

South Holston River Lodge

THE SOUTH'S PREMIER FLY FISHING DESTINATION

PRE-TRIP PLANNING GUIDE

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ENDORSED
FLY FISHING LODGE

OF THE YEAR

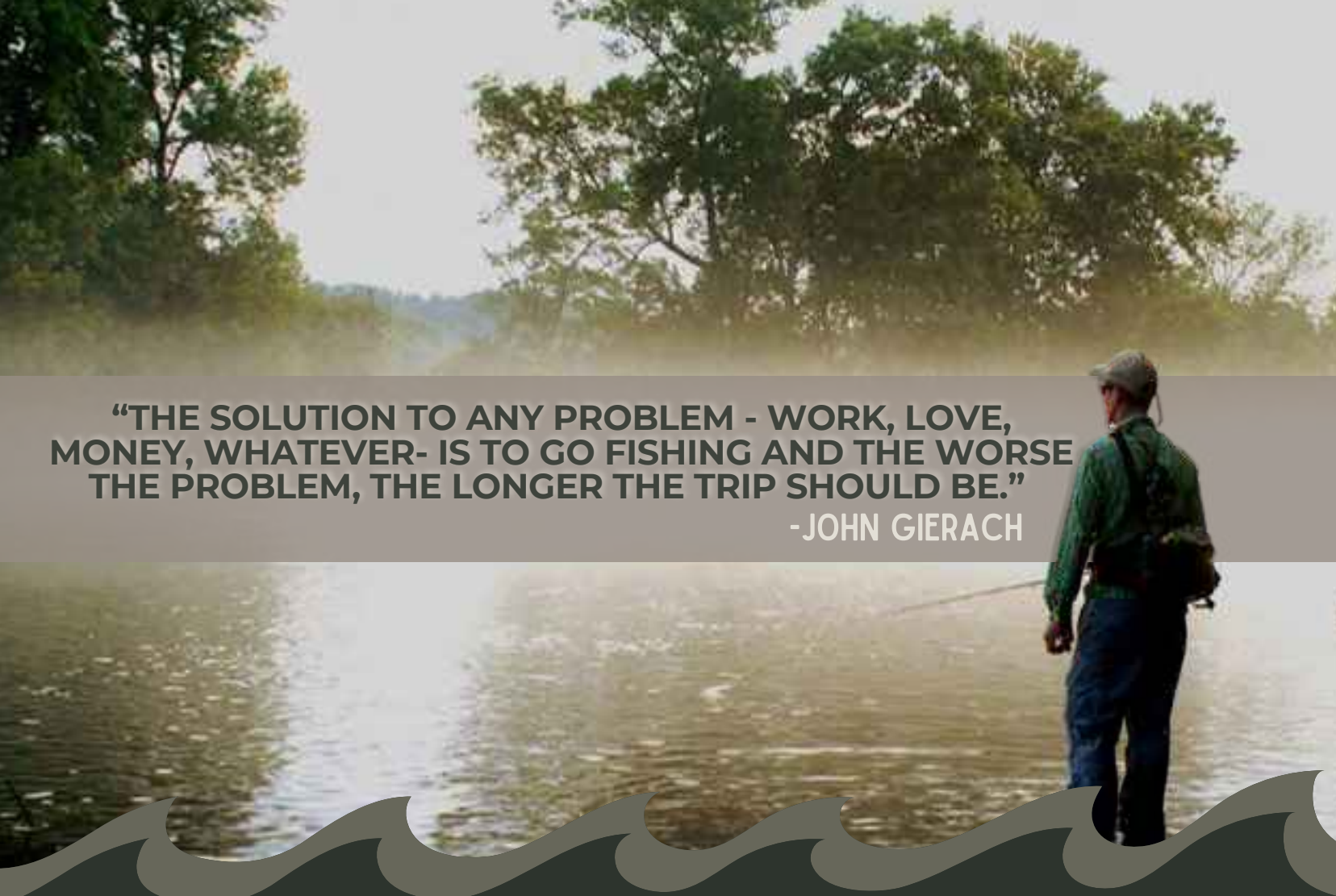
**"PERHAPS THE BEST TROUT
FISHING IN THE EAST!"**

-LEFTY KREH

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"THE SOLUTION TO ANY PROBLEM - WORK, LOVE, MONEY, WHATEVER- IS TO GO FISHING AND THE WORSE THE PROBLEM, THE LONGER THE TRIP SHOULD BE."

