

Ladies on the Laurel – March 26 – 29, 2009

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| Trip Description | <p>Ladies on the Laurel</p> <p>A guided fishing trip and relaxation for the ladies of BUFF on the Big Laurel Creek, near Hot Springs, North Carolina.</p> <p>http://www.flyfishingnc.com/streams/trout-streams/madison-county-nc-trout-streams.php</p> <p>Depart early Thursday, March 26, 2009. We will arrive in Hot Springs, NC around 3 – 4 p.m.</p> <p>Fish <u>half-day</u> with a guide on both Friday March 27 and Saturday March 28, 2009. This is a delayed harvest, stocked stream. You will have the opportunity to catch rainbow, brown and brook trout. Wading is relatively easy in this stream. Except for a few deep holes, the stream is about knee deep or less in most places.</p> <p>Spend the afternoon on Friday and Saturday in Hot Springs or nearby Asheville, North Carolina. Enjoy shopping, museums, historical sites, massage or fine dining. This is a <i>FUN</i> fishing trip designed for the ladies of the club.</p> <p>Return home on Sunday March 29, 2009. Travel time one way is about 6 hours.</p> |
| Travel | <p>We will depart Thursday morning March 26, around 7 a.m. We will work out the exact departure time at the BUFF meeting in March. The drive time to Hot Springs, N.C. is about 6 hours. We will carpool as much as possible. If you need a ride or can carry a passenger let Sharon know and she will help you coordinate this.</p> <p>The route is I-75 south to exit 3, I-640 East at Knoxville, to I-40 East , to exit 432B, US Highway 70E/25W toward Newport, TN, then merge onto TN 35/TN9/US 25W/US70, travel 28 miles to Hot Springs, NC. Turn left on Jackson Avenue, arrive at destination at 204 South Lawson Road, Hot Springs, NC.</p> |
| Lodging | <p>Lodging will be in at the Garden House, located at the Mountain Magnolia Inn in Hot Springs. Travelers will split the cost, estimated at about \$133.50 per person for three nights, based on six travelers. The Garden room can</p> |

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| | <p>accommodate up to two more persons if they sleep on futons. In that case lodging costs would be \$108 per person for three nights based on eight travelers. http://www.mountainmagnoliainn.com/</p> <p>If we have more than 8 travelers, or if additional lodging is required, we will use the Springbrook Cottages in Hot Springs. The cottages will cost \$118.50 plus tax per person for three nights, based on two persons per room. http://www.springbrookcottages.com/</p> |
| Meals | <p>Mountain Magnolia Inn – Martha’s unforgettable dining at Mountain Magnolia, named for our Executive Chef and partner, Martha Beakes, offers exceptional dining that only a small restaurant with a commitment to the finest in foods can offer. The Chef’s Table is the ultimate in dining and romance. This special dining package is a 5-course meal, created by Martha expressly for your tastes and served in front of a glowing fireplace in winter or in one of several outdoor dining locations in warmer weather. If our activity level permits, in larger rooms, we can offer room service. Add this special offering to your stay for \$120.00 per couple (does not include gratuity, tax, or spirits). For packages with an existing dining feature, add an additional \$60 http://www.mountainmagnoliainn.com/frameset.php?Page=home2.html</p> <p>Bridge Street Café & Inn – 145 Bridge Street, phone 828-622-0002 Café Food, a bit pricey but good. They have an outside dining patio on Spring Creek.</p> <p>Smoky Mountain Diner – 70 Lance Avenue. Phone 828-622-7571. American diner cuisine, country cooking. Big plates of good food at reasonable prices.</p> <p>Paddler’s Pub Steakhouse and Seafood Grill - 155 Bridge Street, Hot Springs, NC 28743, A charming, one-of-a-kind restaurant that is open daily for lunch and dinner and offers freshly prepared American style cuisine such as fresh homemade pizzas, fresh-cut steaks, huge organic salads, and large burgers, all complemented by an award-winning wine list and over 100 varieties of beer. (<i>A rough looking joint where they serve a lot of beer!</i>)</p> |
| License | <p>You can buy a license on site in Hot Springs or anywhere in North Carolina, or you may buy it online at: http://www.ncwildlife.org/fs_index_03_fishing.htm</p> <p>A non-resident annual license with trout stamp costs \$40. A non-resident ten-day license with trout stamp costs \$20.</p> <p>The North Carolina license is also valid anywhere in the Smoky Mountain National Park, including parts that are in Tennessee. The annual license is</p> |

