



THE SMITH CENTER

for Education & Research

Venue Packet

Wolfe's Neck Center | Freeport, ME

The Smith Center was constructed to allow visitors to immerse themselves in farming and food in an educational, agricultural setting. This state-of-the-art building was designed to the highest level of building efficiency by Opal Architecture and is the perfect place to learn about agriculture's role in creating a healthier planet, be inspired by Maine's natural beauty, or gather with friends and family.

All building rentals directly support Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment's critical work, including our farmer training, regenerative agriculture, and education initiatives.



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About

About Wolfe’s Neck Center



Wolfe’s Neck Center is a nonprofit, farm-based education, research, and visitor center on a mission to create a world where agriculture and food systems support farmer viability, thriving ecosystems, and vibrant communities. By facilitating knowledge and best practice sharing, educating a wide variety of learners, and convening folks who care about the future of food, Wolfe’s Neck Center aims to help make our food system a solution to climate change.

Wolfe’s Neck Center sits on 626 acres of coastal farmland, with forested trails, livestock education barns, and an oceanfront campground.

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Meadow Room

This modern space features cathedral ceilings and large windows framing beautiful scenes of our organic pastures and coastal Maine forest. It's the perfect setting for dinners, cocktail parties, and conferences alike. This room accommodates up to 128 people seated at 8-foot tables, and 146 standing.



Includes:

- **AV:** Wi-fi, A/V cart with large format TV, and all attachments; PA system including microphone & podium
- **Bath Savings Entry Way:** entry alcove for name tags, greeting, etc
- **Bay Room:** adjacent to the Meadow off the entry way, with seating for 10-15
- **Parking:** space for 30 cars with additional parking conveniently located on Burnett Road adjacent to the Smith Center
- **Events Terrace:** furnished with picnic tables with pasture views
- **Covered Patio:** access to included covered outdoor space with picnic tables
- **Outdoor Access:** walking access to animal barns, trails, open spaces, and gardens

Need more space?

You can rent the entire building, which includes two classroom spaces. More information is on page 9.



Classrooms

Forest Room

This room has seating for up to 40 people in a conference or classroom setting. The perfect place for a large staff retreat, a specialized class, or a larger meeting.



Includes:

- Seating for up to 40 at tables in a conference setting
- AV includes wi-fi, ceiling mounted projector and speakers with hardline input
- Magnetic Whiteboard
- Small sink
- Outdoor access to barns, trails, open spaces, and gardens.
- Seating for up to 40 at tables in a conference setting

Classrooms

Garden Room

This small classroom is suitable for up to 16 people and is perfect for smaller groups, meetings, or brainstorming sessions with your team.

Includes:

- **Seating** for up to 16 at large wooden tables
- **AV equipment** includes 70" monitor or projector with connector cables for presentations
- **Small sink**
- **Magnetic Whiteboard**
- **Outdoor access** to barns, trails, open spaces, and gardens.



Wolfe's Neck Center operates an Organic Dairy Research & Training Facility with a herd of Holstein and Jersey cows.



Gallery



The Bath Savings Entryway is a perfect place to welcome your guests to the Smith Center and your event. This space includes a small reception desk and access to the Bay room.

The Bay Room is a cozy space with a small meeting table, couches, high top tables, and beautiful views of our pastures. This sunlit room is perfect for small meetings.



The **outdoor spaces** around the Smith Center are extensions of the indoor spaces, with an events terrace, covered outdoor spaces with trails and ocean views.



Meal Service Options



Small Groups

Small groups are welcome to bring in your own food! We highly recommend using South Freeport Market, from our friends at Big Tree Hospitality, for orders of breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They are located at 97 S. Freeport Rd and can be reached at 207-708-7008.

Please note: there is no refrigerated space available and there is no access to the commercial kitchen.

For Large Groups (over 50)

For parties over 50, we are happy to help coordinate catering packages through our partner, Big Tree Catering.

They bring their extensive experience and a unique brand of hospitality to every catered event, with the intention of showing you the same level of personal attention and quality of food found in your favorite restaurants. From grab and go breakfast sandwiches to fully catered lunches, Big Tree has extensive experience and capability!

****Regardless of group size, you're allowed to bring in your own food or coordinate other catering services. However, there is no access to the kitchen.**



Other Packages

Tableware & Cutlery Packages

\$3/person

Wolfe's Neck Center is happy to provide plates, bowls, utensils, cups, and mugs. We encourage all of our rental parties to take advantage of this green option to reduce waste!