-JOHN GIERACH

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"ANOTHER EXCELLENT TRIP"
-supersteele21, ORVIS Review



WELCOME TO SOUTH HOLSTON RIVER LODGE

TRAVELING TO SHRL:

Anglers may choose to drive to South Holston River Lodge or fly to TRI-CITIES REGIONAL AIRPORT (TRI). If you choose to fly, renting a car is *not* needed. We offer complimentary shuttle for arrival & departure flights. Private flights are also available for pick up & drop off at the FBO located next to TRI. Guests should arrange travel so that they arrive at TRI no later than 4:00pm & depart no later than 12:00pm. American Airlines, Delta and Allegiant Air serve the Tri-Cities Regional Airport with daily scheduled service from major cities including Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas & Fort Lauderdale.

American Airlines    DELTA

FLIGHT ITINERARY

Once you have secured airline reservations, please email a copy of your itinerary to bookings@southholstonriverlodge.com, so we may coordinate with your driver & make arrangements for your arrival to the lodge.

MEETING YOUR DRIVER

A representative from South Holston River Lodge will track your flight and text/call as soon as you land. They will greet you at baggage claim for your shuttle.

DRIVING TO SHRL

ADDRESS FOR GPS:

1509 Bullock Hollow Rd, Bristol, TN 37620

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Your hosts will greet you upon your arrival at SHRL & our staff will transfer your luggage to your cabin. At this time, we will give you an overview of our daily schedules, guide/angler line up, river conditions and lodge policies.

After dinner service is complete, most guests gather around our riverside firepit for a nightcap, cigar & the fishing tales of the day. Typically, there is no guided fishing on your arrival day, unless previously scheduled, guests are welcome to take this opportunity to fish in front of the lodge on their own.

ADULT BEVERAGES

Your cabin will be stocked with complimentary beer, wine, & assorted non-alcoholic beverages. We do *not* provide liquor at the lodge, we recommend that you pick this up prior to your arrival. We do have a variety of mixers for your convenience. Specific beverage requests can be arranged during the precheck-in phone call you will receive from one of our managers 10-14 days prior to your arrival.

ALL INCLUSIVE ANGLING ITINERARY

6:30AM

Coffee is ready in the Blue Wing Olive. For early riser's, there is coffee in your cabin with all the accoutrements.

7:00AM

Breakfast | Guide rotations are announced & any specific requests or needs for the day are addressed at this time.

7:30AM

Guides arrive at the lodge and are introduced to their anglers. Your guide will offer options for the day and you both will decide on a fishing location to ensure expectations are met.

NOON

Enjoy the wildlife and moving water. There is no better place to enjoy a nice lunch.

4:00-4:30PM

Drift boats are making their way back to the ramp & returning to South Holston River Lodge.

6:00PM

Anglers gather in the Blue Wing Olive for appetizers, drinks & tell the stories of the day.

6:45PM

Daily announcements followed by dinner, consisting of our wonderful regional cuisine. After dinner, feel free to unwind next to the fire, make some casts off the dock, retire to your cabin or just simply relax. You are of your own counsel!



"CAN'T BE BEAT"

-Steve Peskoe, ORVIS Review



LODGE CUISINE

At SHRL we take our food just as seriously as we take our fishing. You have a choice of meals during your stay, you will choose these options during the precheck-in phone call. This call takes place to each guest 10-14 days prior to arrival. Food allergies dietary restrictions or special culinary needs can be addressed at that time.



"BEST FISHING & FOOD!!!"

