



PRIVATE EVENTS AT  
**BEARSVILLE**  
*The Heartbeat of Woodstock*



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Welcome to Bearsville, an exceptional and unique event space, sitting on 16 scenic acres in the Catskills, but less than 2 hours from New York City. A multi-million-dollar renovation of the property was completed in 2022. Today, Bearsville is renowned both for its leadership in the world of music, and for hosting spectacular and unique events. We offer beautiful locations and state-of-the-art equipment and technology across the Bearsville Campus.

- **Bearsville Theater** is an acoustically-designed world-class auditorium, ideal for indoor conferences and events, private concerts, and video recordings. The adjacent lounge works well for buffet and seated dining, as well break-out sessions, intimate parties, and celebrations. Private facilities include well-appointed dressing rooms, two private VIP rooms and a separate guest kitchen.
- **Bearsville Park** is adjacent to both the Sawkill Creek and our own native woodland. The park can accommodate up to 700 guests for outdoor retreats, fundraisers, and weddings. In a small adjacent area, our streamside Memorial Park is nestled in amongst the sycamore and pine trees, offering a peaceful place for contemplation and remembrances.
- **The Bear Café** is a 66-seater creekside fine-dining restaurant, with remarkable history all the way back to the 1960's. Former owner Albert Grossman was a gourmet. This restaurant was where he would entertain the music industry and his internationally known musicians. The Bear Café is adjacent to a 40-seater streamside terrace overlooking the water. Both the food and the beverages on offer are superb.
- **The Utopia Sound Stage** is an exclusive club-style venue, perfect for late-night parties, sound and music recordings, or simply a space for presentations, corporate events and fundraisers. Suitable for up to 200 guests, Utopia may be configured in multiple ways to suit your needs.

Whatever your event, our personalized service and attention to detail help make everything run smoothly, from inquiry to close. Our total focus is upon offering our historic surroundings, creative facilities, and stunning location, to make your event both exceptional and unforgettable.



*Lizzie Vann MBE*



*Photography: Barbara Banks*



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# WEDDINGS



Bearsville is a magical place renowned for its leadership in the world of music. In 2023 it is fast becoming a perfect wedding destination for couples who love and appreciate the creative arts.

Our property offers six different locations with many opportunities to create a stunning and unforgettable celebration of love. We have everything you need to make your wedding day exceptional, including a park for the ceremony, a beautiful, world-class auditorium for the reception, restaurant fine-dining for rehearsal dinners and wedding breakfasts, an exclusive club for late night parties, and matchless, glamorous private greeting and dressing facilities in the theater itself.

We invite you to visit our utopian grounds to explore how we can work together to create an unparalleled experience for you and your guests. You will feel the enchantment of Bearsville standing alongside the Sawkill Creek, and in amongst the majestic pines, and inside the hallowed walls of the Theater. Let us create a day for you to remember for the rest of your lives.



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**CAPACITY OPTIONS  
WEDDINGS AT BEARSVILLE**

**Bear Café Restaurant**

Rehearsal Dinners and Wedding Breakfasts  
(10-100)

**Bearsville Park**

Family Gatherings and Wedding Ceremonies  
(100-700)

**Bearsville Theater**

Wedding Ceremonies (100-500)  
Reception Dinners (full 120 sit down,  
150 buffet style)  
World-famous stage for live entertainment  
VIP Green Rooms and Dressing Rooms

**Utopia Sound Stage & Club Room**

Late Night Parties (up to 250)

**GINA MALONEY**

**Wedding Planner Extraordinaire**



Bearsville is a favored venue of renowned Hudson Valley Wedding Planner, Gina Moloney, winner of The Knot's 'Hall of Fame' and voted Best Wedding Planner in the Hudson Valley by Hudson Valley Magazine. Gina has cultivated a well curated vendor list of the best artisans, florists, photographers, musicians and caterers throughout the Hudson Valley.

Gina's professional planning services are available for a fee to the wedding couple for full planning, partial planning, or day of planning services.

