

# Leatherwood Information Packet



**Leatherwood Mountains POA, Inc.  
512 Meadow Road  
Ferguson, NC 28624**

[www.leatherwoodpoa.com](http://www.leatherwoodpoa.com)

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## Emergency Numbers

Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance) .....	911
Wilkes Regional Medical Center ..... <a href="http://www.wilkesregional.com">www.wilkesregional.com</a> .....	336-651-8100
Watauga Medical Center ..... <a href="http://apprhs.org">http://apprhs.org</a> .....	800-443-7385
Blue Ridge Electric Outage Reporting .....	800-448-2383
Amerigas ..... <a href="http://www.amerigas.com">www.amerigas.com</a> .....	336-838-8962
C&J LP Gas .....	336-973-2411
Ferrellgas ..... <a href="http://www.ferrellgas.com">www.ferrellgas.com</a> .....	336-667-8533
Wilkes Telecommunications ..... <a href="http://www.wilkes.net">www.wilkes.net</a> .....	336-973-3103
Leatherwood after hour emergencies .....	336-973-4285
	or 336-973-4640

## Informational Numbers

Leatherwood Welcome Center ..... <a href="http://www.leatherwoodmountains.com">www.leatherwoodmountains.com</a> .....	336-973-4142
Leatherwood Home Rentals .....	336-973-4142
Leatherwood Stables & Tack .....	336-973-5044
Leatherwood Land & Home Sales .....	336-973-5028
Leatherwood Restaurant .....	336-973-5706
Eller's Store.....	336-973-4709
Todd's Store .....	828-758-9879

## Newcomer Information

Drivers' License ..... <a href="http://www.ncdot.org/dmv">www.ncdot.org/dmv</a> .....	336-838-4725
License Plate Agency .....	336-903-1283
Voter Registration .....	336-651-7338
Wilkes County Taxes ..... <a href="http://www.wilkescounty.net">www.wilkescounty.net</a> .....	336-651-7323

## Hospital Directions

Wilkes Regional Medical Center: Turn left out of Leatherwood and follow Elk Creek/ Darby Road to Hwy 268. Turn left on Hwy 268. Stay on 268 until you reach the Hwy 421 overpass (Hampton Inn will be on your right). Go under the overpass and turn left at the light on 421 North toward Boone. Take the first exit on the right toward North Wilkesboro. At the 6<sup>th</sup> light turn left, the hospital is up the hill on the right. Approximate travel time: 25 minutes.

Watauga Medical Center: Turn right out of Leatherwood and follow Elk Creek/Darby Road to Triplett Road. Turn right on Triplett Road and follow this to Old 421. Turn left on Old 421 and then left on New 421. At NC-105 Ext/US-221, turn left and go approximately .4 miles then turn left on State Farm Road. Go approximately 1 mile and turn right on Deerfield Road. The hospital will be on your right. Approximate travel time: 25-35 minutes.

## General Information & Guidelines

The following information is intended to help you become aware of Leatherwood Mountains' rules and regulations. These regulations are intended not only to protect your property values but your living experience as well.

Listed below are some of the most frequently asked questions about regulations. We strongly urge you to familiarize yourself with Leatherwood Mountains' Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. You can easily obtain a copy from our website: [www.leatherwoodmountains.com](http://www.leatherwoodmountains.com). Simply click on the POA link. Here you will find our current officers, scheduled meetings, minutes of the past meeting and our covenants. If you do not have internet access, please contact a POA board member and request a copy.

1. Speed Limit: 15 MPH – Please help us protect our hikers, riders and wildlife by always staying on your side of the road and obeying the speed limit.
2. Motorized vehicles, of any kind, are not permitted on the trails except on authorized trail clean-up days.
3. Construction plan approval is required prior to commencing construction of any kind (please refer to the covenants for detailed information). Two copies of the “Contractor’s Guidelines” will be given to property owners prior to start of construction, one for owner and one for the contractor.
4. Tree cutting, for any reason, must be approved (refer to covenants).
5. No outside burning of wood, leaves, trash, or household refuse is permitted.
6. Fireworks, of any kind, are strictly prohibited!

