In July 1861, federal troops rampaged through Fairfax on a mission to suppress Confederate forces at Manassas, as recorded by the Richmond Times Dispatch:

“...the house of Mr. Albert T. Willcoxon, a brick building recently erected and fitted up in handsome style, was entered by them, the window glass and sash almost entirely demolished, the doors torn from their hinges, the stair banister broken down and the furniture not removed was split into pieces.”

In addition to the destruction, these soldiers left a variety of inscriptions and pictographs (more than 100 identified through archival research) on the Blenheim house walls, providing unique insight into the psychology of the common soldier at the advent of this nation's most significant and enduring historical event—the American Civil War.
Renting the Blenheim Interpretive Center

Intimacy with Nature and History

Historic Blenheim is a unique and picturesque location for wedding receptions, outdoor ceremonies, bridal showers, anniversary parties, bar/bat mitzvahs, corporate dinners, lectures, rehearsal dinners, business meetings, retreats, and a variety of outdoor tented events.

The Civil War Interpretive Center, designed by architects Glavé & Holmes, is an award-winning facility completed in 2008. Designed in a modernistic rural style, the Interpretive Center features a stunning glass-roofed Atrium Lobby, 900-square-foot Assembly Room with historic pine flooring, and glass walls throughout offering extensive vistas of the Civil-War-era house and lush grounds. A Pergola Terrace and covered Veranda Porch offer options for outdoor café seating, and the grounds adjacent to the Interpretive Center provide plentiful space for large outdoor tented functions. The 12-acre site includes meandering walking paths and interpretive signage.

Amenities

- Glass-walled vistas of nature and history
- Cathedral Ceilings
- Multiple outdoor seating and tent locations
- 5’ round banquet tables
- Upholstered banquet chairs
- 6’ conference tables
- Historic heart of pine wood floor
- 60” Plasma monitor
- ADA compliant
- Amplified podium
- Audio/visual equipment available on request
- Caterer’s Corner
- Motor Coach accessible
- Convenient location in historic Fairfax
- Gallery tours available for modest extra charge

Interpretive Center and Site Capacity

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*More than 102 requires off-site parking plan or valet parking

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