Please check out our dedicated website

**[bearsvilleweddings.com](http://bearsvilleweddings.com)**

and the Bearsville page of The Knot.

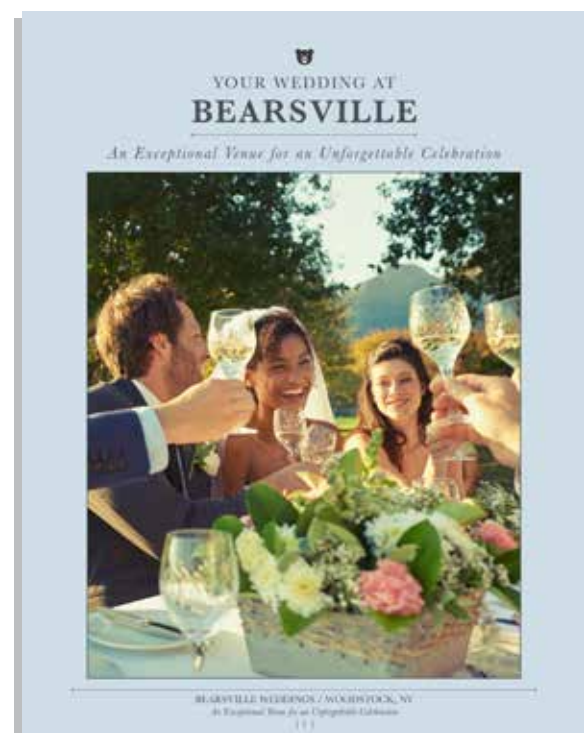
You may also email

**[info@bearsvilleweddings.com](mailto:info@bearsvilleweddings.com)**

for a copy of our

Weddings Brochure with more information,  
including:

- The Bridal Party Experience
- Fine Dining and Catering Choices
- Your Perfect Wedding Venue
- 2023 and 2024 Pricing and Packages



# PRIVATE PARTIES

Photography: Neil Segal



Bearsville is a special space, born in the 1960's as a Utopian setting where artists could live, create, perform, and celebrate music. Albert Grossman, manager of some of the most famous names in the music industry (think Bob Dylan and Janis Joplin), created Bearsville to nurture his artists. The ordinary pleasures of life were also taken care of with landscaped gardens, world class restaurants, and performance stages to suit every event.

Fast forward to now — if you are organizing a private event, a wedding, a bar or bat mitzvah, or any other kind of celebration, Bearsville offers an ideal place to party. Our management team will work with you to create an exceptional, truly memorable party any time of the year.

Enjoy live music, fine wines, unique cocktails, and craft beers. Full catering service is available by The Bear Café, our sister enterprise located next door to the Theater. They can provide everything from passed canapes to simple meals and to-scale dinners, leaving you free to enjoy your guests and the special occasion.



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**CAPACITY OPTIONS  
FOR YOUR PRIVATE PARTY**

**Bearsville Theater**

Auditorium and Stage (100-500)  
Lounge including smaller stage (50-120)  
VIP Green Room (10-45)

**Bearsville Park**

with outdoor bar, stage, seating (100-700)

**Utopia Sound Stage  
and Club Room (20-150)**

**Bear Café Restaurant**  
for cocktail parties or private dining (10-100)

**YOUR CUSTOM QUOTATION  
WILL ADDRESS:**

- Which space you might like exclusive use of
- The time of day and length of time you would like use of that space
- Your ideal style and budget for food and drink
- Use of AV equipment and technical assistance
- Any additional services you may require



Photography: Dion Ogrust

# CORPORATE EVENTS



Photography: Neil Segal

Bearsville has everything you might need for a truly memorable corporate retreat or meeting. From a large presentation stage and auditorium, to world class-audio visual capabilities, private meeting rooms and fabulous catering, we focus 100% on creating exceptional events. Let us introduce you to Bearsville's flexible tailored packages that will help make organizing your meeting or retreat a pleasure.

Just let us know your preferred location(s), date(s) and timing. We will suggest menus and share our technical information. With these tools, it will be easy to quickly calculate a likely cost for your event.



