



TIDAL FALLS EVENT POLICY

The Tidal Falls Preserve is owned by the Frenchman Bay Conservancy, a nonprofit land trust, and is protected by a conservation easement held by the State of Maine. The charitable purpose of the land trust in purchasing the property was to maintain the current level of development and provide access to the general public. The conservation easement explicitly requires FBC to keep the property open to the public.

The intent of this event policy is to comply with both the letter *and the spirit* of the public access requirement. It is important that people using the property at the same time as a private gathering have equal access to the facilities and that they are not made to feel they are intruding. Because of the small size of the property, large private gatherings cannot be accommodated.

- ~ The Tidal Falls Preserve is open to the public during daylight hours.
- ~ The facilities at the preserve, including the picnic grove and the pavilion, may not be reserved for private parties. Anyone wishing to have a private gathering may have access on a first-come first-served basis. No rent or admission fee will be charged for such use.
- ~ Caterers are not allowed to set up on-site. This does not prevent people from bringing off-site prepared food to Tidal Falls. There is no public kitchen available.
- ~ No tents, extra tables and chairs, fires, or grills or other on-site cooking appliances are allowed.
- ~ No sound systems/stereos and amplifiers for loud music are permitted.
- ~ FBC requests that anyone bringing a group of more than 25 should attempt to arrange car-pooling to avoid overwhelming the parking space. Overflow parking is available in the meadow at the top of the hill.

Exceptions

- ~ FBC may occasionally sponsor events to support the work of the organization; such events are not restricted by the above rules except the requirement that the property be open to the general public.