

COLD MOUNTAIN LODGE

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Welcome to the Newsletter for the Cold Mountain Lodge, providing you with information and updates on your favorite vacation destination in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina.



What's New at the Lodge?

As most of you know, the Cold Mountain Lodge does not have cell service or standard high speed internet. However, we do have Hughes internet delivered by satellite. Recently, a company has advertised that it will begin offering cable internet service on Cold Mountain and at this time the build out of the infrastructure is continuing. Although we do not have cable internet at the cabin yet, it is expected this will happen soon.



FIREWOOD UPDATE

When the property was cleared last year, I requested that the workers cut the wood into easily burnable pieces for the use of Lodge guests. At this time, there is still an ample amount of firewood to last for the rest of the year. So, if you decide to make a fire in the fireplace or the firepit during your visit there is plenty of wood for your use.

New Rail Fence Makes Parking Safer at the Lodge

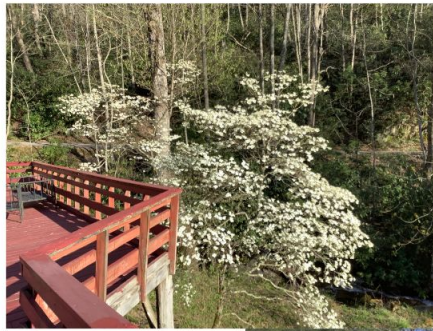
Recently, we had a sturdy, wooden, rail fence built at the edge of the parking area to provide a safe enclosure for cars to park near the base of the stairwell. Since the lawn was cut and the foliage has been reduced to improve the view, this safety measure provides a well demarcated area for guests to park. It is the latest of many steady improvements that have taken place at the Lodge over the last few years.





The Dogwoods Are in Bloom!

April and May is the time of year when the Dogwood trees bloom for several weeks at a time. We are blessed to have several of these beautiful trees at the Lodge with their characteristic white flowers in full bloom in April and May. There are, of course, dozens of other flowers that appear in April and continue through the end of the summer. Make your plans now to visit the Cold Mountain Lodge to see all of the beautiful flowers that this scenic location has to offer.



New Donkeys and Goats Have Been Sighted Near the Boy Scout Camp

For decades, a donkey lived on one of the farms in the direction of the Boy Scout camp uphill from the Lodge on Little East Fork Road. Recently, Ralph spied another donkey and goats that have taken up residence at the same farm. If you bicycle up on the free bikes provided, or drive up toward the Boy Scout camp and look to the left, you will see them!



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