

Part of Hartford's Rich History

Background

It's a welcome surprise to find a vintage 1914 Carousel in Bushnell Park. The Knox Foundation's then director, Jack Dollard, also a well-known Hartford architect, brought the Carousel to Hartford from Canton, Ohio in 1974. The Dollard Pavilion was built in 2015.

The New England Carousel Museum in Bristol restored the horses to the original glory that Solomon Stein and Harry Goldstein had carved into their faces. Stein and Goldstein came to the United States in the late 1800s to carve Carousel horses for Coney Island. Their horses are distinguished by their colorful flamboyance, their huge cabbage roses which festoon their bodies, and their real horse hair tails.

Today

Today the Bushnell Park Carousel is only one of three Stein and Goldstein Carousels left in existence. The enclosed 24-sided Carousel Pavilion houses 48 hand-carved wooden horses and two lovers' chariots that swirl around a booming Wurlitzer band organ. Every year thousands of guests enjoy riding Hartford's magnificent and historic Carousel. The Bushnell Park Conservancy now conscientiously cares for and lovingly performs restoration work to keep the Carousel operating and pristine.

Donations are always gratefully welcome at bushnellpark.org/support.



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CAROUSEL
PARTY RENTALS



Hold your next event at the Carousel

Host your next gala, party or special event at the Carousel. We have 3 options available – all include unlimited Carousel rides.

Birthday Stations in the Carousel Pavilion for small groups

- Up to 10 children and 2 adults; \$7 each additional person; maximum capacity 30 people
- Two 8’ tables with tablecloths and bench seating
- Small bag of popcorn/person

The Dollard Pavilion for larger groups looking to celebrate in a private room

- Capacity for 40 seated; 60 for a cocktail reception

The entire Carousel facility is available for larger parties.

*The Dollard Pavilion can be rented during public and non-public hours, but the Birthday Stations are only available when the Carousel is open to the public.

A 50% deposit is required upon booking your event to confirm the date. The balance is due 3 days before your event. If a party must be postponed, there are no refunds or financial penalties. We will work with you to reschedule. During the winter months, when there is a parking ban in the city of Hartford, the Carousel will close.

Hartford residents receive a 10% discount, excluding the Children’s Birthday Party Station (\$160).

All rules/ regulations regarding parties at the Bushnell Park Carousel can be found at bushnellpark.org.

CAROUSEL RATES

EVENT DURING PUBLIC HOURS

	CAROUSEL PAVILION	DOLLARD PAVILION	ENTIRE FACILITY	BIRTHDAY STATION
First 2 hours	\$500	\$500	N/A	\$160*
Each additional hour	\$250	\$250	N/A	N/A

PRIVATE PARTY

First 2 hours	\$600	\$700	\$800
Each additional hour	\$300	\$350	\$400



To make a reservation, please call (860) 232-6710 or email Manager@BushnellPark.org