## CAPACITY OPTIONS FOR YOUR CORPORATE EVENT

### **Bearsville Theater**

Auditorium and Stage (100-500)  
Lounge including smaller stage (50-120)

### **Bearsville Park**

with outdoor bar, stage, seating (100-700)

### **Utopia Sound Stage and Club Room** (20-150)

**Bear Café Restaurant**  
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- Your ideal style and budget for food and drink
  - Whether or not you might require AV equipment and technical assistance
  - Any additional services you may require



# FUNDRAISERS



Bearsville is a great place to host your next fundraiser. We offer a wide choice of venues suitable for any size of gathering. Our professional management team is committed to working with your team to successfully plan and execute your event. With carefully crafted catering packages, and beautiful settings both inside and out, Bearsville is a memorable location that will set you apart.

As well as the beautiful landscape and outstanding catering from fine dining restaurant, The Bear Café, we also offer world-class audio-visual capabilities and flexible spaces to comfortably host from 100 to 700 guests.

Just let us know your preferred location, date, and timing. We will provide menus for both food and beverages and share our technical pack. With these tools in hand, it will be possible to formulate a budget. We aim to quickly provide you with a straightforward 'cost per head' for your event in order that you may calculate the potential return on your fundraiser.



## CAPACITY OPTIONS FOR YOUR FUNDRAISING EVENT

### **Bearsville Theater**

- Auditorium and Stage (100-500)
- Lounge including smaller stage (50-120)

### **Bearsville Park**

- Outdoor bar, stage, seating (100-700)

## CUSTOM QUOTATION WILL ADDRESS:

- Which space you might like exclusive use of
  - The time of day and length of time you would like use of that space
- Your ideal style and budget for food and drink
  - Whether or not you might require AV equipment and technical assistance
- Any additional services you may require



Photography: Rob Tanchum

# MEMORIALS



Photography: Dion Ogust

Bearsville can accommodate your memorial service with the utmost in hospitality and kindness, for a meaningful celebration of a life well-lived. We offer both a peaceful outdoor memorial garden, and four alternative indoor spaces. Our professional management team will plan every detail of the service with and for you, leaving you to focus entirely upon your guests.

With carefully crafted catering packages, and a beautiful setting both inside and out, we offer world class audio-visual and recording capabilities. Bearsville can comfortably host from 50 to 700 guests.

Just let us know your preferred location, date, and timing, and whether you require hospitality for your guests. We will quickly provide you with a straightforward cost and schedule.



Photography: Dion Ogust

## CAPACITY OPTIONS FOR YOUR MEMORIAL EVENT

### **Bearsville Theater**

Auditorium and Stage (100-500)

Lounge including smaller stage (50-120)

### **Bearsville Park**

with outdoor bar, stage, seating (100-700)

## YOUR CUSTOM QUOTATION WILL ADDRESS:

- Which space you might like exclusive use of
- The time of day and length of time you would like use of that space
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# REHEARSALS AND RECORDING

Photography: The Lumineers



Created as world-class rehearsal and recording studios, Bearsville boasts two top-quality sound stages, both with extensive recording capabilities.

The Bearsville Theater, with strong acoustics, ornate decoration and good ‘bones’ is regularly used by national and international musicians to rehearse or prepare for a tour, often with a public performance to trial new materials before heading out.

The high-ceilinged Utopia Sound Stage was built in the 1980’s for Todd Rundgren’s pioneering music video work. It was created as a perfect black box for audio recording, photography, and videography work. Today, the Flymax Recording Studio operates the Sound Stage and adjacent iso rooms and control booth. Managed by renowned sound engineer Pete Caigan, the Utopia Sound Stage is available to all artists visiting Bearsville.