-Dudley & Kathy, ORVIS Review



SOUTH HOLSTON TAILWATER

We are nestled on the banks of the South Holston Tailwater and offer some of the finest fly fishing experiences in the country. Our 14 mile tailwater originates from the South Holston Dam and flows into Boone Lake. Our world class guides spend hundreds of days on the river each year and are happy to share with you all the elements of fly fishing technique necessary-regardless of experience level.

Our resident Mayflies, Sulphurs & Blue Wings make the Soho a perfect destination for quenching that dry fly thirst! A typical day may include nymphing, dries or casting streamers as trout adapt to changing water conditions & hatches.

Trout of the South Holston average between 10-15 inches in length, but 20+ inch wild browns & rainbow are caught consistently each year. Our tailwater provides a perfect environment for the trout of the South Holston to thrive.



**LEFTY KREH ENJOYING A DAY AT
SOUTH HOLSTON RIVER LODGE**

WATAUGA TAILWATER

About 30 minutes from SHRL lies the Watauga River. Offering a diverse population of aquatic insects, the Watauga provides solid hatch opportunities. Caddis hatch is an awesome phenomenon to witness - & fish!

Long runs and deep pools define the Watauga as an amazing stretch of trout water. We highly recommend the Watauga River as an alternate if you'd like to experience a different river during your stay at SHRL.

When looking for great lodging, fantastic fly fishing professional guides, & outstanding meals, look no further than the South Holston River Lodge in beautiful East Tennessee.



"HUGE WILD BROWNS ON SOUTH HOLSTON"

-PSUJimbo, ORVIS Review

AT SOUTH HOLSTON RIVER LODGE -WE ARE FLY FISHING



"BEST GUIDED EXPERIENCE"

-BRF92, ORVIS Review

WHAT TO BRING

EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING & FLY FISHING GEAR

South Holston River lodge is casual fishing environment. Our program is designed for you to pack light & for our lodge staff and guides to take care of the rest! We love what we do!

Please take into consideration that we provide all terminal tackle & is included in your package rate. This includes flies, leaders, tippet, indicators or anything else that may be needed for a successful day on the water.

Mandatory items to bring:

- TN Fishing license
- Polarized sunglasses
- Clothing for weather conditions
- Quality rain jacket

SEASONAL CLOTHING

South Holston River Lodge operates 12 months a year. East Tennessee has four distinct seasons. Other than your fishing related clothing, recommendations will be discussed on your precheck-in call based on current conditions for your stay.

POLARIZED SUNGLASSES

This is your most important piece of equipment for fly fishing. This helps protect your eyes & also enables you to see clearly through the water. Polarized lenses are the best choice for this type of fishing. Always bring two pairs of polarized sunglasses in case you lose or break a pair. Eyeglass retainers like Croakies or Cablz are invaluable.

ROD & REEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Our tailwaters provide excellent opportunities for big browns, beautiful rainbows, smallmouth and occasional striped bass.

SPECIES	ROD	LINE TYPE MATCHED TO ROD
TROUT	9FT. 5WT.	WF-F
TROUT (STREAMERS)	9FT. 7-TO 8-WT.	WF-F & WF-S 200-350GR
SMALLMOUTH BASS (TOPWATER OR STREAMERS)	9FT. 7-TO 8-WT.	WF-F SINK TIP

WADERS

Although most fishing will be done from a western-style drift boat, wading opportunities may present themselves during your visit at low water conditions. Quality waders will get you through the day warm & dry, & also offer great rain protection. Don't have your own waders or boots? No worries, just let us know prior to arrival & we'll provide them for you.

SUN PROTECTION

In addition to lightweight, long sleeved shirts & pants, we recommend sun gloves, BUFF protective headwear, wide-brimmed hats & sunscreen of at least SPF 30.



"SOUTH HOLSTON RIVER LODGE BEST FISH TRIP EVER!"
SHSkiisrelease, ORVIS Review



"GREAT TRIP"

-GSS3, ORVIS Review

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEPARTURES

Breakfast is served at 7:00AM on the day of departures, this is also a great time to purchase any last minute items. All guests must be checked out no later than 10:00AM on the day of departure. If you have an afternoon flight, you are welcome to enjoy the property, after check out. **Packing Tip:** Break down & pack your gear the evening before departure.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Any angler 13 yrs+ is required by Tennessee law to possess a valid, all-species permit prior to fishing. This can be obtained online at www.gooutdoorstennessee.com or we can assist with this upon arrival at the lodge.

