



## VENUE RENTAL GUIDE

**MDC** MUSKOKA  
DISCOVERY  
CENTRE

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# Host Your Next Event at the MDC!

The Muskoka Discovery Centre is a unique, year-round venue that offers an unforgettable backdrop for your special event. Picture your guests celebrating amidst rare artifacts, vintage wooden boats, a full-scale replica of the iconic *R.M.S. Segwun*, and a host of other captivating exhibits.

Since opening in 2006, the Centre has become a sought-after destination for a wide range of events — from corporate functions and conferences to galas, celebrations, film screenings, and kids' birthday parties. With multiple versatile rental spaces available, we can accommodate events of all sizes and styles:

- The Great Hall is ideal for larger events, this bright and spacious venue features high ceilings, beautiful natural light, and waterfront access. It can be arranged in banquet-style seating for up to 200 guests, theatre-style for 112, or configured as a market space. Now featuring a brand-new 16 x 9 foot LED screen, perfect for presentations, video displays, digital backdrops, or promotional content that will captivate your guests.
- The Greavette Room is a flexible, private space perfect for smaller gatherings, workshops, meetings, or children's birthday parties. Located near the KidZone play area, it's a convenient choice for family-friendly events. The Greavette Room can also be rented alongside the Great Hall — collapsible doors open to create a bar area, dance floor, or extended market space.
- Additional spaces available for rent include the Rendezvous Room, a private, flexible space ideal for meetings, workshops, interviews, and intimate gatherings; *Evolving Muskoka* and *Misko-Aki*, dynamic exhibits perfect for cocktail parties and small celebrations; and the historic *Wanda III* (20-30 guests), available for elegant sailings in August and September.

Please feel free to contact us anytime for more information or to schedule a private tour of the Muskoka Discovery Centre. We look forward to helping you bring your vision to life!

Kind Regards,



Pat Durrant  
Muskoka Discovery Centre





# The Great Hall

## Your Event in the Great Hall

The Great Hall is a bright, spacious, and versatile venue ideal for larger events. It can be configured in a variety of layouts to suit your needs, including banquet-style seating for up to 200 guests, theatre seating for 112, or a flexible market-style setup. Whether you're hosting a conference, wedding reception, gala, or private celebration, this space is fully equipped to bring your event vision to life.

### Room Features:

- All standard round tables or rectangular tables and chairs
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Sound system, microphone, and podium
- 16 x 9 foot LED screen available for an extra fee

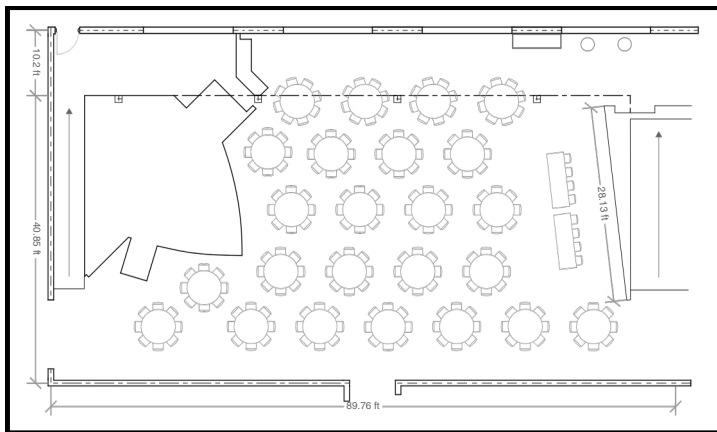
### Rental Rates

Capacity 200, hours within 9 AM to 11 PM

	2025 Rates	2026 Rates	2027 Rates
Non-Profit Subsidized	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,300
Resident Subsidized	\$1,650	\$1,800	\$1,950
Standard	\$2,200	\$2,400	\$2,600
Wedding	\$3,300	\$3,600	\$3,900

All rates are based on 8 hours per event, if additional hours are required for the event and/or for set up, a fee of \$125 per hour plus staffing will be added based on the needs of the client. Additional fees will be charged for hours outside of hours noted.

Rental rate includes space, tables & chairs (onsite inventory), and 2 staff (manager and security) all other items such as linens, dinnerware, glassware, decor, and catering are additional.



**The Great Hall - Banquet Style Seating**





# Greavette Room

## Your Event in the Greavette Room

The Greavette Room is an intimate and adaptable space ideal for smaller-scale events. Perfect for meetings, workshops, private gatherings, and children’s birthday parties, it offers a welcoming atmosphere with the flexibility to accommodate a variety of setups. Located just a staircase from our interactive KidZone play area, it’s a convenient and engaging option for family-focused celebrations. With its quiet ambiance and private setting, the Greavette Room is a versatile choice for both professional and casual events.

This room can also be rented in conjunction with the Great Hall. Collapsible doors open to seamlessly connect the two spaces, allowing the Greavette Room to serve as a private bar area, dance floor, or an extension of your market or dining layout. With its quiet ambiance and private setting, the Greavette Room is a versatile choice for both professional and casual events.