The band ‘The National’ filmed a promotional video on the Bearsville Theater stage for their new album ‘The First Two Pages of Frankenstein’



## ROOMS AVAILABLE

### Bearsville Theater

Stage 24'6" x 30' = 735 sq ft

Auditorium floor 39 x 54' = 2,106 sq ft

Balcony 19'4" x 18'6" = 358 sq ft

Total 3,200 sq ft

### Utopia Sound Stage

42.5' x 45.3' = 1925 sq ft

## YOUR CUSTOM QUOTATION WILL ADDRESS:

- Choice of rooms and stages
- Time of day and length of time in occupation
  - Hospitality required
- Technical support and gear required

## FLYMAX RECORDING STUDIO

Flymax Recording Studio, operated by multi-platinum studio and live engineer Pete Caigan, is situated at the iconic Utopia Complex. Offering cutting-edge facilities for music and film production, boasting a spacious live room, full lighting grid, and an API AXS

Legacy Recording Console, the studio is equipped with everything artists and producers need to create their next masterpiece.



Moe, Tour Rehearsal, Bearsville Theater auditorium



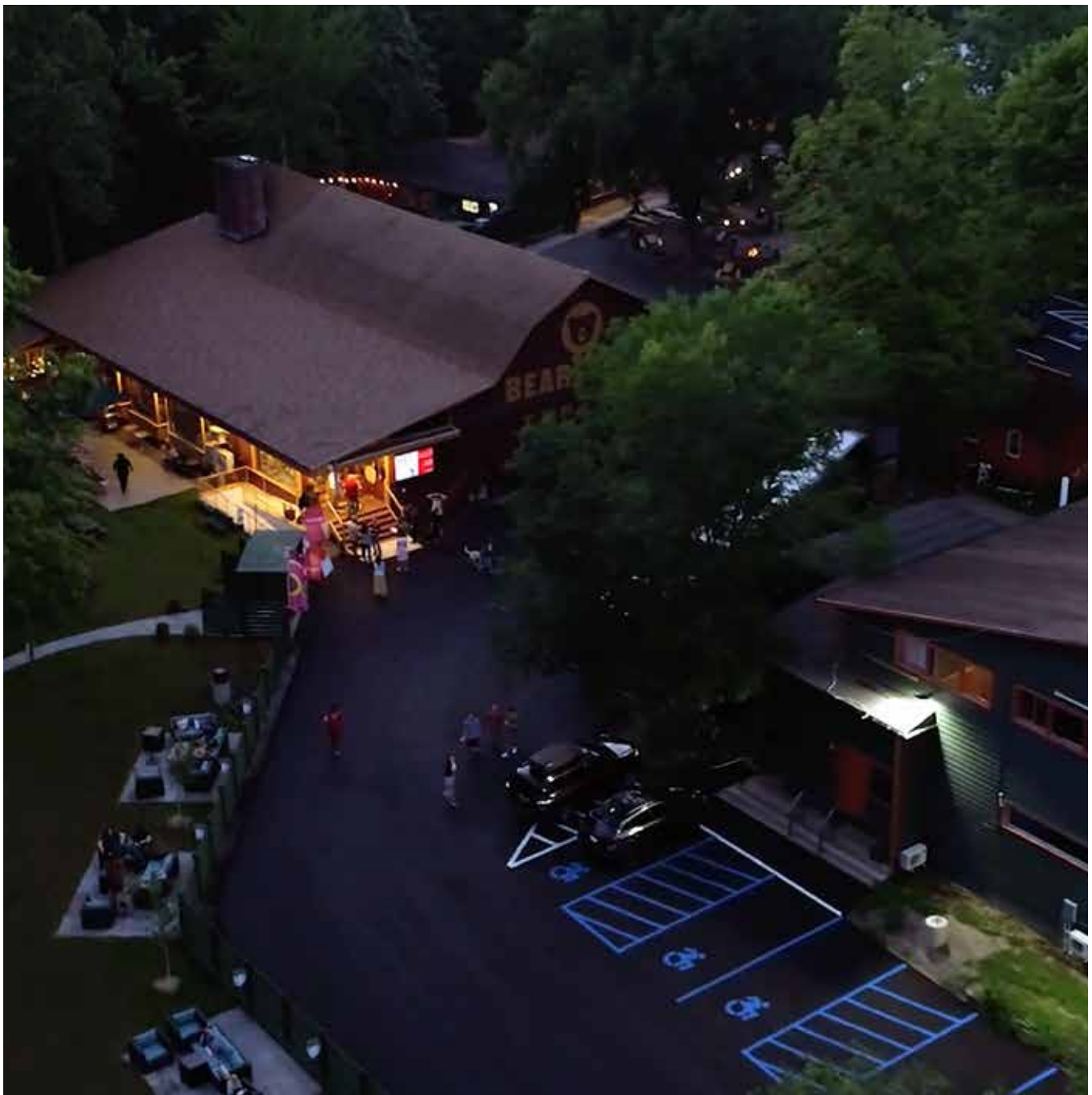
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BEARSVILLE PARK

