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Caspary Estate
Debruce, New York
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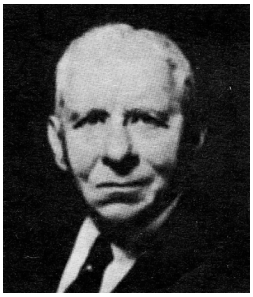

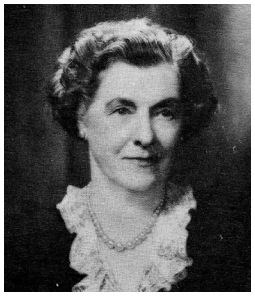

History of the Caspary Estate

Hospital for Special Surgery maintains a Normandy Lodge and two smaller houses on five acres located in the Catskill Mountains in Debruce, New York (about 2.5 hours northwest of New York City). The Tudor-styled, five bedroom fishing lodge was donated to the hospital by the late Alfred Caspary for use as a recreational facility by HSS Residents and Fellows, Attending Physicians, and Management Staff.

Alfred H. Caspary (1877–1955) was a well-known philanthropist, philatelist, and collector of ceramics. He owned the investment firm of A.H. Caspary & Co., a member of the New York Stock Exchange. During the last years of his life, Caspary and eventually his estate, left $3.7 million to Hospital for Special Surgery (about $26 million today).

Caspary and his wife, Margaret M. Caspary, were patients of Dr. Philip D. Wilson Sr. and Dr. Lee Ramsay Straub. Margaret died in 1953 and Alfred two years later. Before he died, he donated a million dollars in memory of his wife for the establishment of the Margaret M. Caspary Clinic.

About the Property

The Main House and Guest House are available all year. Canfield Cottage is open only during summer (June–September). None of the houses have air conditioning. All houses have a TV and DVD player. Cable and WiFi (including streaming services) are available in all houses (stability varies). There are no phones at the property and cell phone reception is limited.

The estate has an outdoor heated pool, usable during the summer; please note that there is no lifeguard. There is also a tennis court which is available in spring, summer, and fall.

Supplies, Cleaning, and Maintaining the Property

Linens are not provided. You will need to bring your own sheets, pillowcases, and towels. Pillows and blankets are supplied.

Each house has refrigeration and cooking facilities. Heat, gas, hot water, wood for the fireplace, electricity, cooking utensils, soap and cleansers, dishes, flatware, and various cleaning supplies are provided. The Main House has a coffee maker. All houses can utilize the charcoal grill on the premises. Laundry machines are located in the Main House and are available for all to use. Maid service is not provided. Each group must leave their quarters clean and in good condition.

Please remember to respect the Caspary property as you would your own. Any damages should be reported immediately to the Caspary Caretaker and Coordinator. The person who reserved the lodge at the time the damages occurred will be held responsible for paying for the full cost of repair or replacement. Severe damage will result in the suspension of Caspary Lodge visiting privileges.

Main House
(5 bedrooms)

- 1 master bedroom with king-size bed
- 4 bedrooms with 2 twin beds
- Baby crib available

Guest House
(2 bedrooms)

- 1 bedroom with a king-size bed
- 1 bedroom with 2 twin beds
- Baby crib available

Canfield Cottage
(4 bedrooms)

- 4 bedrooms with 2 twin beds
- Baby crib available

Great Room in Normandy Lodge

Reservations & Payment

Residents and Fellows may reserve eight weeks in advance. Research post doctorate, post baccalaureate, and graduate students who have been at HSS for one year or more may reserve six weeks in advance. Attendings and Management may reserve four weeks in advance. Alumni may reserve one week in advance. Payment must be received at the time of the reservation. Without payment, the reservation is not confirmed. Payment is accepted by credit card or check payable to Hospital for Special Surgery. Please interoffice your payment or drop off to the HSS Education Institute, Parker House, located at 517 East 71st Street.

The maximum period that can be reserved is seven nights, to include one weekend. In the event of conflicts, Residents have priority, then Fellows, then Researchers, followed by Attendings and Management. If there is a conflict within these categories, names will be randomly selected. Because July, August, and September are the most popular times at Caspary, these months are scheduled by lottery. Lottery forms are distributed in May.

Reservations in other months can be made by contacting alumni@hss.edu.

Rates

	Residents Fellows, & Research		Attendings, Alumni & Management Staff	
	1–3	4–7	1–3	4–7
Main House	$55	$105	$105	$205
Guest House	$30	$55	$55	$105
Canfield	$45	$80	$85	$165

Cancellation

If you do not plan to use Caspary during the time assigned to you, please notify the Caspary Reservation Coordinator by phone and email, as there is often a waiting list. If canceling less than one week prior to your scheduled stay, the fee will not be refunded. In the event that you are canceling on the day of reservations and the Caspary Reservation Coordinator is not available, please contact the Caspary Caretaker. Phone numbers are located at right.

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Usage

You are not allowed to give your time to anyone else. If your name is assigned to a specific house, you must be there. Non-compliance with this rule will result in suspension of Caspary visiting privileges.

Guidelines

When residing in the Caspary Lodge please adhere to the following guidelines. These guidelines are provided to make your visit a pleasant one and to ensure we provide a safe and secure environment for you and other guests at Caspary Lodge.

- Be respectful of property
- Pick up after yourself
- Dispose of garbage before leaving property
- Be respectful of other guests that are visiting the estate
- Children are not allowed in pool area without an adult present and should be supervised at all times
- Be responsible for pets
- Smoking in the houses is strictly prohibited
- Alcohol is allowed but we ask that it is consumed in moderation
- All damages should be reported to the Caspary Caretaker and Coordinator
- Property should be clean and in good condition before departing
- If using fireplace, do not leave unattended
- The number of overnight guests is limited to the number of beds in each house

Caspary Administrators

Reservation Coordinator
Brandon Schneider
alumni@hss.edu
212.774.7209

Caspary Caretaker
Frank Gibson
845.439.5557

Important Information

Main House Phone Number 845.439.9844

Local Services

Grocery Store
Peck's Market, Main Street, Livingston Manor, 845.439.4091

Gas Station
Citgo, 5 Main Street, Livingston Manor, 845.439.5251

Bank
Jeff Bank, 33 Main Street, Livingston Manor, 845.439.8123

Emergency Contacts

- Sullivan County Sheriff's Department 845.794.7100
- Sullivan County Help Line 845.794.3232
- Livingston Manor Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance 845.583.7100

Directions from HSS Main Campus

Address
45 Goff Road, Livingston Manor, NY 12758

Estimated Driving Time
2.5 hours

Merge onto FDR Drive North

Use the left 2 lanes to continue on Harlem River Drive

Keep left to stay on Harlem River Drive

Use the left 2 lanes and take Exit 24 for I-95 South toward George Washington Bridge Upper Level (enter New Jersey)

Use the right 2 lanes to take Exit 74 toward Palisades Parkway and merge onto Palisades Interstate Parkway North

Merge onto the New York State Thruway North/I-87 North via Exit 9W toward Albany

Merge onto NY-17 W via Exit 16 toward Harriman/RT-17 (Stay on for approximately 1 hour)

Take Exit 96 toward Livingston Manor

Make left off exit ramp onto DeBruce Road (Stay on winding road for approximately 6 miles)

Make left onto DeBruce Road (Flagpole on left will signify turn)

Entrance to Caspary Estate driveway (marked by Private sign) will be on left (0.1 miles up road)

Canfield Cottage