

SYCAMORE LODGE

A first-class family haven among the Carolina pines

Just minutes from the prestigious Pinehurst golf resort and the village of the same name stands an impressive Coast Premier Resort, North Carolina's Sycamore Lodge. If you're a golfer, traveling to this golfing mecca is a must-do pilgrimage to play some of the country's most sought-after courses. Even if you don't take a swing on the legendary fairways, the game's still on. Sycamore Lodge will fill your days with a feast of activities and recreational possibilities.

Start your visit at the namesake lodge, hand-hewn more than a century ago and handsomely endowed with fireplaces in each room. The same pride that created the venerable lodge is evident throughout the 194-acre property, with terraced gardens and leafy sycamore, oak, pine, dogwood and magnolia groves leading to the swimming pool and hot tub.

Down at 2-acre Lake Sycamore, you can fish for bass, paddle a canoe or soak up the sun in a pedal boat. Walk the family dog around the lake or let Fido run free in the off-leash area. Toss a ball and serve at the volleyball net, shoot some hoops at the basketball court, or get in a more leisurely game of shuffleboard or horseshoes. If you can't make it to the region's celebrated golf links, do the next best thing and putt for holes-in-one at the resort's challenging minigolf course.

The 6,000-square-foot lodge is the place for playing board games, borrowing books and connecting to free Wi-Fi. While your wash tumbles in the laundry room, stock up on the basics at the country store and catch a golf tournament on the big-screen TV. Using your Trip Points, you can rent a one-bedroom cabin or reserve a shaded RV campsite.

The Sycamore Lodge pavilion hosts dances, barbecues and live entertainment nearly year-round. Check the online schedule to plan your stay around one of the 40 weekly theme activities and holiday events throughout the year, including the heavenly Chocolate Lovers' weekend.

Located 70 miles south of Raleigh and 90 miles east of Charlotte, Sycamore Lodge is one of four top-rated Travel Resorts of America properties in the Coast to Coast network, along with Pennsylvania's Gettysburg Battlefield Resort and Ohio's Rocky Fork Ranch and Wally World Riverside Resort. As a Coast to Coast member, you're invited to visit them all.



LOCATION: Jackson Springs, North Carolina

RESORT TYPE: Coast Premier

SEASON: Year-round

WEBSITE: travelresorts.com

GOOD SAM RATING: 8/10★/9

