French Legation State Historic Site: tent plan

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Three lawns, three different answers. The French Legation publishes a tent size for each of its main event spaces, which makes it one of the few Austin venues where you can size a tent before the site visit.

1. What the venue publishes

Space	Venue's own words	Guests
Northwest Lawn	"Space for up to 200 seated guests and a 40'x40' tent."	up to 200 seated
Lower Mall	"the Lower Mall can accommodate up to 290 seated guests and a 30' x 80' tent."	up to 290 seated
Front Lawn	"this space can accommodate up to 160 seated guests and a 40' x 40' tent or 170 guests in theater-style seating."	up to 160 seated

• The East Lawn is the largest space; the site says many tent sizes can fit there but publishes no dimension, so it is not sized here.

2. Tents that fit, and what they seat

Space	Standard sizes	Largest seats about
Northwest Lawn	40x40, 30x30, 20x40, 20x30... (standard sizes no larger than the tent the venue names).	A 40x40 (1,600 sq ft) seats about 133–160 at rounds (112–134 with a 16x16 dance floor), 160–200 at banquet tables, or 200–266 standing.
Lower Mall	30x60, 30x45, 30x30, 20x40... (standard sizes no larger than the tent the venue names).	A 30x60 (1,800 sq ft) seats about 150–180 at rounds (128–154 with a 16x16 dance floor), 180–225 at banquet tables, or 225–300 standing.
Front Lawn	40x40, 30x30, 20x40, 20x30... (standard sizes no larger than the tent the venue names).	A 40x40 (1,600 sq ft) seats about 133–160 at rounds (112–134 with a 16x16 dance floor), 160–200 at banquet tables, or 200–266 standing.

3. Guest count to tent size (rounds + 16x16 dance floor)

Guests	Tent	Fits at this venue	Published price (tent only)
50	30x30 (900 sq ft)	Northwest Lawn; Lower Mall; Front Lawn	$765-$1,350 (4 companies)
75	30x45 (1,350 sq ft)	Lower Mall	$1,150-$2,025 (2 companies)
100	30x60 (1,800 sq ft)	Lower Mall	$1,530-$2,700 (4 companies)
150	40x60 (2,400 sq ft)	Larger than the venue's published size or limit	$1,500-$5,500 (4 companies)
200	40x80 (3,200 sq ft)	Larger than the venue's published size or limit	$2,200-$8,000 (4 companies)
250	40x100 (4,000 sq ft)	Larger than the venue's published size or limit	$2,800-$5,500 (3 companies)
300	40x100 (4,000 sq ft)	Larger than the venue's published size or limit	$2,800-$5,500 (3 companies)
400	60x90 (5,400 sq ft)	Larger than the venue's published size or limit	Fewer than 2 published prices

4. Permit and lead time: Austin

Size trigger: >400 sq ft with one or more sidewalls, >400 sq ft within 20 ft of a building, or any structure >700 sq ft.
A 30x60 (1,800 sq ft) is over the 400 sq ft line in this row.
Lead time: Due 10 days before the event (events under 50 people); ACE application 30 days before. **Fee:** $375 first tent, $75 each additional.
Source: Austin Fire Department, special events, read November 22, 2026.

5. Wind and anchoring

No official wind or anchoring text on file for this jurisdiction.

Gustiest month at Austin-Bergstrom International: March (12.3% of hourly reports with a 25+ mph gust); calmest September. Airport ASOS 2016-2025 (Iowa Environmental Mesonet); not a forecast.

6. Listed tent companies near Austin

Bright Event Rentals Austin (Austin, TX, ~0 mi); Emerald Event Rentals (Austin, TX, ~0 mi); EventWorks Rentals Austin (Austin, TX, ~0 mi); Greenbelt Event Rentals (Austin, TX, ~0 mi); Kelly Rentals (Austin, TX, ~0 mi); premiere Events Austin (Austin, TX, ~0 mi)

Listed, not ranked; by straight-line distance from central Austin. Free quote requests: https://tentrentalhq.com/get-quotes/

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Sources and dates

• Texas Historical Commission, Rent French Legation (https://thc.texas.gov/state-historic-sites/french-legation/rent-french-legation), read November 23, 2026
• Austin Fire Department, special events (https://www.austintexas.gov/fire/special-events), read November 22, 2026
• Seating rules: Peak Rentals seating chart; prices: TentRentalHQ cost index (only sizes with 2+ companies), read November 21, 2026

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