BEARSVILLE THEATER

UTOPIA SOUND STAGE

THE BEAR CAFÉ



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## BEARSVILLE PARK

Bearsville Park is a three-acre area of open grassland bordered by the tinkling Sawkill Creek and surrounded on two sides by woodland. It is serviced by an outdoor stage, 14 private seating areas, plus an outdoor bar and kitchen. There is space for large and small tents. The Park can host up to 700 people.

### DETAILS

Park capacity 700

Up to 500 guests for stationed dining

Choice of prix-fixe menu selections

Choice of bar package or pre-selected wine pairings

Complete tabletop rentals





## THE BEAR CAFÉ

The Bear Café, a fine dining restaurant, began 50 years ago. It has recently undergone a multi-million-dollar renovation and is once again one of the most infamous dining spots north of NYC.

‘The Bear’ as it is affectionately known, was created to feed the musicians recording at Albert Grossman’s nearby legendary Bearsville Studios. Guests over the years have included MeatLoaf, David Bowie, Janis Joplin, Alice Cooper and the members of The Band. Albert was a great gourmet.

Today, Chef Josh Rajala and General Manager Christopher J Hack are re-interpreting Albert’s philosophy, providing the same level of outstanding cuisine, delivered with warmth and hospitality.





## BEARSVILLE THEATER

The Theater offers a gracious Mid Century Modern lounge bar and Art Deco-inspired auditorium complete with balcony and crystal chandeliers. Its uses are many and various. From concerts for up to 500 people, to formal reception dinners for up to 200, and intimate recitals in the lounge for between 40 and 100.

The Theater encompasses a large auditorium, separate lounge area, two private VIP rooms, two dressing rooms and a separate small-scale client-kitchen.

### DETAILS

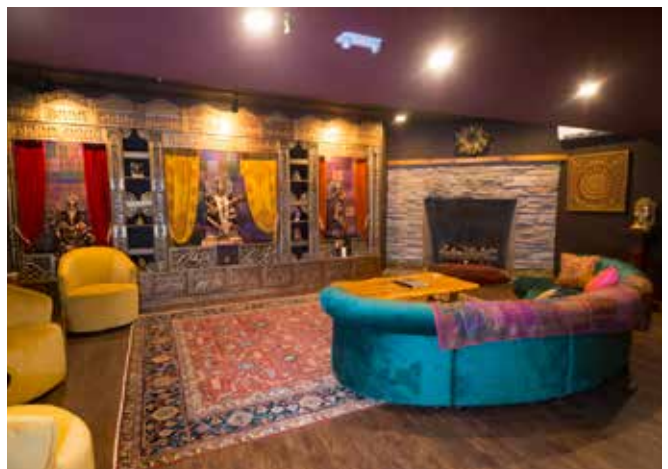
Up to 200 for seated receptions

Up to 400 seated/500 standing for entertainment

Includes exclusive access to two VIP rooms,

Janis Joplin and Van Morrison dressing rooms

Choice of bar package, or pre-selected wine pairings





## UTOPIA SOUND STAGE

Utopia Sound Stage, created as an important recording space for Todd Rundgren in the 1980's, features historic artifacts within a 'Black Box' and can be configured as a concert room, lecture room, or private party club room. The high-ceilinged space, designed with an electrical grid for 200 light points, is completely soundproof and often used for rehearsals and recordings by national and international bands. We share this area with the renowned sound engineer and record producer Pete Caigan and his Flymax Recording Studios.