7. No display of construction or repair/service company signage or advertisement is permitted.
8. Please remind your contractor that open fires at construction sites are prohibited.
9. Signage for your properties in Leatherwood is guided by the Covenants and must be specifically approved by the Architectural Review Committee; submit written request and a full colored drawing to ARC, 512 Meadow Road, Ferguson, NC 28624. Place orders for 911 address signs for private homes at the Welcome Center.
10. Properties listed as rental homes with Leatherwood Rentals, Inc., should have signage designating the name of the house and the 911 emergency numbers. This sign will be ordered upon completion of an application to place property with Leatherwood Rentals, Inc.

### Property Owner Dues & Fees

Property owner dues are paid annually and cover the expense of the upkeep of the property inside the main gate. Such expenses include road repair, the maintenance of the swimming pool and tennis courts, grass cutting services, and equipment repairs and servicing.

An annual POA board meeting is held each February and all POA members are encouraged to attend. During this meeting the budget is reviewed and any change in dues is presented by the board. The POA sends each member a notice referencing the amount owed.

The POA assesses a construction fee for all new construction. This fee is applied to the cost of maintaining our roads due to the considerable damage caused by construction vehicles and equipment. The fee is billed directly to the property owner.

Since there is no trash collection service at Leatherwood, dumpsters are provided by Leatherwood Rentals, Inc. To help offset the cost of these dumpsters, which are located near the East Barn, a fee is charged to property owners. A notice will be mailed to you referencing the amount owed.

Also, since there is no mail delivery inside Leatherwood, Leatherwood Rentals, Inc. provides post office boxes for rent. Please contact the Welcome Center (336-973-4142) for more information. You may also rent a post office box from the Ferguson Post Office located on Hwy 268 at the Ferguson Voluntary Fire Department.

## Security/Fire Safety Information

### Security

Leatherwood Mountains is a private gated residential and resort community and strives to protect the safety and privacy of its property owners and guests. A private gate code is assigned for the use of property owners only. This code is selected by the POA board members and is periodically changed. In the event of a code change, the new code is distributed to all POA members via U.S. mail. For your convenience, a property owner remote can be purchased at the Welcome Center.

For your guests, service workers, or for receiving deliveries, we ask that you not disclose the property owners' code. Please call the Welcome Center (336-973-4142) and ask for the current guest code to provide to your guests. In the event you are unable to obtain the code prior to your guest's arrival, they can use the keypad at the main gate to call your home. Using the scroll feature, they can locate your last name and enter your corresponding number on the keypad. This will ring the telephone at your home. By simply pressing "9" on your home, the phone will disconnect and the gate will open. *(If you have a home at Leatherwood and a telephone with a local number, and would like your information added to the keypad directory, please contact a POA board member.)* If you have your property listed as a rental home with Leatherwood Rentals, Inc., they will provide your renters with a special access code.

If there are homes available for sale that you may be interested in viewing, please call the Leatherwood Land and Home Sales Office (336-973-5028) for an appointment. Often times, a home that is for sale will also be a rental home and we strive to protect the privacy of our renters as well.

### Fire Safety and Emergency Exits

In the event the main Leatherwood entrance on Elk Creek Darby Road is not accessible, there are two emergency exits located on the mountain. ALWAYS TRY TO USE THE MAIN PAVED ROAD FIRST!! One is located at the end of Wagon Ridge just past the Cliffside rental property. The other is on the right at a "y" in the road on Elk Horn road just past Mica Mine Lane. Both exits are marked with "Alternate Fire Exit" signs and are gravel roads.. Please refer to the Fire Exit map enclosed to become better familiarized with these routes. However, please note that these are gated and locked exits and are only opened and accessible in the event of an emergency. Residents living near each exit have keys to the gates & the NC Forest Service is in the process of obtaining keys. The forest Service would be the first to unlock the gate if a fire was to start.

