

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



An historic Cape Cod setting for learning, meeting, celebrating...

Historic Highfield Hall is a 17,000 square foot mansion built in 1878 as a summer residence by the Beebe family of Boston and now utilized as a center for arts and culture. Surrounded by 400 acres of pristine woods, the Hall is a serene and scenic setting for your wedding or special event. With its gracious wraparound porch, elegant historic rooms, top-of-the-line catering kitchen and gorgeous public restrooms, Highfield Hall provides a spectacular backdrop to make your special day memorable.

What is the rental fee?

Our rental fees range from \$400 to \$4,000 depending upon the duration of the rental, the season, and the day of the week. Wedding rentals include the use of the entire first floor and the grounds and are for a period of 8 hours (including set-up and clean-up). Additional hours may be arranged in advance for an additional fee (\$300 per hour). All events must end (and be cleaned-up) by 11:00 p.m.

How many guests will the Hall accommodate?

Highfield Hall can accommodate 90 guests for a sit-down dinner in the house. For a standing reception, 150 guests can be accommodated. Up to 250 guests can be accommodated for a sit-down dinner by utilizing a tent located just outside the French doors in the Ballroom. Rental of the tent is your responsibility and must be rented through one of our approved vendors.

Is Highfield Hall on the water?

Highfield Hall is located on a Hill above the town of Falmouth. While it once had a distant view of Vineyard Sound, the view has been obstructed by trees in the last 50 years, thus there is no water view. However, the house is surrounded by a 400 acre nature preserve, Beebe Woods, and the grounds are lovely.

Can I use a caterer that is not on your approved vendor list?

Please use one of the excellent caterers recommended on our vendor list as they are all familiar with Highfield Hall and know how to best organize an event on the premises.

Can I have my ceremony at Highfield Hall?

Yes. The sunken tennis court in front of the mansion, or the lawn to the rear of the mansion, are currently recommended for ceremony locations. Tents are advised if rain is in the forecast as it is difficult to accommodate more than 80 people for a ceremony in the house, especially if it is set-up for the reception.

Is there parking available?

Highfield has an adjacent parking lot that can park up to 60 cars. For very large events, some parking coordination with adjacent organizations may be required.

Are candles allowed?

Candles are not allowed within the Hall, although they may be utilized in the tent if the flame is enclosed in glass (e.g. votives, hurricanes). Battery votives are recommended for providing ambience in the Hall.

Will someone from Highfield Hall be present for my event?

Your event will be schedule and organized by our Event Planner. A Highfield House Manager will be on-site for the duration of your event.

Can we bring in decorations for the Hall?

Limited decorations are allowed as long as no tape, staples, or nails are utilized. All decorations must be removed in full by the close of the event. If access to the Hall is required (outside of regular operating hours) for the purpose of decorating, an hourly fee must be paid to cover staff expense.

Can the fireplaces be used?

The fireplaces in the main part of the house are gas fireplaces and can be in use if heat is required for your event. The fireplace in the Billiard Room cannot be utilized.

Can I throw rice?

The throwing of rice, confetti, birdseed, or other materials is not allowed.

Can we have amplified music?

Yes. We prefer that you utilize the Ballroom and Great Hall for dancing and amplified music. We can allow amplified music in the tenting areas but only until 8 p.m. -- the volume level will be controlled by the House Manager. The volume of the music **must** be kept at a reasonable level due to residential neighbors.