LUGGAGE

We recommend roller-style, soft sided duffle bags for all your travels. Ideally you have a bag that adheres to airline size restrictions but is still large enough to fit a couple of rod tubes, tackle boots & other gear. Please check any luggage restrictions with your carrier or TSA well in advance of your trip & don't forget to mark your luggage with appropriate personal identification tags.

GRATUITIES

Anglers may tip their fishing guides directly at the end of each fishing day. We recommend \$100 per guided day of fishing for your guide and 7-10% of your package price for lodge hospitality staff. Envelopes are located in your cabin for your convenience. SHRL staff gratuities may be given to a member of the management team at the end of your stay & will be distributed to staff accordingly.

TOILETRIES

We do provide shampoo, soap & basic toiletries. However, if you are in need of any additional items, please inform a member of our staff & we will do our best to make sure you have what you need.

COMMUNICATIONS

Cell phones will work at the lodge, however, service is limited. Phones in the cabins may be used at no additional cost. For those bringing their own laptops or tablets the lodge is equipped with Wi-Fi throughout the property. The Wi-Fi information is located in your cabin directory.

CONTACT INFORMATION

We hope that you enjoy your stay at South Holston River Lodge. Fly Fishing has been a source of enjoyment for us for many years. In 2007 we purchased the property where we could enjoy time relaxing & honing our skills on the best fly-fishing waters east of the Mississippi.

We enjoyed the property so much we knew others would as well - & that's how South Holston River Lodge was born. We hope you enjoy our little piece of heaven!