### DETAILS

- Dining for up to 175 guests
- Seated, up to 200 for receptions, lectures, concerts
- Party space for up to 250
- Choice of prix-fixe menu selections
- Choice of bar package or pre-selected wine pairings
- Complete tabletop rentals



# AMENITIES

## EVENT DESIGN

We take event styling and design seriously at Bearsville. From subtle cosmetic touches to lavish re-styling, we can transform any event into a special occasion space. We are happy to work with your design team, or planner, and if required, to provide additional furniture, bars, soft seating, and table centers.

Supplied as standard:

### Design & Décor

- Hardwood Floors
- Ambient Lighting
- Sound System
- Round Banquet Tables
- Private Outdoor spaces with comfortable outdoor and indoor seating
- High-Top Cocktail Tables

### Table Top

- China Tablewear
- Custom Curated Linen
- Stainless Cutlery
- Glassware for Select Beverages including red & white wine glasses, rocks glasses, high ball glasses







Angel Olsen, Bearsville Main Stage

## **Wifi**

Bearsville has a custom connectivity and digital wireless system to match the needs of the music industry. Our wireless system is available to all our guests.

## **Security**

Our guests should always feel safe. Bearsville provides a high level of security as standard. We also supply specialized security for high-profile clients and confidential events or those requiring specific security training.

## **Entertainment**

Bearsville can supply a variety of high quality entertainment acts, specially selected to suit your needs. We will work with you to discuss your ideas and provide a selection of the best available to fit your budget. We are also happy to source agents, or to manage the bookings for acts you have already selected.

## **Videography & Photography**

Bearsville is home to a top-notch team of in-house sound engineers and videographers, alongside extensive, high specification recording equipment in both the Bearsville Theater and the Utopia Sound Stage. Bearsville can direct and take video footage of your event, and edit the material to a final product. We also work with a selection of the best photographers in the Hudson Valley, and would be happy to help you find the right photographer and stylist for your event.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **IS THERE A FOOD AND BEVERAGE MINIMUM?**

Yes, each private event space has its own food & beverage minimum spend that depends on the type of event and the day of week.

## **IS THERE A VENUE FEE AND WHAT DOES THAT INCLUDE?**

Our Private Event Fee is determined by type of event and the day of the week. This fee covers a 3 hour reservation, tables, chairs, linens, complete table top rentals, as well as set-up and break down of your event. (See amenities page in our brochure).

## **DO YOU ALLOW DECORATIONS?**

Yes! We welcome decorations, such as flowers, menus, favors etc. We do not allow anything to be applied to the walls or building that will cause damage. We provide votive candles, but if you choose to bring additional candles, we require that they are in containers or on a stand to prevent damage to our surfaces and linens.

## **MAY WE BRING IN AN OUTSIDE CATERER?**

With the exception of cake, we do not allow outside food. Bearsville's catering teams must provide all of your food & beverage items. We would be happy to cut and serve your cake.

## **HOW DOES FOOD SELECTION WORK?**

Our private event catering menu was designed with groups in mind and can be flexed to cover any budget or style of food.

## **DO YOU CHARGE A MANAGEMENT FEE?**

A 15% management fee is added for equipment and operating fixed costs, insurance and the services of the Bearsville general manager in ensuring that your event runs perfectly. No part of this management fee is provided to wait staff or service employees, as those are included in the overall pricing. Tipping is not included or expected, but certainly appreciated.

