behind the stanchions to take photos. For an additional fee, patrons may add a photo-op experience; see the add-ons section for more information.

## May I serve food and/or hire a caterer?

Food may be served in pre-arranged locations; however, open flames are strictly prohibited, including sternos, chafing dishes or candles. Electrified heating units (crock pots and hot plates) are allowed, but please note that multiple units (in particular, coffeepots) will overload circuits if plugged in at the same location. Staff can advise on optimum positioning.

Patrons are responsible for supplying all food and beverages or arranging for any desired catering services. No refrigeration or kitchen facilities are available.

### How many guests does the museum hold?

The museum can accommodate up to 100 people for a standing reception and approximately 60 if seated at tables. The museum has four 6-foot folding tables and two 4-foot tables. Additional items must be rented or supplied by the renter.

## What happens if something is damaged or stolen?

Renters are responsible for any damage that occurs as a result of the event, including damage to the building, fixtures, equipment and personal property.

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# **ADD-ONS**



# Antique Auto Photo-Op

Allow guests to get in on the fun at your special event by including a photoop inside the museum! Guests will have the opportunity to don period hats, dusters (coats), and other props, climb into one of the museum's antique autos and snap a special "selfie."

### **Pricing**

\$500 for 1-hour photo session (with minimum 4-hour museum rental). A museum attendant will assist guests in safely climbing in/out of the vehicle and will remain present for the 1-hour photo-op activity.

#### Vehicle Selection

The museum will identify the vehicle to be used, typically a 4-door touring car that can withstand repeated use. We apologize that the more delicate Packards and other museum autos are not suitable for use with photo-ops.

#### Other Rules

- Food and drink are not permitted inside the vehicle.
- Guests are responsible for taking all photos and must remain within the area designated for photos to prevent injury or damage to other collection vehicles.
- Guests must adhere to the direction of the attendant to assure their safety and the security of the vehicle.

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# **CAR or TRAIN RIDES**



# **Private Rides**

Add the magic of an antique car or train ride to your event! These 1-hour experiences make any event memorable.

Base rate includes a single automobile or the diesel-style locomotive. At least one responsible adult must accompany every three children under the age of 12 on the train, and due to the limited size of the train seats, these rides may not be suitable for passengers over 250 pounds.

All rides must end at dusk.

Antique Car or Train Rides
\$750
\$1,000
\$1,500
\$2,000

**Additional locomotive or steam car:** \$600, dependent on availability of vehicle and qualified operator.

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# **ADD-ONS**



# Tours & More

#### **Marshall Mansion Tours**

\$8/person

Add some local history to your event! Home to three generations of the Marshall family, Auburn Heights includes the fully furnished Queen Annestyle mansion, built in 1897. Treat guests to tours through the historic home at \$8 per person with museum rental.

The following are available only as add-ons with museum rental or rides.

#### Steam Car Firing-Up Demonstration

\$250

Dependent on availability of vehicle and qualified operator. Let us show your guests how we set a steam car in motion. Demo typically takes 30 to 45 minutes and is often paired with steam car rides (the car that is fired up is then used for rides).

### Cretors Vintage Popper & Popcorn

\$250

Dependent on availability of qualified operator. Treat your guests to the best popcorn they'll ever taste with 60 minutes of fresh-popped kernels from our restored 1936 popper (quantity based on one bag per guest up to 150 guests).

#### **Contact Information**

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