



RIVERS  
OF  
STEEL

# MEETING & EVENT SPACES



Rivers of Steel is home to several unique local attractions, including the **Carrie Blast Furnaces National Historic Landmark**, the historic **Pump House** at the Waterfront, the **Best Building National Historic Landmark** and the *Explorer* riverboat. Each of these spaces offers opportunities for private clients to host custom events at venues with authentic character—locations that highlight the artistry and innovation of this region's rich industrial and cultural heritage.

# RIVERS OF STEEL: CARRIE BLAST FURNACES



Photo: Michael Will Photography

The Carrie Blast Furnaces National Historic Landmark is a space that is uniquely Pittsburgh. A vestige of Pittsburgh's 20th-century domination of the steel industry, it also reflects the Pittsburgh of today—a dynamic place that's made stronger by its diversity of its assets. A popular location for television & film scouts, Carrie has also become a space for community, social and corporate events—special occasions that bring people together to celebrate aspects of today's culture in a context that honors a shared heritage.

Carrie also appeals to modern brides and grooms as a wedding venue. The contrast of vast open spaces juxtaposed with intimate ones creates an alluring atmosphere, one with logistical options for event planning. Areas such as the *Carrie Deer Courtyard* and the *Green Room of the Iron Garden* provide charming, yet unconventional, ceremony sites. The post-industrial nature of the space offers an authentic backdrop for photographs; a myriad of textures and colors perfectly showcase a unique beauty - the love of a special couple on their wedding day.

**Rivers of Steel: Carrie Blast Furnaces**  
Carrie Furnace Boulevard  
Rankin, PA 15104

**Rental fees start at \$3,500.**

**Venue capacity is 1,500 guests.**

**Parking is available for 100+ cars.**

For more information on renting the Carrie Blast Furnaces for your event, contact Stacy at **412.464.4020 ext. 232** or **[sdrane@riversofsteel.com](mailto:sdrane@riversofsteel.com)**.