## Room Features:

- All standard round tables or rectangular tables and chairs
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Sound system, microphone, podium, pull-down projector screen, HDMI cables

## Rental Rates

Capacity 60, hours within 9 AM to 11 PM

	2025 Rates	2026 Rates	2027 Rates
Non-Profit Subsidized	\$275	\$300	\$325
Resident Subsidized	\$450	\$500	\$550
Standard	\$625	\$700	\$775

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Rental rate includes space, tables & chairs (onsite inventory), and 2 staff (manager and security) all other items such as linens, dinnerware, glassware, decor, and catering are additional.





# Other Spaces Available

## Rendezvous Room

The Rendezvous Room is a quiet, versatile space designed for smaller-scale professional events. Ideal for corporate meetings, interviews, workshops, and private gatherings, it offers a comfortable and focused atmosphere with flexible layout options, including boardroom and theatre-style setups. Located on the second floor, this private room provides a convenient and discreet setting — perfect for productive sessions away from distractions. With its calm ambiance and adaptable design, the Rendezvous Room is an excellent choice for any business or professional function.



## Evolving Muskoka

Host your next intimate gathering or celebration in a space that tells a story. Evolving Muskoka: Life on the Edge of the Shield provides a compelling backdrop, showcasing the region's rapid transformation over the past 250 years—from untouched wilderness to thriving towns and cottage communities. The exhibit explores Muskoka's development through stages of conflict, innovation, and growth.

Perfect for cocktail parties or small celebrations, this unique space offers atmosphere, history, and conversation all in one.

## Misko-Aki

Host your next cocktail party or small celebration in a truly unique setting. Misko-Aki: Confluence of Cultures offers a stunning and meaningful backdrop, showcasing over 10,000 years of Indigenous presence in Muskoka. Created by Indigenous elders, scholars, and linguists. The space takes guests on a metaphoric canoe journey through the region's rich history.

Perfect for intimate gatherings, Misko-Aki blends culture, storytelling, and atmosphere for an unforgettable event experience.



## Wanda III

For those looking to add an extra touch of elegance to their celebration, we are pleased to offer the *Wanda III* as a venue. The *Wanda III*, with a capacity of 20-30 guests, is the perfect venue for an intimate rehearsal dinner, cocktail reception, or pre-wedding celebration.

Available for sailing in August and September, the *Wanda III* provides the perfect backdrop for your special event.

**For more information about other spaces available for rental and rental rates, please contact us at [mdc@realmuskoka.com](mailto:mdc@realmuskoka.com).**





# Rental Information & Packages

## Your Event Rental Includes:

- The expertise of our experienced event coordinator and dedicated staff to ensure everything runs smoothly.
- Event coordinator and staff available throughout the duration of your event.
- Liquor license, bartenders, and all bar supplies to cater to your beverage needs.
- Security personnel for the evening to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all guests.
- Full setup and takedown, including your décor items to personalize your event.
- All standard round tables or rectangular tables and chairs to accommodate your guests comfortably.

## Staff Chargeback Rates

	Rate
Set-up Staff	\$20/hour
Event Staff	\$25/hour
Tour Guides	\$25/hour
Custodian	\$30/hour
Manager	\$40/hour
Indigenous Interpreter	\$50/hour

## Packages

### Birthday Party Package

**\$300 + HST**

The Birthday Party Package includes:

- Accommodations for a maximum of 20 guests
- One hour in Kidzone with a play specialist OR a tour through the museum
- One hour in the Greavette Room
- An organized activity run by MDC staff
- Pizza can be ordered for an additional fee, or you're welcome to bring your own food
- Access 30 minutes before your rental to set up. Please note the museum does not provide decor or supplies.

**To learn more about additional special packages or custom options, please contact us at [mdc@realmuskoka.com](mailto:mdc@realmuskoka.com)**





# Testimonials

*"We had our ceremony and reception at the Muskoka Discovery Centre. My mother had surprised me and contacted Jeffrey Crawford of Crawford Creative Event Drapery to drape the whole museum wall in white and fairy lights, with beautiful white chair covers, and a fairy tale aisle runner. They completed transformed the museum space not once, but twice... The immediate surroundings of the museum were perfect for photos... There was more than enough parking for our guests, and some guests were able to book rooms at the Marriott Residence Inn next door for an easy trip to bed for the night."*

**— Muskoka, ON**

*"We held a "Celebration of Life" for my sister-in-law on the premises. The staff were very helpful and took exceptionally good care of us. The celebration went very well as it offered venues for friends and family to get together and remember good times. The added attractions of the very well preserved boats and the proximity of the water were very fitting as she was definitely a water person, spending as much time at the lake as she could. The "kids' zone" helped keep them occupied, too, as it was very much a family gathering. Estimates were close to 200 people and because of the layout and the open spaces were not all crowded together. I highly recommend the attraction for the features and rich history of the region, and if you need a unique place for a gathering, definitely consider it.."*

**— Toronto, ON**

*"We held an event at the Discovery Centre, and they were great. Great location, great set up, easy to coordinate with. The facilities are lovely, location is easy to get to, right on the water."*

**— Caledon, ON**

*"Thank you for your exceptional customer service and stunning facility. The event was a resounding success in part from your contribution. Thank you."*

**— Camping in Ontario**

*"I can't say enough about how great our experience was, taking part in the Christmas Market and the Summer Pop-ups at the Muskoka Discovery Centre. The staff were wonderfully helpful and accommodating. We are looking forward to setting up in this year's Pop-ups and the Christmas Market."*

**— MarshMellow**

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