

Location

On the square in historic downtown Lawrenceville, the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse is convenient to Briscoe Field and Highway 316. Free parking in a covered parking deck and a variety of dining options are both within easy walking distance.

From Atlanta, take I-85 North to GA-316 East towards Lawrenceville/Athens. Take Exit 5 turning right onto GA-120 toward Lawrenceville. Continue 1.6 miles onto West Crogran Street. The Courthouse is located on your left.

From Gainesville, take I-985 to Exit 4, GA-20 (Buford Drive). Turn left onto GA-20 and continue for 9.7 miles. Continue on Jackson Street. Turn right onto W Pike Street. The Courthouse is located a few blocks down on your left.

Accessories

Table linens, chair covers, centerpieces and décor are available to accent your special event. Rental pricing includes set-up and removal of accessory items. Complete list of rental items provided upon request.



The History

Beautifully nestled in the heart of downtown Lawrenceville, the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse offers one of a kind beauty. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this landmark's rich history began in 1821, only two years after the County itself was established. The first courthouse on the square burned in 1871. A second building was hastily constructed only to be dismantled a few years later to make way for the present building. The Courthouse was designed by a prominent Baltimore architect, E.G. Lind in 1885 and was Gwinnett's first building constructed after the Civil War.

As the county grew, the old Courthouse underwent numerous alterations to accommodate employees. In 1988, County government moved to modern facilities on Langley Drive and restoration immediately began on the Historic Courthouse to revive it to its originally glory.

Due to alterations throughout the years, the interior had to be recreated by architects. The geometrical designs found on the original banisters were used to recreate the wooden door frames, moldings and wainscot found throughout the Courthouse. Nine fireplaces were rediscovered, and the arches of the palladian windows in the Courtroom were uncovered.



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Gazebo

The charming gazebo is bordered by a manicured garden providing the perfect backdrop to host an intimate party, set-up a band or exchange wedding vows. The surrounding area for guest seating is under a stately oak.

- Gazebo capacity: 50 seated
- Gazebo lawn theater capacity: 200 seated



Turret

The historic turret provides the perfect backdrop and photo opportunity to make events unique. Brides can toss the bouquet; couples can share a romantic moment or you can create a lasting memory with a photo location package.



Lawn

Everything from festivals to films can be held on the spacious grounds in the center of the historic square. Featuring open green spaces, comfortable shaded areas and an outdoor restroom building, your guests are sure to enjoy the experience.

- Festival capacity: 3,000 standing
- East Lawn theater capacity: 150 seated

Kitchen

Your caterer will enjoy the convenience of the newly renovated prep kitchen. An industrial refrigerator, triple sink, warming oven, two industrial microwaves, ice machine and ample counter space will accommodate their needs. An additional walk-in refrigerator is available on the lower level as well.

Superior Court Ballroom

Dramatic 24' ceilings, tall Palladian windows, vintage chandeliers and rich woodwork make this the perfect venue for galas, receptions, corporate functions and holiday parties. A built-in dance floor, in-house sound and an adjacent pre-function area are the hallmarks of the carefully renovated 2,800 square foot ballroom. The former judge's bench serves as the perfect band stand, wedding cake display or featured presenter platform.

- Theater capacity: 240 seated
- Reception capacity: 300 seated
- Banquet capacity: 200 seated



Flexibility

With flexible rental space, the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse will meet your needs from board meetings to banquets to expos. We can tailor our facility to execute your vision for the perfect event. Or let us take care of the details with our special wedding and meeting packages.

Meeting Rooms

The four inviting first floor meeting rooms feature hard wood floors, natural light, vintage fireplaces and stained wainscoting making these popular for break-out sessions, board meetings, groom's ready room, teas or showers. The main hall pre-function space is the ideal location for coffee breaks and cocktail hours. The private board room features a conference table and ergonomic seating for six.

- Meeting Rooms theater capacity: 30 seated each room
- Meeting Rooms seminar capacity: 20 seated each room
- Meeting Rooms banquet capacity: 24 seated each room
- Main Hall reception capacity: 150 standing



Grand Jury Room

The bride and her entourage will have the perfect vantage point through the plantation shutters to see guests arriving. Just off the ballroom, this stately yet comfortable area affords lounge style seating whether used as a bar, green room or bride's ready room.