## **IS A BAR PACKAGE CHARGED PER PERSON?**

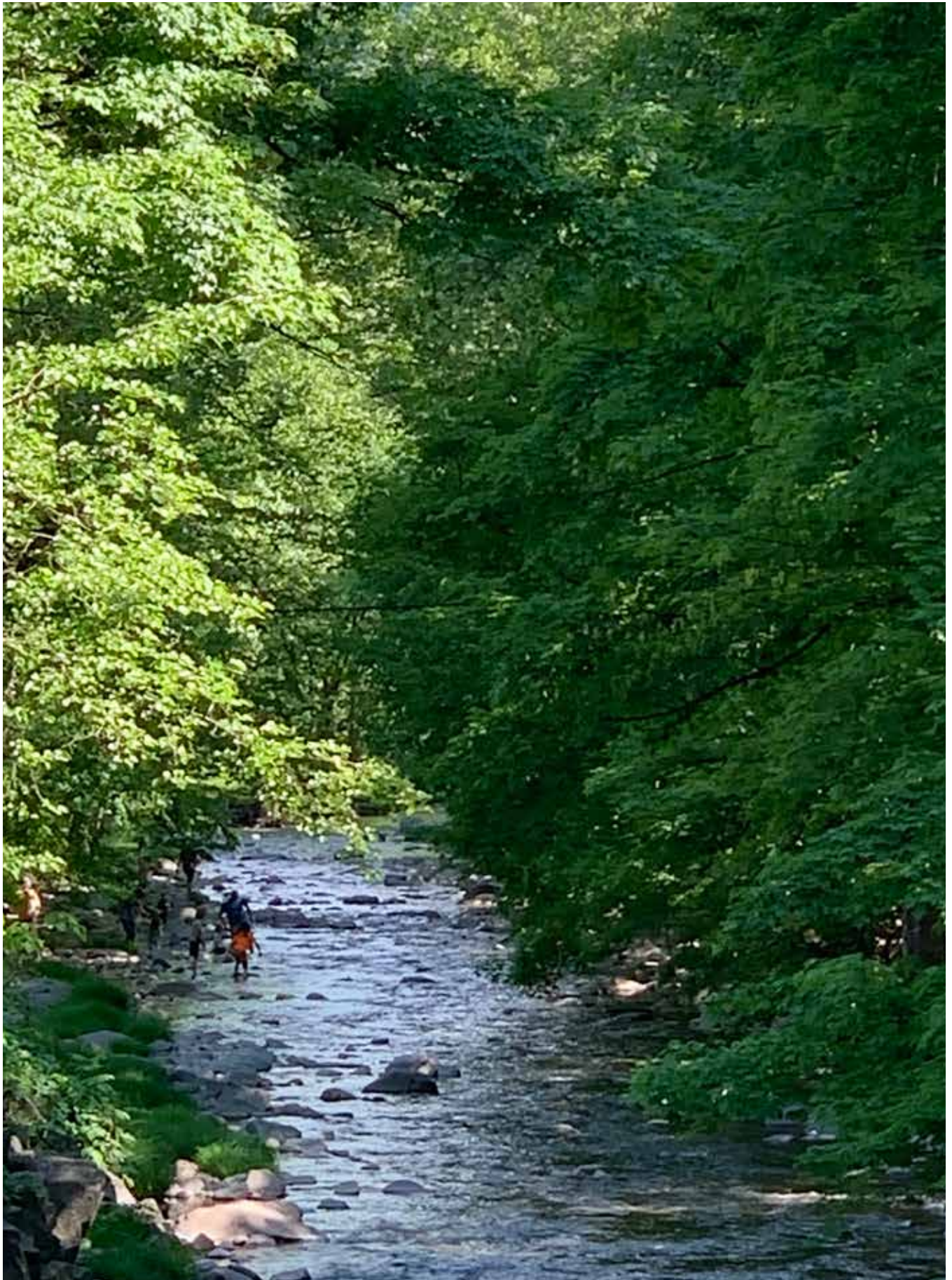
Yes. All adult guests over 21 years old can partake of the selected bar package.

## **CAN WE OFFER A CASH BAR OR A BAR BASED ON CONSUMPTION?**

Yes, this is an alternative to the per-person package.

## **DOES THE BAR PACKAGE INCLUDE NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS?**

Yes. Bar packages include soft drinks and other non-alcoholic bar standards (club soda, tonic water, juice).



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