OWNERS, WILL ANDERSEN & JON HOOPER



WILL ANDERSEN

Owner | South Holston River Lodge



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OUR FISHING GUIDES



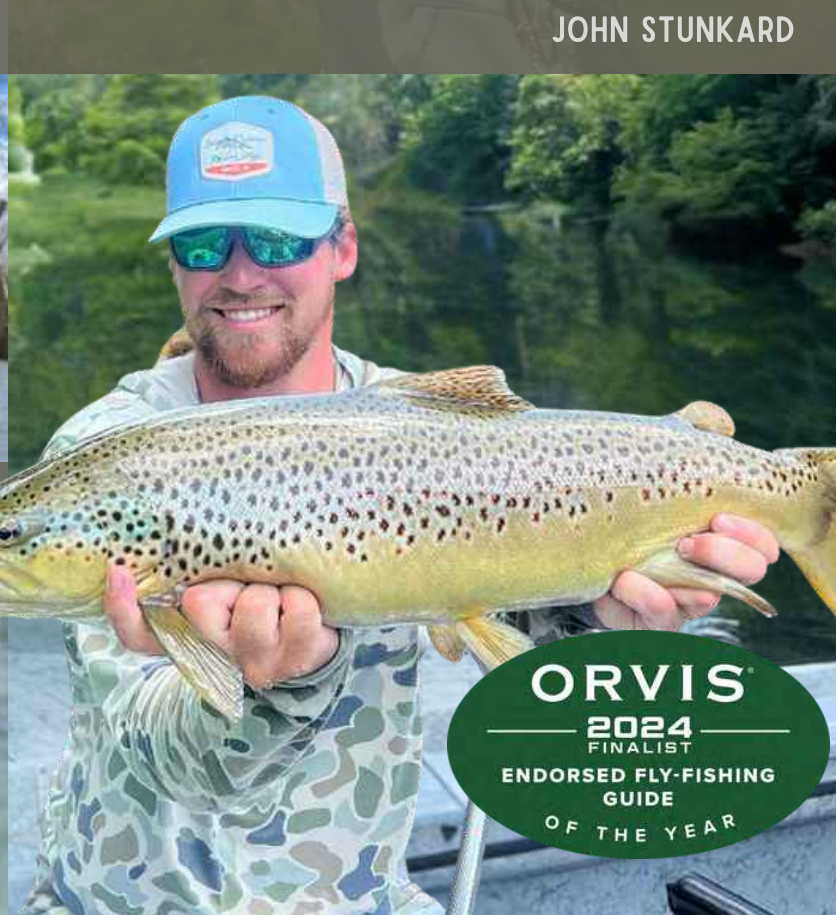
ANDREW BRIGHT



JOHN STUNKARD



BRAYDON WILHOIT



BRANDON BARBOUR



PRESTON VANCE



TRAVIS HONEYCUTT



ADEN BLACKBURN



KOREY HARTLEY

PACKING CHECKLIST

CLOTHING

Fishing Shorts
Fishing Shirts
Pants/J Jeans
Rain Gear
BUFF Headwear
Caps/Wide Brimmed Hat
Socks
Underwear
Shoes/Sandals
Long Underwear
Windstopper Fleece
Scarf
Gloves
Sungloves

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Passport/Driver's License
Plane Tickets
Books/Reading Material
Cash/Credit Card

FISHING GEAR

Waders/Wading Boots
Fly Rods
Reels
Floating Fly Lines
Sinking Fly Lines
Hip Pack/Vest
Boat Bag
Flies

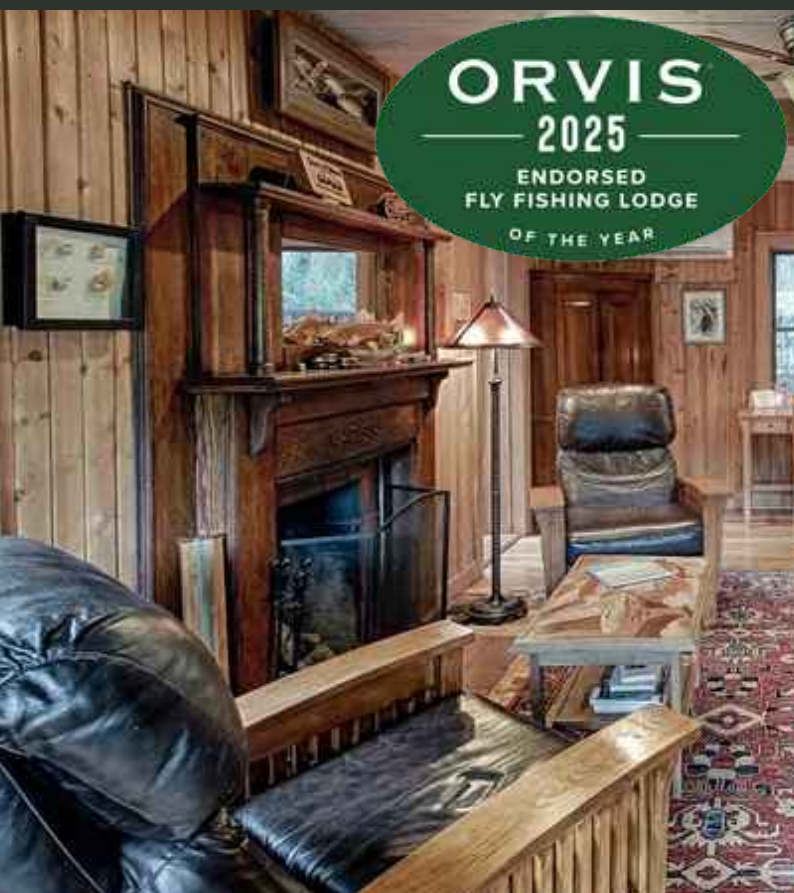
TOILETRIES

Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Prescription Medication
Sunscreen/Lip Balm
Glasses/Contact Lenses
Hair Brush
Deodorant
Acetaminophen/Ibuprofen
Dramamine

HARDWARE & ACCESSORIES

2 Pair Polarized Sunglasses
Cell Phone
Cell Phone Charger

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU



★★★★★
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-Holland West, ORVIS Review



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