

# CASTING FOR HOPE

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## The Casting for Hope Retreat Center

### The Rules

In order to protect, preserve and conserve the natural resources associated with the land, water, and fish entrusted to Casting for Hope (CfH) by the property owners, the following rules are hereby established to: insure the long term success and viability of the Retreat Center, create a sense of shared responsibility, and attend to the equitable usage distribution and availability for donors and guests.

#### 1. Rules of Use and Booking Reservations:

- 1.1. Guests may only have two reservations on the online calendar at any time. Reservations may extend over two consecutive days as one reservation; three-five consecutive days counts as two reservations. Reservations lasting over five consecutive days must be approved. A new reservation can be made once an existing reservation is used, canceled or elapsed.
- 1.2. **Rod limit is four rods per day.** This will be strictly enforced. When guests book reservations, they will inform CfH of how many rods will be fished with the reservation, and that number will be noted on the calendar. The number of rods in use on a given day ***will not exceed four*** and will be the determining factor of availability.
- 1.3. Guests must utilize the online calendar in order to ascertain availability for fishing, the farm house, and the bunk house. Once members have decided upon reservation requests, they will call/text/e-mail John or Kathy to confirm availability and have their reservations added to the online calendar.
- 1.4. We will be partnering with a caretaker on a limited basis to walk the property on days when no one is scheduled to be on the Retreat Center grounds. While you are on the property, please consider yourself the caretaker. We will let you know if you happen to be on the property during a scheduled feeding day, and ask if you would feed the fish. Feeding the fish is not only fun...but it's also good intel for your next trip to know where the really big boys are!
- 1.5. **All guests (and their guests) must sign a liability waiver to hold blameless Casting for Hope and the four principal landowners from whom Casting for Hope is leasing the grounds of the Retreat Center.**

2. Fishing Rules: **Failure to comply with these rules is grounds for loss of access!**
  - 2.1. Fly-fishing only. Spin/bait-casting/bait fishing—these are disallowed.
  - 2.2. Single-hook, barbless or debarbed flies only. Adhere to a maximum of three flies per rig if using droppers.
  - 2.3. Guests are expected to respect the health and lives of the fish in the streams. This includes but is not limited to: never overplaying fish for sport, over handling fish once landed, not spending the time and care to revive fish that have been played hard, touching landed fish with dry hands, etc. Under certain circumstances as Casting for Hope deems appropriate, when water levels are low and/or warming and fish are becoming stressed by their environment, Casting for Hope will reserve the right to invoke hoot-owl regulations, require the use of minimum 4X tippet to the terminal fly, and if necessary, completely prohibit fishing until the stressful conditions have returned to acceptable environmental stress levels.
  - 2.4. **Rubberized, or ghost rubber catch and release** nets only. NO nylon, string, or monofilament nets allowed.
  - 2.5. Catch and release fishing only.
  - 2.6. **Report poachers/trespassers immediately to John, Squeak, or Kathy who will directly inform the police and the sheriff's office. If you can, please document by photo anyone you see trespassing on the property and make that evidence available to the Casting for Hope team.**
  - 2.7. Report otters / signs of otters immediately.
  - 2.8. Report any dead fish you see or may have caused harm during your time on the water.
  - 2.9. Remove all trash you bring to the property and any you see others have failed to remove. Littering will not be tolerated on the property; leave it cleaner than you found it!
3. House / Bunk House Rules
  - 3.1. Of course, leave the house exactly as you found it or better! Please provide your own towels and linens; wash any linens you might use; or plan to pay Casting for Hope a fee of \$25 for the cleaning of linens.
  - 3.2. **Personal pets/animals in the house or bunk house are not allowed.**
  - 3.3. No dogs are allowed to be brought on the property while fishing or attending events.
  - 3.4. When staying in the house, clean out the fridge/cupboards of old or expired items and leave any non-perishable items that you wish for the next person or Retreat Center use (pasta, rice, canned food, coffee, sugar, flour, etc.). Basically, throw out what needs to be thrown out and leave something in the place of what you may have used.
4. Expectations
  - 4.1. Casting for Hope will organize quarterly workdays/weekends. These work events will help us maintain the property in a natural/pristine state and keep down our operational

expenses. Guests are expected to participate in a minimum of at least two workdays/weekends each year.

- 4.2. Casting for Hope will post all known stocking dates and workdays/ help requirements/needs online. If you're available, we'd appreciate your assistance.
  - 4.3. First and foremost, Casting for Hope is an organization that serves women and families in WNC after a diagnosis of ovarian or other gynecological cancer. We encourage our guests to assist as they are able in our retreat programs and fishing competitions, as these events represent a significant portion of our annual fundraising activities.
5. Fishing Limits
- 5.1. Little Rock Creek: The upper boundary of the Rader property on Rockdale Road (Upper limit sign across stream) to the confluence of Little Rock Creek and Big Rock Creek at the power line.
  - 5.2. Big Rock Creek: The bottom boundary of the confluence of Big Rock Creek and Little Rock Creek to the working farm barn on the right side of Big Rock Creek, below the McCurry Farmhouse. Guests are not allowed to fish higher than the barn on Big Rock Creek to respect the privacy of the landowners.
  - 5.3. Anyone guilty of fishing outside of these boundaries is legally trespassing. If anyone is found to be trespassing on the Casting for Hope leased property, or outside the property boundaries, the CfH team will to the full extent of the law pursue the incarceration and/or adjudication of the offending individual pursuant to all relevant trespassing laws applicable in the State of North Carolina and County of Mitchell.
  - 5.4. The property owners will clearly mark these boundaries with streamside signage.
6. Termination of Membership: Given that the lease agreements with Casting for Hope and the Lessors are contingent upon upholding all of these rules:
- 6.1. Any guest who violates these rules will have his or her access nullified immediately with no reimbursement of any donated funds.
  - 6.2. Any guest who has any questions or needs clarification regarding these rules should speak directly with John or Squeak. *They are the final authority.*
  - 6.3. Termination of individual guest access or renewal of said access in subsequent years is controlled by Casting for Hope exclusively.
7. Contact Information
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