Coffee Service

\$4/person per 2 hours of service

Complete your gathering with delicious coffee from Wicked Joe Organic coffees! This service includes coffee, milk and non-dairy alternatives, sugar, and sugar.



Location & Directions

Directions

The Smith Center is located on our main campus at **184 Burnett Rd, Freeport, ME.**

To get to the Center from downtown Freeport, turn left on to Bow Street, and continue for approximately 2.3 miles until you reach Wolfe's Neck Rd. Turn right onto Wolfe's Neck Rd, continue until you reach Burnett Rd and turn left. Once you are on Burnett Road, continue over the bridge until you reach the farmhouse, Livestock Education Barn, and Smith Center.

Campus Map & Parking

Parking is very limited at the farm, so we encourage your group to carpool from home, or the park & ride on Route 1 in Freeport.



For a full campus map, visit wolfesneck.org/learn/explore

Rates

Pricing in the Smith Center is hourly, based upon time of day and day of the week. Below is the basic pricing structure. Accommodation for specific timing can be made on a case-by-case basis. Day Rates are from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM & Evening Rates are from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Pricing

Pricing below does not include any additional services or packages your group may require. Wolfe's Neck Center would like to make the Smith Center accessible to all, and are happy to offer discounts to partner organizations and nonprofits. Please reach out with specific inquiries.

Meadow Room

(main hall)

Min. rental: six hours

- Daytime - \$200/hour
- Evening - \$250/hour
- Weekend - \$300/hour

Forest Room

(large classroom)

Min. rental: four hours

- Daytime - \$100/hour
- Evening - \$125/hour
- Weekend - \$150/hour

Garden Room

(small classroom)

Min. rental: four hours

- Daytime - \$50/hour
- Evening - \$60/hour
- Weekend - \$75/hour

The Entire Center

(all rooms)

Min. rental: six hours

- Daytime - \$350/hour
- Evening - \$400/hour
- Weekend - \$525/hour

Please note there is a 10% administration fee on all rentals.

The setup of all tables, chairs, and rental items, apart from the initial configuration, are the responsibility of the lessee, which may include the caterer, or any other event coordination staff. The Smith Center will be left in as-found condition, which includes returning tables and chairs to their original configuration. Any damage to furniture, or the building or if the building is not returned to its original condition, renters will be billed by Wolfe's Neck Center for repairs/labor, etc.



Wolfe's Neck Center features four miles of pristine coastline along Casco Bay.



Tours & Programs

We offer various tours and programs to enhance your experience here at Wolfe's Neck Center. Please see the options below to get an idea of how your group can gain a deeper understanding of all the important work that happens here at the farm.

We can also arrange Custom Group Tours based on your interest. Focus areas include fruit and vegetable production, dairy husbandry, pasture-based grazing, climate-smart agriculture, farm research, and more. Please inquire for more specifics and options!

Program Examples:

Welcome to Wolfe's Neck Center

\$15 per person | 1 hour

A walking tour with one of our knowledgeable educators who will take you through our property including two main barns and our fruit and vegetable production plot. Learn about our climate-smart agricultural practices, the history of this special place, and of course, pet a few goats and sheep on the way! This program includes about 1.5 miles of walking on flat terrain.

This tour can also be taken as a wagon ride! Climb aboard our hay wagon to get an even bigger picture of what Wolfe's Neck Center has to offer while enjoying the views from the wagon!

The wagon ride addition is available from May – October for an additional \$100.



Ocean, Fields, and Forest

\$15 per person | 45 minutes to 1 hour

Join one of our naturalists on a walk through all of Wolfe's Neck Center's unique ecosystems. We will experience our new- growth forests, tidal salt marshes, perennial pastures, and the spectacular oceanfront of Casco Bay. This guided walk includes talks on local flora and fauna, as well as how our climate-smart agricultural practices help keep these ecosystems pristine for generations to come. This tour includes about 2 miles of walking over varied terrain.



Tours & Programs



Cows Fighting Climate Change

\$15 per person | 1 hour

Take a walk up to our Dairy Operation with one of our educators to learn how our dairy cows are helping to reduce methane and fight climate change through the C3 Project (Coast-Cow-Consumer)! Learn about cow digestion and anatomy, our exciting research with Bigelow labs, and of course, meet some of the ladies themselves!

Camping

Oceanfront Campground

Wolfe's Neck Center is also home to our award-winning Oceanfront Campground. Over 150 campsites range from Oceanview to private forest. Sites are available as walk-in, tent- only camping in Quiet Cove, to water and electric hookups for RVs. Please visit www.freeport-camping.com or inquire with your Smith Center inquiry about options.

