

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **When renting the Historical Grounds Package, what time can the event begin?**

Evening events may begin immediately after the park closes at 5:00pm. Music must be turned off no later than 11:00pm and all guests must leave by 11:30pm.

## **Is there an indoor option at Deering Estate?**

Yes, you can host an intimate ceremony in the historical and elegant Great Hall with black-and-white checkered floors and crystal chandeliers, or transport your guests back in time and allow your guest to immerse themselves in the history of the Stone House during your cocktail reception as they stroll through the first and second floors. The Historical Stone House is available as a ceremony-only package for small ceremonies of 80 guests or less (60 guests when holiday decorations are installed) or as an add-on to the Historical Grounds Package.

## **Are wedding ceremonies allowed at the Deering Estate?**

Yes, ceremony-only rentals are available Monday-Friday. The Historical Grounds ceremony rental includes the use of your choice of one outdoor space, such as the Grand Lawn overlooking Biscayne Bay, the Courtyard, bordered by only for two hours and thirty minutes between 5:00pm and 11:00pm.

## **Are wedding rehearsals permitted?**

Yes, rehearsals must be scheduled with the Special Events staff and are limited to 30 guests.

## **Can I bring my own catering or other services to Deering Estate?**

Yes, Deering Estate is just the venue and gives you the flexibility to bring in your own specially selected team of outside vendors, such as caterers, florists, decorations, and other service providers— you can customize and create the event you have always dreamed of! While you are welcome to use whichever companies you would like, we do have some caterers/vendors listed in our Resource Guide that have worked with us in the past and are familiar with our rules and regulations.

## **What are the event set-up, clean-up, and breakdown requirements at the Deering Estate?**

Set-up: Set-up may begin in the Historical Grounds at 12:00 noon. If the Stone House add-on is part of your rental, set-up may begin in the first floor of the Stone House three

hours before the scheduled event's start time. Tent set-up must take place the morning of the event and must be completed before the park opens to the public. Please contact Deering Estate's Special Event Coordinator for tent set-up specifications.

Clean-up: Caterer is responsible for clean-up during and after the event. When permittee caters his or her own event, permittee assumes the responsibility of the caterer.

Break-down: The Estate must be cleaned, gates closed and secured one hour after the scheduled end time. All items placed on the Estate property (tables, chairs, decorations, etc.) must be removed the night of the event.

**In the case of inclement weather, what happens to an outdoor wedding?**

For weddings or events with the Historical Grounds Package, tents may be set-up in most outdoor event areas. The Special Events Coordinator must be notified if the permittee chooses to have a tent three days in advance.

**How can I reserve a date for my event?**

In order to reserve your desired date, we require: a signed Facility Rental Permit, signed Rules and Regulations, and a rental deposit consisting of 50% of the Base Rental Fee, 50% of the Additional Guest Fee, 50% of the Staff Fee, and the applicable sales tax.