

Sycamore Lodge

Life is fine under the Carolina pines



LOCATION: Jackson Springs, North Carolina

RESORT TYPE: Coast Deluxe

SEASON: Open year-round

WEBSITE: travelresorts.com

WOODALL FACILITIES: ◆◆◆◆

WOODALL RECREATION: ◆◆◆◆◆

Sycamore Lodge is one of the few RV resorts with a long history and a true sense of place. Set on 194 acres among dogwoods, magnolias, pines and sycamores, the namesake lodge was constructed more than a century

ago. Hand-built fireplaces warm the lodge, and beautifully terraced gardens lead to the cabins, campsites and lovely Lake Sycamore.

A sublime wilderness retreat, this North Carolina Coast Deluxe Resort nonetheless provides all of the modern comforts, from free Wi-Fi in the lodge to laundry facilities, a general store and gated security. The tree-shaded RV sites all have 30- or 50-amp hookups and accommodate any size RV. Use your Trip Points to rent a one-bedroom cabin.

The 6,000-square-foot lodge is the place to play board games, complete a puzzle or borrow a book. As your laundry spins, catch a game on the big flat-screen TV.

Nearby, the log-cabin Hen House hosts crafts, bingo and Sunday church services. There's a game room next door and a pavilion for events, from dances to barbecues to live entertainment. Check the online activity schedule so you'll know what to pack if your visit coincides with the Hillbilly Hoedown, Hawaiian luau or dozens of other theme activities.

Down at the 2-acre lake, you can cast your fishing line for bass or cast off in a canoe or pedal boat. Walk your dog along the nature trail that circles the lake, then let him run free in the off-leash area. Two playgrounds, a sports field, a mini-golf course and courts for volleyball, basketball, shuffleboard and horseshoes round out the resort's outdoor facilities.

Sycamore Lodge stands on a stretch of ancient dunes called the Sandhills. You may know this region as America's Golf Capital. If you're a golfer, don't miss the nearby Village of Pinehurst, home to one of the world's most famous golf resorts and its flagship course, Pinehurst Number 2.

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