## Leatherwood Amenities

### Swimming

From the Welcome Center, the swimming pool is located in the meadow just beyond Elk Ridge Road on the right. This is a non-diving, unheated pool. The pool is for private use of property owners and their guests and renters only. There are no life guard services thus all children 16 and under must be supervised by an adult of at least 21 years of age. For the safety, enjoyment and well being of all who use the pool, a more complete set of guidelines are posted at the pool entrance. Please familiarize yourself with them.

- pool hours are from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
- property owners are responsible for the safety and behavior of their guests
- noise should be kept to a minimum as there are residential homes nearby
- property owners and management are not responsible for any injuries
- no pets are permitted in the pool area
- a first aid kit is located at the Welcome Center
- an emergency telephone is located at the bathhouse

### Tennis

Just beyond the swimming pool, are two lighted tennis courts. Courts are available on a first come first serve basis. Hours are 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

### Basketball

A basketball half court is located in front of the swimming pool area. The court is available on a first come first serve basis. Hours are 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

### Fishing

Inside the main gate, you can try your luck at Raymond's Pond located just through the meadow on the left. Outside the main gate, but still on Leatherwood property, you can fish Elk Creek along the edge of the campsites. A North Carolina fishing license is not required when fishing inside the gate, but is required when fishing outside the gate. There are several other streams, a river and lake within a 20 mile drive from Leatherwood.

### Hiking

We have over 100 miles of beautiful trails to explore that consist of long woodsy paths along beautiful ridges, old logging roads and creek crossings. There are minimal to long climbs and descents. Refer to the enclosed trail map and trail system chart to select the trail that best fits your hiking ability. Always remember to carry plenty of drinking water! All trails are shared with horseback riders, so please be considerate.

## Horseback Riding

Some of the most breathtaking and challenging horse riding trails can be found right here at Leatherwood Mountains. Whether you keep your horses on your property or board them at Leatherwood Stables, more than 100 miles of trails await you right outside your door. Leatherwood Mountains offers a vast degree of trails for both the novice and seasoned rider. Please refer to the enclosed trail map and trail system chart to select the trails that best suit your level of riding experience. Remember, horse riding trails are shared with hikers, please be courteous. There is also a show arena, covered arena and round pen located at Leatherwood.

Guided trail rides in Leatherwood Mountains are available and reservations can be made by calling Leatherwood Stables at 336-973-5044 or 800-4NC-MTNS (800-462-6867).

## Riding Lessons

On-site riding lessons are available at Leatherwood by contacting the stables at 973-5044. These are ideal for beginners as well as experienced riders interested in learning more about Leatherwood's challenging terrain. Lessons range from working in the riding ring to crossing streams to venturing out on the trails. Horses are provided unless you have a specific horse you'd like to work with.

## Boarding/Stabling Horses

A limited amount of on-site boarding and stabling is available for you and your guests. Leatherwood Rentals, Inc. offers 21 inside 12x12 stalls, 23 open-air covered 12x12 stalls, and pasture facilities. Long-term boarding as well as stabling your horse for the day or weekend is available by calling Leatherwood Stables at 973-5044. Note: A negative Coggins certificate is required for each horse as well as a 30 day health certificate for horses arriving out of state. For more information regarding North Carolina equine laws, please call the state veterinarian at 919-733-7601.

## Camping

The Leatherwood campground is located just across the street from the main entrance of Leatherwood. There are 21 water and electric hookups (20 amp) and all trailers and RVs are permitted. Shower and bathroom facilities are located in each barn. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 973-5044. Note: dump stations are not available.

## Saddlebrook Restaurant and Canteen

The Saddlebrook Restaurant is located to the left of the Welcome Center as you enter Leatherwood Mountains. A "canteen" area with food, ice cream and gifts is open full time and the more formal restaurant is open on weekends and holidays. For hours of operation and more information, call 336-973-5706

## Some of the Many Local & Regional Recreation Areas & Activities

**Grandfather Mountain** drive to top, walk across mile-high footbridge, nature museum, natural habitats for bears, panthers, deer, and eagles, US 221 one mile from Parkway, Linville, 60 minutes from Leatherwood

