



Educating for Today...Preserving for Tomorrow

Join nature's harmony of light, trees, and breezes as you celebrate your special day. Elachee offers affordable charm and atmosphere for your outdoor or indoor wedding.

Weddings, receptions, rehearsal dinners, bridal showers, business retreats, corporate functions and more!

Elachee Nature Science Center is a public education facility. When not being used for programs, our facilities are available for rent.

Our primary mission is environmental education with school children and families. The preserve is open to the public daily from 8 am-dusk.

Rental Tours are by appointment only Monday-Saturday. You may visit the grounds unaccompanied during the daily park hours of 8 am until dusk.

### Directions

Elachee is located just South of Gainesville, GA and 17 minutes north of the Mall of Georgia. Take I-985 to Exit 17, Oakwood

**Elachee Nature Science Center**  
**2125 Elachee Drive**  
**Gainesville, GA 305054**  
**770/535-1976 [www.elachee.org](http://www.elachee.org)**  
**Special Features:**

- The location offers a magnificent 1,500-acre protected nature preserve with shady woodland trails, beautiful wildflowers, native plants, and the trill of birdsong in the air.
- The charm of the nature area is the focus at Elachee, so elaborate decorations are not necessary. Our rental areas look their best with simple decorations.
- Choice of your caterer or your family to reheat food for your event.
- The designs of our rental areas are unique, allowing flexibility to create how your event will be set up.
- Easy access to I-985 and I-85 and close to accommodations in downtown Gainesville, Oakwood and neighboring Gwinnett County.

### Abbreviated Guidelines

Elachee Rental Includes/Permits:

- 8 hours of rental time including event setup and breakdown/clean-up
- Rectangular tables and folding chairs as stated in guidelines
- Choice of caterers and use of catering kitchen (In accordance with Health Department Regulations, no food can be *prepared* in Elachee's kitchens, however food *can* be re-heated. Alcohol is permitted.)
- Photography access to entire preserve
- Bridal Suite
- Staff member available on site to answer questions and assist
- Live music and DJs at events are permissible

Renter Responsibilities/Restrictions:

- Table coverings/decorations, tableware, food, floral materials, additional furniture. Renters are responsible for ice and ice storage.
- No smoking anywhere on premises
- No balloons, confetti, tiki torches, luminaries or other incendiary devices (candles must be enclosed in tall glass containers and must be approved by the Facility Rental Coordinator)
- All renters, caterers, and guests must be off the premises by the contracted time or no later than 12 midnight
- Security staffing is required for all events
- Sorry - NO proms, teen parties, concerts, fundraisers, ticketed or political events

### **Patio/Outdoor Balcony**

300-350 Guests

26 – 6’ Rectangular Tables, 3-8’ Rectangular Tables, 150 Brown Folding Chairs.

\$1600 +\$400 refundable damage deposit+ security staff fees.

Our most popular spot and largest area for weddings, receptions and larger corporate parties. The beautiful setting includes a rock wall of native stone overlooking the woods, the sound of a rushing stream nearby, and a lovely dry stream bed with large boulders and picturesque bridge creating an enchanting spot for photos. Rental of this space includes use of the adjacent catering kitchen, classroom, upper balconies, plus one separate room to use as a bridal suite. Handicapped accessible.

### **Education Hall & Pavilion**

50-150 Guests

20-6’ Rectangular Tables, 110 Black Folding Chairs.

\$1100+\$400 refundable damage deposit +security staff fees.

The Education Hall is a beautifully constructed meeting space with a large, open layout, covered deck overlooking the woods, wildlife artwork, and total climate control. Adjacent and connected via a covered wooden walkway is the Pavilion, a covered, open air structure with unique architecture and a view of the woods with ceiling fans, lighting, and electricity. Used in combination the Education Hall and Pavilion make a wonderful location for business meetings, training events, rehearsal dinners, anniversary parties and smaller weddings. Includes use of catering kitchen, deck and entrance plaza. Handicapped accessible.

### **Education Hall**

60-100 Guests

20-6’ Rectangular Tables, 110 Folding Black Chairs.

\$650 or \$150/hour + \$300 refundable damage deposit + security staff fees.

### **Pavilion**

45-60 Guests

20-6’ Rectangular Tables, 110 Back Folding Chairs.

\$550 or \$100/hour + \$300 refundable damage deposit +security staff fees.

### **Open Air Classroom**

200-325 Guests

20 – 6’ Rectangular Tables, 110 Black Folding Chairs

\$750 + \$300 refundable damage deposit + security staff fees.

A unique combination of outdoor yet covered space, this large open area looks out into the woods as you descend the steps. Ceiling fans, a painted nature mural on the walls, and a pleasant rock garden provide great atmosphere. A perfect site for a corporate party, anniversary, or wedding reception. Includes use of upstairs catering kitchen. Handicapped accessible.

### **Classroom**

60-75 Guests

26-6’ Rectangular Tables, 150 Brown Folding Chairs

\$75/hour + \$150 refundable damage deposit +security staff fees

Just off the patio area, a space to conduct a smaller meeting, training session or smaller family parties. Your guests can enjoy the ambiance of the patio and surrounding woods before your event. Includes use of adjacent catering kitchen. Handicapped accessible.

