

French Meadow

Bakery & Café

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FRENCH MEADOW EVENTS

Event Policies

The French Meadow is dedicated to assisting you with a memorable meeting or event in one of our welcoming spaces. We will help to plan a menu and beverages, develop a venue layout, and coordinate outside services, if needed — drawing on over 35 years of local, organic, and seasonal fare, with gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options as well.

The Room Fee

The room fee is non-refundable and secures your event reservation. Please note that the room fee is not a deposit or a credit towards the minimum. If the food & beverage minimum is not met, a charge for the difference will be added to the bill.

Service Charges & Fees

An automatic **20% service charge** is added to all events. Gratuity is not included in the service charge.

Separate Check Policy

We do not allow separate checks. This applies to both day and evening events.

Meeting the Minimum

All food and beverage sales are applied toward the minimum. Tax and service charges are not applicable toward the minimum.

Come & Go Parties

We would like you and your guests to have an exceptional experience during your time with us. We ask that you keep your guest count within the room's capacity. Exceeding the room's capacity is a violation of the Minneapolis fire code.

Billing & Payment

Once a room is secured, French Meadow will present a tentative menu and contract; the menu and contract is then agreed upon by the customer and charged one month prior to the event date (minus beverages). The day of the event, a final bill is presented for beverages consumed and gratuity for service staff.

Food & Cake Tastings

We do not provide food or cake tastings for events. We do invite potential customers to come into the restaurant to dine in or to take out items of interest.

Wedding/Birthday Cakes & Desserts

You are welcome to bring in a dessert from any commercially prepared bakery; there is a **\$2/guest** cutting/dessert service fee (subject to a service charge and tax).

Food & Beverage Regulations

All food and beverages (with the exception of commercially prepared desserts) are to be provided by the French Meadow Bakery & Café. MN Health Department policies prohibit us from allowing any extra food and/or beverages to leave with our guests.

Outside Food Preparation

French Meadow does not cook, heat, or otherwise prepare any food or beverage sourced from outside the venue. Where outside food or beverage is permitted, it must arrive fully prepared and is served at the host's sole risk; French Meadow assumes no liability for the sourcing, storage, temperature, handling, allergens, or safety of any food or beverage it did not prepare. Any use of our kitchen, staff, chafing dishes, or equipment in connection with outside food is permitted only with prior written approval and is subject to additional labor, equipment, and handling charges at our standard rates.

Loss, Theft or Damage to the Property

The event host assumes responsibility for any loss, theft or damages to the French Meadow Bakery & Café's property caused by host or host's guests. Upon such an occurrence, the host will be invoiced and charged for damages and/or a cleaning fee to return the property to its original condition. French Meadow Bakery & Café is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Parking

French Meadow Bakery & Café has a parking lot on either side of the restaurant with additional designated spaces in the Aldi parking lot across the street. There is also ample street parking nearby.

Questions about your booking?

Reach us at events@frenchmeadowcafe.com or visit frenchmeadowcafe.com/private-events