# RIVERS OF STEEL: THE PUMP HOUSE

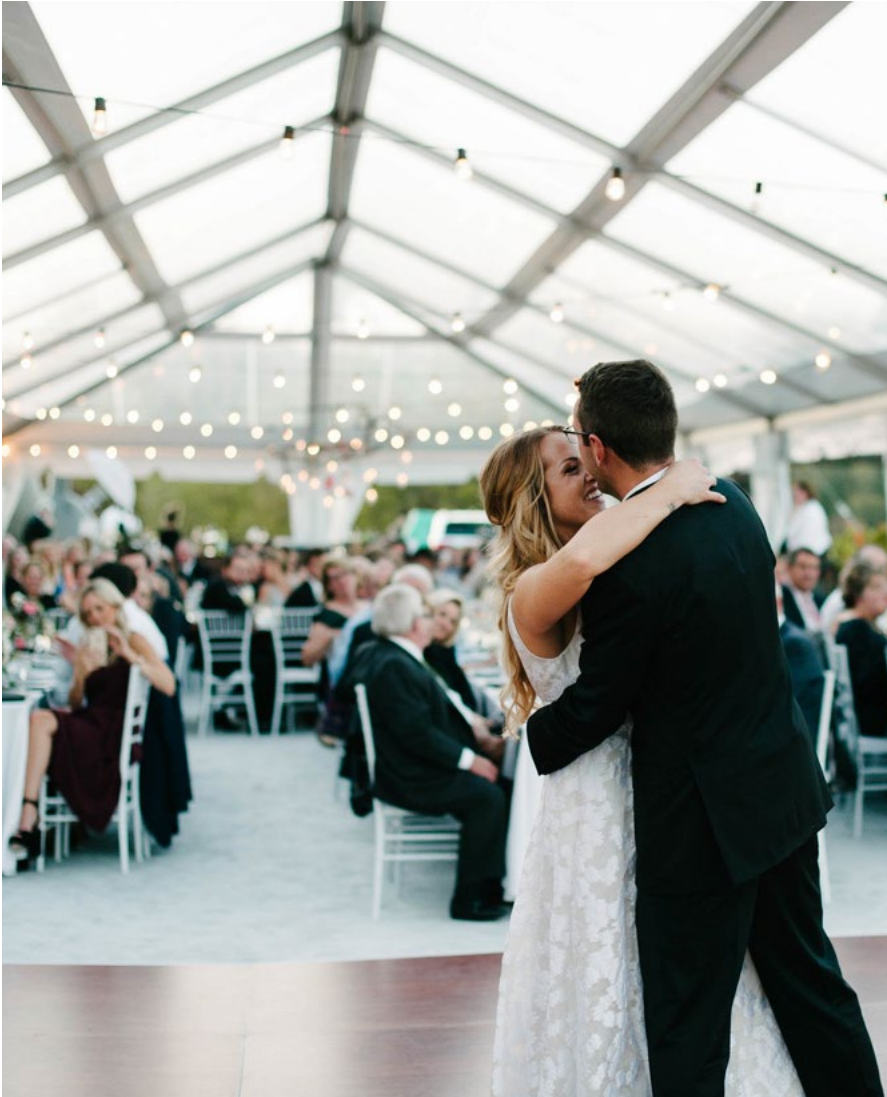


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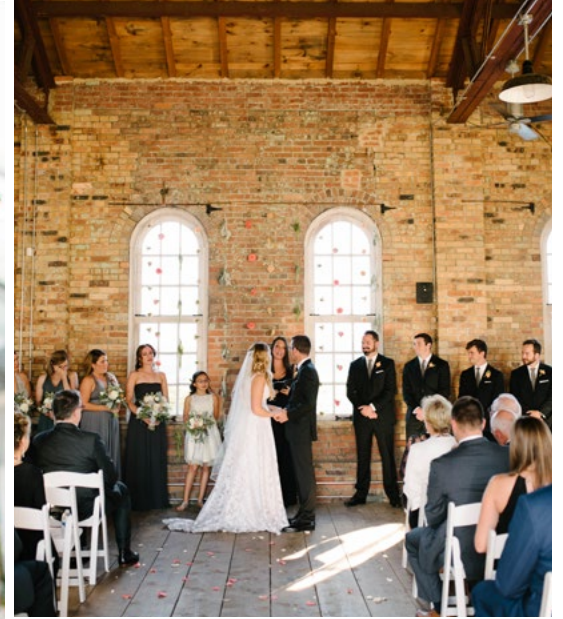


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Situated just across the Monongahela River from the Carrie Blast Furnaces, the historic Pump House at the Waterfront was once part of the U.S. Steel Homestead Works. Its origins date back to 1892 when it was built by the Carnegie Steel Company. That same year, it was the site of the Battle of Homestead, a defining moment in the nation's labor history. Today, the building helps to interpret the tumultuous events of 1892, as well as to highlight the illustrious steel-making legacy of the region.

Featuring exposed-brick walls and wooden plank floorboards, the interior feels less like the industrial relic it is and more like a step back in time. The surrounding grounds, which include a lush green riverscape with an adjacent, meditative stone labyrinth and blooming bioswale, offer a natural respite from the conveniently located shops and hotels just down the way.

As a venue, the Pump House is well situated for wedding receptions, as well as other family and community gatherings. Its affordable rates and built-in amenities make it a preferred choice for many clients, as a destination itself or paired with the Carrie Furnaces for a multiple location event.

## **Rivers of Steel: The Pump House**

880 E. Waterfront Drive  
Munhall, PA 15120

**Rental fees start at \$800.**

**Venue capacity is  
80–100 guests indoors and  
100–250 outdoors.**

**Parking is available for  
about 60 cars.**

For more information on renting or packaging the historic Pump House, contact Stacy at [sdrane@riversofsteel.com](mailto:sdrane@riversofsteel.com) or 412.464.4020 ext. 232.

# RIVERS OF STEEL: THE BOST BUILDING



Built in 1892 as a hotel for the rapidly growing worker's ward of Homestead, the Bost Building was at the center of one of American labor history's most dramatic episodes—the Homestead Lockout and Strike. Now a National Historic Landmark, the Bost Building serves as the Visitors' Center for the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area and offers exhibits on the region's industrial and cultural heritage.

The Bost Building's third floor gallery is available for social or cocktail-style receptions. It is available year round and provides a welcoming space for groups of 100 or less to gather and mingle amidst the art and artifacts of southwestern Pennsylvania's industrial past. The Board Room on the building's first floor is adorned with paintings from Rivers of Steel's permanent collection and is available as a meeting space. It comfortably fits about 20 people and is equipped with a SMART Board, conference call line and direct access to the adjacent parking lot.

**Rivers of Steel: The Bost Building**  
623 East Eighth Avenue  
Homestead, PA 15120

**Rental fees start at \$500.**

**Venue capacity is 20–100 guests depending on location.**

**Parking is available for about 20 cars.**

For more information on renting the Bost Building, contact Stacy at **412.464.4020 ext. 232** or **sdrane@riversofsteel.com**

# RIVERS OF STEEL: EXPLORER RIVERBOAT



Where Rivers of Steel's other venues stand out for their unique history and aesthetics, the *Explorer* riverboat is distinguished by its 21st-century innovations and overall experience.

*Explorer* was the world's first vessel to have the environmentally-friendly LEED standards applied to its entire engineering and construction process. Among its green features, *Explorer's* hybrid diesel-electric propulsion system is a client favorite as it greatly reduces engine noise, allowing guests to enjoy the beauty of Pittsburgh's skylines and riverbanks from its exterior gathering spaces without distraction.

The 94-foot vessel docks on Pittsburgh's North Shore, near the headwaters of the Ohio River and adjacent to the Carnegie Science Center. Private and corporate charters can choose a custom route for their event or simply host a private sightseeing tour, led by a Rivers of Steel tour guide, along all three of Pittsburgh's rivers.

With two passenger decks, plus a lower galley for caterers to stage from, *Explorer* can be configured many ways. For receptions, up to 100 guests can be accommodated cocktail-style or 70 guests seated. Its temperature-controlled interior cabins and features—including the newly-installed 30-speaker sound system and two SMART Boards—provide flexibility for those guests looking to arrange meetings or team-building activities.

Designed as a science classroom on the water, *Explorer's* primary purpose is to help students learn more about the ecology of Pittsburgh's rivers. Rivers of Steel also offers sightseeing tours that invite residents and visitors alike to discover more about Pittsburgh's industrial heritage and its legacy of innovation. Proceeds from these tours, as well as from private and corporate charters, underwrite Rivers of Steel's STEM-based education programs for students throughout southwestern Pennsylvania.

## Rivers of Steel: Explorer Riverboat

Rivers of Steel Dock, Pittsburgh's North Shore, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

**Rental fees start at \$1,500.**

**Venue capacity is 100 guests.**

**Docking also available at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.**

**Parking is available at the Carnegie Science Center.**

To learn more about what you can do onboard the *Explorer* riverboat, contact Carly at [cmccoy@riversofsteel.com](mailto:cmccoy@riversofsteel.com) or 412.464.4020 ext. 243.