



MAKE YOUR EVENT A PART OF LOCAL HISTORY

The area around Lake Kenosha abounds with historical facts as well as legendary lore. In the early 1700s, local Indians valued the slope of the lake as a campsite from which they utilized the rich life of the lake for food. Even today, Indian artifacts and signs of their settlements can still be found.

Inspired by a trip to England, Dr. James R. Nichols began building the Winnekenni Castle in 1873. An educated physician, Dr. Nichols was known for authoring novels and articles for medical journals, inventing pharmaceutical drugs and hot air furnaces, improvements to the soda fountain, and eventually for experimenting with chemical fertilizers.

Completed in 1875 and built of stone from the surrounding grounds, Dr. Nichols called his summer home "Winnekenni Castle" from the Algonquin term for "very beautiful." The Castle covers about 3500 sq. ft. and rises approx. 250 ft. above lake level. In Dr. Nichols' day, the uppermost level of the Castle boasted a view of 17 towns, three counties, three states and three lakes. Today, more than 200 acres of conservation land and nine miles of foot trails surround the Castle.

In 1895, the property was sold to the city of Haverhill for recreational use. Until about 1920, the Castle was host to social and recreational events. Over time, it became little used and eventually was boarded up.

In 1967, the Castle sustained the final of multiple fires, which completely destroyed the interior and the roof. The Castle was left a mere shell of its former glory. In 1968, several citizens were moved to action and formed the non-profit Winnekenni Foundation, Inc. to renovate the Castle, and maintain and operate the site as a cultural center and venue for public and private events.



DIRECTIONS

WINNEKENNI CASTLE

Located on Castle Road in the Winnekenni Park at 347 Kenosha Avenue, Haverhill, Massachusetts

From Route 495, use exit 52 (Rt. 110). Turn west into Haverhill (a right turn from the north, a left turn from the south). The entrance to Winnekenni Park is approximately one mile ahead on the left. Enter the Park through the stone-pier gateway. Keeping left at the fork by the tennis courts, proceed straight into the woods. The long, winding roadway leads directly uphill to the Castle.

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WINNEKENNI CASTLE

Catch the Enchantment!

Make your event a part of history by celebrating at a turn-of-the-century stone Castle overlooking Lake Kenosha in Winnekenni Park, Haverhill, Mass.



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PERFECT FOR ANY OCCASION

Winnekenni Castle provides a unique and enchanting setting for you to design your very own “dream come true!” The Castle and grounds offer elegance and simplicity along with the flexibility that welcomes your own personal touch.

The Castle is available to rent for private and public events from 9:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m., mid-April through late September and from early November through mid-December. The Castle is not available during October and is closed throughout the winter season.

The Castle consists of two main seating areas. The Great Hall hosts up to 100 row-seated guests or 80 banquet-seated guests, while the balcony seats an additional 30-50 guests.

Please keep in mind the Castle’s outer lawn area is public space and is often host to picnics and recreational activities. Such visitors, however, generally respect private Castle functions.

MODERN AMENITIES IN A HISTORIC SETTING

The Castle highly recommends its “preferred” full-service caterer and can connect you with event managers and an array of varied service providers. The Castle’s professional bartending service must be hired for any alcohol to be permitted. There are no restrictions regarding your selection of catering services and other providers.

The Castle provides tables and chairs for 140 guests for indoor and patio use. You may privately rent furnishings for outdoor purposes.

A baby grand piano graces the Great Hall of the Castle. You may contract a professional musician to play the piano, but the piano shall otherwise remain covered and locked. The piano is tuned annually and additional tuning expenses will be the responsibility of the renter.

A galley kitchen provides space for storing, heating, chilling and washing. A range and refrigerator are available. You will need to furnish all other appliances, utensils and supplies as needed.



AFFORDABLE RATES MAKE RENTING CONVENIENT

Prime Rates (Fri., Sat., Sun., holidays): \$200 per hour
(two-hour minimum booking)

Off-Peak Rates (Mon.-Thur.): \$200 per four hour block

After purchasing five prime rental hours, any additional consecutive hours are discounted to a half-price rental rate of \$100 per hour.

Please call for special non-profit organization rates.

A formal reservation requires an authorized contract with a minimum down payment* of 50 percent of your indicated rental amount and any additional fees, plus the applicable security deposit** (\$100-\$250).

Please remember, down payments, rental fees, security deposits and miscellaneous fees are non-refundable if you cancel your event for any reason.

Additional Charges:

Cold season surcharge: \$75.00 (April, Nov. and Dec.)

Income-generating events: Call for pricing

Balcony usage: Call for pricing

Other services (decorating, table dressing, post-event packing): Call for pricing

Bartending and related services: Call for pricing

* Your security deposit is returned by mail 4-6 weeks after event date provided there are no infractions, damages or cancellations.

** Your rental fee and all other charges are due in full 90 days prior to your event and are non-refundable.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

Wedding rentals include a 45 minute courtesy rehearsal. Please contact the Castle approximately two weeks prior to the event for scheduling purposes. Rehearsal times scheduled in advance are subject to charge.



“Courtesy Access” for your personal set-up is permitted during the one hour directly preceding your rented hours. All additional time must be rented. You must be fully-vacated at the conclusion of your purchased hours so be sure to carefully consider decorating plans and set-up/breakdown time needed (including that of your caterer and other providers).

Caterers must contact the Castle in advance to review their plans. In addition, an onsite visit is required if your caterer has not worked at the Castle recently.

All set-up, decorating and activity plans must be fully disclosed and approved by the Castle staff. Holes shall not be made in any surface. Tape of any kind and open-flame candles are not permitted.

All deliveries and pick-ups must be coordinated with the Castle staff. No storage is available.

Please remember that smoking is prohibited and alcohol is permitted by making special advance arrangements only.

BOOK YOUR EVENT TODAY

Please call to speak with a Castle representative regarding your plans and to determine facility availability.

Reservations: (978) 521-1686
Castle Visits: (978) 521-1230