

Rutherford House Event Guide

Nestled on Saskatchewan Drive along the beautiful river valley, Rutherford House Provincial Historic Site is the perfect location for your special event. From the warm environment of this century-old home to the gracious hospitality carried forward from the Rutherford family, you and your guests are sure to feel right at home.

When you book your private event at Rutherford House, you'll enjoy all the beauty of a quality event without all the fuss. That's because our venue speaks for itself—so there's no need to bring in extra décor (unless you want to, of course). Rich dark woods, large open rooms, and a grand staircase are just some of the features that make Rutherford House the ideal backdrop for any event.

Book your next event now by contacting us at Rutherford.House@gov.ab.ca.



Private Venue Hours

Rutherford House Provincial Historic Site operates as a museum daily until 5:00pm, so all private events must take place after 5:30pm. To allow our event team to prepare the space for your event, they will require a half hour for setup between 5:00 and 5:30pm. Due to the limited storage space onsite, all catering, décor and other event deliveries must arrive after 5:00pm.

We are happy to discuss these details with you further during your walk-through or before booking your event.

Guest Capacities

Rutherford House Provincial Historic Site can accommodate up to 20 guests for seated dinners, and up to 55 guests for cocktail receptions. Since each event is unique, we are happy to meet with you beforehand for a walk-through of the venue and discuss your individual needs. To book a walk-through, please contact Rutherford.House@gov.ab.ca.

Parking

There are eight complimentary parking stalls for use directly in front of the house for your guests. Additional parking is available along Saskatchewan Drive, as well as at the University of Alberta parking lot N & U from 90th avenue and 111th street, just around the corner. Please note: payment will be required to park in these areas. Parking is not permitted in the back area of the house.



Rates & Services

Booking rates include full access to the public areas of the Rutherford House and its grounds for up to three (3) hours, along with 30 minutes of setup and teardown at the beginning and end of your event. Our event staff will be responsible for setting up all tables, chairs, linens and the bar area.

If additional hours are needed, we can add them on at a rate of \$150 per hour. If additional hours are requested after the booking has been finalized, the rate will be \$200 per hour, and will be subject to the availability of the House and event staff.

Simple Event: \$475.00

This booking package can accommodate up to 55 guests, and applies to events that require no catering and minimal setup.

Small Event: \$600.00

This booking package can accommodate up to 20 guests, and applies to events that require catering services.*

Large Event: \$800.00

This booking package can accommodate up to 55 guests, and applies to events that require catering services.*

*Please note that Vintage Fork at Rutherford House provides catering and/or liquor services for any event that takes place onsite. Catering costs are above and beyond the rental fee, and will be arranged and invoiced separately through Vintage Fork.

Payment Schedule

Once your contract has been signed, and your booking confirmed, you will be sent a deposit invoice for 50% of your event fee. This will include any additional hours you may require. This deposit is refundable up to three months prior to your event date.

You will also be sent a balance invoice for the remainder owing, which will be due no less than three weeks prior to your event. This payment is non-refundable.

A check or bank draft will be required for a \$200 damage deposit, which will not be charged unless damages incur.

All payments must be processed onsite. We only accept cheques, debit or cash. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact us at Rutherford.House@gov.ab.ca.

Frequently Asked Questions

How far in advance do we need to book?

We suggest booking events at least 3-6 months in advance. This allows us to properly plan your event, and provides more likelihood that your requested date will be available—especially during peak seasons. Approvals will need to be granted from both Rutherford House and onsite Government of Alberta representatives, and a contract will need to be signed to finalize the booking.

Do you provide catering and bar services?

Yes. Vintage Fork at Rutherford House caters and provides bar services for all events booked at Rutherford House.

Is a liquor license required?

Vintage Fork's liquor license covers all bar services for your event.

What services will I be responsible for?

Rutherford House provides use of the house, along with setup and tear down of tables, chairs and linens, and catering services (including glassware, dinnerware, etc.), liquor services and licensing. Music, photography, additional décor and any AV equipment you may require are your responsibility.

Can we decorate?

Yes, but there are restrictions, which are provided in depth on the Guidelines page of this booklet.

Is the house wheelchair accessible?

Yes, there is a handicap parking stall at the front of the house, which connects to a ramp that leads to the front entrance. Once inside, we have an elevator guests can use to get to the washrooms, which are downstairs. The second floor, however, does not have access to the elevators.



Guidelines

The following regulations shall apply for the safety and protection of the public, historic buildings, the artifacts/furnishings contained therein, and the facility grounds, as well as the enjoyment of the guests. Any questions or concerns can be made to Rutherford.House@gov.ab.ca.

- Candles are prohibited.
- All dark red/purple beverages - including red wine, Rosé, and grape juice - are not allowed.
- Smoking is not allowed inside the house.
- Alcohol is prohibited outside the house and in the gardens, as well as being limited to the main floor.
- Pets are not allowed in the house or in the gardens, excluding service animals.
- The following decorations and materials are prohibited: glitter, confetti, flower petals, streamers, potpourri, sparklers, sand, rice, and asparagus fern.
- To secure any décor, please refrain from using tape, staples, wire, nails, tacks, glue or similar damaging materials.
- String and ribbon are permitted, and we recommend discussing all décor arrangements with the House event coordinator prior to your event.
- Only the House Personnel can use or handle house furnishings, equipment and/or artifacts, including blinds and drapes.
- Due to the volume of artifacts in the house, dancing is not allowed.
- Photos cannot be used for commercial purposes without prior written consent of Rutherford House Provincial Historic Site.
- Sitting in the historic bathtub is prohibited.
- House Personnel reserves the right to restrict the photographing of certain artifacts, so if you're unsure, just ask.
- House Personnel also reserves the right to prohibit access to areas of the house such as the attic, offices, and gift shop.
- Any leftover food from the event must be packaged in containers brought by the client or catering company.

Any violation of the House Regulations and Guidelines will result in the immediate termination of the contract and cancellation of the event.

Ready to book?

To proceed with booking the Rutherford House for your event, please email Rutherford.House@gov.ab.ca with your desired date, and one of our event team members will be in touch within 3-5 business days.



Rutherford House Provincial Historic Site was the home of the first Premier of Alberta, Alexander Cameron Rutherford. In 1911, A.C. Rutherford and his wife Mattie moved into this beautiful brick mansion near the university campus. The family entertained friends, relatives and influential Edmontonians for more than a generation. Today, this restored and furnished Post-Edwardian style home maintains the Rutherford tradition of hospitality and offers visitors a glimpse into the past with costumed interpreters, guided tours, and special events.

Visit Rutherford House at 11153 Saskatchewan Drive NW.