**Blue Ridge Parkway** the most-visited national park, hugs the crest of the mountains, 30 minutes from Leatherwood

**Linn Cove Viaduct** milepost 304, engineering marvel bridge, winds across Grandfather, seemingly hanging in space while clinging to the mountain's face

**Linville Caverns** US 221 south between Linville and Marion

**Linville Falls** milepost 316, one of the most spectacular falls on the Parkway, moderate hike to see

**Lost Cove Cliffs** milepost 310, on summer nights you may spot the legendary Brown Mountain Lights

**The Blowing Rock** in the village of the same name, an immense cliff overhanging Johns River Gorge 3,000 feet below. The phenomenon is so called because the rocky walls of the gorge form a flume through which the northwest wind sweeps with such force that it returns light objects cast over the void. 50 minutes from Leatherwood 828-295-7111

**Moses Cone Manor** House & Estate and Parkway Craft Center, May through October, milepost 294, Blowing Rock.

**Stone Mountain State Park** stone monolith mountain, hiking, picnicking, fishing, 60 minutes from Leatherwood

**Pilot Mountain State Park** smaller stone monolith, unique, US 52, Pinnacle, 90 minutes from Leatherwood

**Chimney Rock Park** NC 64/74-A, 2 hours from Leatherwood

**Mountain Laurel bloom** in early June

**Rhododendron bloom** in late June

**Kerr Scott Reservoir** camping, picnicking, fishing, 15 minutes from Leatherwood

**Tweetsie Railroad** three-mile adventure train ride, petting zoo, rides on 321 between Boone and Blowing Rock, May through October

**Grandfather Trout Farm** NC 105 between Boone and Linville

**Grandfather Gem Mine** NC 105 between Boone and Linville

**Emerald Hollow** rockhounding, sluicing, Hiddenite, 7 AM to sunset daily, 60 minutes from Leatherwood

**The Greater Foscoe Mining Co.** enriched emerald mine ore from 9 to 6, 7 days a week, Hwy 105, Foscoe, 828-963-5928, 50 minutes from Leatherwood

**Zaloo's Canoes** 2 hours to all day, Hwy 16 & 88, Jefferson, 800-535-4027, 60 minutes from Leatherwood

**Wilderness Lodge Canoe & Kayak** 1 hour to all day, also overnight trips available, W. Kerr Scott Lake or Yadkin River trips, 20 minutes from Leatherwood, 336-921-2277

**Appalachian Angler** fly shop & guide service, Hwy 105 near Hound Ears, 828-963-5050, 50 minutes from Leatherwood

**Foscoe Fishing Company and Outfitters** for a day of fishing you'll never forget, Hwy 105, Foscoe, 828-963-7431, 50 minutes from Leatherwood

**Wahoo's Adventures** rafting, canoeing, tubing outfitters, US 321 one mile south of Boone 800-444-RAFT

**Price Lake** Blue Ridge Parkway milepost 297, fishing, hiking, picnicking

## HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL

**Original Ben Long Frescoes** painted on the walls of two little untended Episcopal mission churches, the Church of the Holy Trinity in Glendale Springs and St. Mary's in West Jefferson. The sanctuaries are dominated by frescoes behind their altars. St. Mary's altar piece is a realistic Christ upon the cross, imposed upon a more ethereal Christ behind the cross, the historical Jesus and the transfigured Christ. To left and right of the massive fresco, smaller ones of a pregnant Mary (the Mary of great expectations) and a proclaiming John the Baptist, both portenders of Christ, point to the center Christ. The Church of the Holy Trinity has as its imposing altar piece an unusual Last Supper. One hour from Leatherwood

**Whippoorwill Village** NC 268 one mile east of Ferguson, 3-5 Saturdays and Sundays, Tom Dooley Museum, Smokehouse Gallery, Daniel Boone replica cabin and a country store

**Hampton Mill** on NC 105 turn right like going to Newland for meal to make yeast rolls, sourdough bread, grits

**Wilkes Community College Gardens** Wilkesboro

**Todd's Store** old country store, player pianos, ice cream, Buffalo Cove, 10 minutes from Leatherwood

**Cerminaro Vineyard** Saturdays noon to 6 for tours & tastings, 20 minutes from Leatherwood

**Biltmore Estate and Winery** Gardens, conservatory, US 25, Asheville 9-5 daily, 2 hours from Leatherwood

## SHOWS

**Blowing Rock Stage Company** 828-295-9627, professional theatrical company presenting live comedies and musicals throughout the summer