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| | <p>valid for one full year from the date of purchase. If you plan to make at least one other fishing trip to North Carolina or in the Smoky Mountains this year, an annual license is recommended.</p> |
| Equipment | <p>You will need waders, wading boots, a fishing vest with various flies and equipment including a landing net, a 4 weight or 5 weight rod and reel. A hat, polarized sunglasses and a wading staff are highly recommended. If you use a fishing guide, all the equipment, except wading staff, sunglasses and hat, can be provided for you at no extra cost. If you want to use the guide service equipment we will need your sizes for the waders and boots by March 13, 2009.</p> <p>Bring your camera and a zip lock bag to put it in.</p> |
| Guide Info | <p>A half day of fishing on both Friday and Saturday will be professionally led by guides from Curtiss-Wright Outfitters, from Weaverville, NC. Cost of the guides is dependent upon how many people will be fishing and how many days we use the guides. Arrangements have been made for three guides for half a day for both Friday and Saturday. Estimated cost per fisher is \$225 for the two days, at \$195/half day guiding for two ladies, including a 15% gratuity. Last year we used three guides on Friday, and two ladies hired one guide for Saturday. If we use guides for only one day, the estimated cost per fisher is \$113.</p> <p>http://www.curtiswrightoutfitters.com/</p> |
| Special Info | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Off Hours Entertainment and Leisure</u></p> <p>Western North Carolina has many attractions and just about everyone can find something they will enjoy doing. Activities and locations will be suggested but the final choice will be left to the ladies on tour!</p> <p>There are no large groceries or a Wal-Mart in Hot Springs. The nearest of these is about 40 minutes away. There are several small groceries in town with basic items available.</p> <p>The Garden House has a complete kitchen. If you want to cook any of your meals, or to bring snacks, soft drinks or adult beverages for sharing, please feel free do so.</p> <p>You can bring music CDs to play or movie DVDS to play in the Garden House. There is a television there, but it has no antenna or cable connection.</p> <p>If we have interest, it is suggested that we visit the Hot Springs resort and</p> |

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| | Spa to soak in the mineral spring tubs. http://www.nhotsprings.com/ |
| <p>Registration: How to register – Deadline – Costs – Maximum Participants -</p> | <p>There will be a sign-up sheet at the February and March BUFF meetings.</p> <p>You can also register by contacting Sharon or Steve Bailey at 513-829-1823, or by e-mail at chiefrsb@fuse.net</p> <p><u>Last day for signups is Friday, March 13, 2009.</u></p> <p>A non-refundable lodging deposit of \$75.00 is due to Sharon Bailey by Friday March 13, 2009.</p> <p>All travelers must be current BUFF members and club waiver must be signed. If you want to take a friend relative who is not a BUFF member contact Dick Naber to sign them up for an annual membership.</p> <p>Maximum number of participants is limited to eight (8) at the Garden House. We can take up to twelve (12) lady fishers, total.</p> |
| Local Links | <p>Historic Hot Springs: http://www.hotspringsnc.org/</p> <p>Town of Hot Springs: http://www.townofhotsprings.org/</p> <p>Madison County Tourism: http://www.visitmadisoncounty.com/</p> <p>Asheville Area Calendar and Travel Info: http://www.exploreasheville.com/event-calendar/index.aspx</p> |