**Wilkes Playmakers** community theater company at times throughout the year. Special performance of Tom Dooley - A Wilkes County Legend - people nationwide have been fascinated and intrigued with the Tom Dooley story for over a century. The 1860's murder of Laura Foster not far from Leatherwood was one of the nation's first highly publicized crimes of passion. Tom Dooley was hanged for the crime but many questions were left unanswered. Excellent play, runs July-August, 336-838-PLAY, 30 minutes from Leatherwood

**Horn in the West** outdoor drama, mid-June to mid-August, 828-264-2120

**Barter Theatre** Abingdon, VA (800) 368-3240, 2 hours from Leatherwood

## EVENTS

**"Sunday Concert in the Park"** Blowing Rock, frequently

**Merlefest** Bluegrass Festival, Wilkesboro, late April

**Highland Games** Grandfather Mountain, mid-July

**Singing on the Mountain** Grandfather Mountain, fourth Sunday in June

**Christmas in July** West Jefferson, second full weekend in July

**Art in the Park** Blowing Rock, third Saturdays

**Fall Festival** Roan Mountain State Park, mid-September

**Wooly Worm Festival** Banner Elk, mid-October

## SHOPPING

**Mast General Store** est. 1883 in Valle Crucis, old mountain landmark. Traditional clothing, comfortable shoes and hiking boots, and old-time mercantile items

**Shoppes on the Parkway** Blowing Rock, 35 factory outlets, Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 1-6pm, 828-295-4248

**Cabin Fever** on Main Street in Blowing Rock. Unique shop filled with interesting log furniture and cabin accessories

## SKIING

### North Carolina Skiing information

**Ski Beech** Banner Elk, 90 minutes from Leatherwood

**Sugar Mountain** Banner Elk, 75 minutes from Leatherwood

**Appalachian Ski Mountain** Boone, 60 minutes from Leatherwood

**Ski Hawksnest** Foscoe, 70 minutes from Leatherwood

## GOLF

**Boone Golf Club** Boone, 40 minutes from Leatherwood

**MountainAire Golf Club** West Jefferson 60 minutes from Leatherwood 336-877-4716

**Jefferson Landing Golf Club** Jefferson, 60 minutes from Leatherwood, 800-292-6274 or 336-982-4449

**Cedar Lake Golf Course** Jonesville one hour from Leatherwood, 336-835-5041

## BEST PLACES TO EAT

### Saddlebrook Restaurant located in Leatherwood Mountains

**Todd's Store** in downtown Buffalo Cove. At lunchtime, have a tasty sandwich and soft drink in a glass bottle and browse the old-time store and player piano shop, 6 minutes from Leatherwood

**Joe's** in downtown Ferguson, in the back of the store, Joe and his wife, Delight, are friendly, 10 minutes from Leatherwood

**Crippen's Country Inn & Restaurant** Blowing Rock, 5 stars

**Canyons** great views and casual atmosphere, Blowing Rock

**Casa Rustica** Great Italian Dining, Boone Hwy 105

**The Peddler Steak House** Boone

**Sagebrush Steakhouse & Saloon** baby back ribs, prime rib, peanuts, Boone and Wilkesboro

**The Bistro** fine wines & coffees, desserts, pasta, steaks, seafood, custom prepared entrees, Boone

**The Best Cellar** in Blowing Rock, excellent cuisine

**Shadrack's Barbecue & Seafood Barn** with country variety show, Boone

**Shatley Springs** home-cooked family-style dining for three generations, cat-head biscuits, Hwy 16 in Crumpler, one hour from Leatherwood

**Greenfields** famous for home-cooked family-style dining, Jefferson, 50 minutes from Leatherwood

**Tijuana Fats'** great Mexican food, terrace dining, Blowing Rock