

Save the Yadkin

This is a release from the LandTrust for Central North Carolina: Join us on this once in a generation opportunity. We are excited to announce the launching of our "Save the Yadkin" campaign in order to purchase 4,700 acres and 76 miles of shoreline owned by the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA). These lands are made available as part of the Relicensing Settlement Agreement signed by Alcoa in 2007.

The LandTrust is working to conserve the 2,310 acres that are along the Yadkin River, the South Yadkin River and High Rock Lake first. The purchase price for this land is \$7.7 million. The LandTrust and other partners have raised \$5.3 million already towards the purchase. That leaves an additional \$2.4 million to be raised. The funds raised includes a \$500,000 "challenge grant" — which means that for every dollar raised of the next \$500,000 that money is matched dollar for dollar.

The clock is ticking on the time remaining to "Save the Yadkin." The LandTrust has until September of 2019 (a little over a year) to raise the remaining funds to purchase the High Rock Lake portion. To do so would grant an additional two years to buy the 2,390 acres on Tuckertown Lake. The LandTrust will not own these lands; they will be owned by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and will be open for public recreation.

Why is this land worth conserving?
 • Public Access: The Alcoa Game Lands offer public access to recreational activities like hunting, fishing, and boating. With 80% of NC's population living within 100 miles of the project center, public access opportunities sustain the local outdoor recreation/tourism economies.

• Water Quality: More than 1.7 million people rely on water from the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin every day for consumption, personal use, recreation, agriculture, power generation, and commercial use.

• Wildlife Habitat: Having 76 miles of undeveloped shoreline, permanently conserving this property means conserving habitat for a variety of unique species including bald eagles and timber rattlesnakes.

The lands represented by this project are currently privately held (owned by ALCOA) but have been open and accessible as "game lands" to the public for over 30 years. Generations of North Carolinians have enjoyed hunting to these lands for a variety of recreational activities including camping, hiking, rock climbing, paddling, hunting and fishing. Without this purchase, these lands could be sold on the open market and the public recreation currently enjoyed would be lost.

Mark your Calendars! We will be hosting public meetings — so that those who wish to do so can learn how to help with our effort to "Save the Yadkin" - at 7 pm:

- Thursday, July 26: Gateway Building — Food Lion LLC Board Room, 204 E. Innes St., Salisbury.
- Tuesday, July 31: Davidson County Governmental Center, Fourth Floor Conference Room, 913 N. Greensboro St., Lexington.

The LandTrust for Central North Carolina is located at 204 East Innes St, Suite 280, Salisbury, NC 28144. The website is landtrustcnc.org and the telephone number is (704) 789-3423.

Rocky River Springs Fish House Restaurant Turns Fifty Years Old

Rocky River Springs Fish House just completed 50 years of serving customers some of the best seafood in the area. The restaurant is located in the Aquadale community of Stanly County, between Norwood and Oakboro. After 50 years, the restaurant is still owned and operated by the same family. In June of 1968 Vaughn and Annie Belle Swaringen, along with their son-in-law and daughter, Kermit and Noreta Efird, opened the restaurant. Co-owners and workers for over 45 years, Don and Diane Swaringen recently retired from the restaurant. Today the business continues to be run by Noreta and her son Stan Efird. Original recipes for the hushpuppies, slaw and seafood breadings continue to be used after 50 years. As in the beginning, the majority of the workers continue to be family related.

November 2018 will mark the 10th consecutive year that Rocky River Springs Fish House will honor veterans and current military personnel by providing them a free meal. The meal is given the second Sunday of November to commemorate Veteran's Day. Over 1,200 meals have been provided for Veterans over the past 9 years.

In 2014 the restaurant was chosen by Time Warner Cable to be promoted nationwide as an example of a successful small business that uses Time Warner Business Class Services.

Rocky River Springs Fish House is open Thursday through Sunday for dinner only. They open at 3:30 p.m. each day. Closing time is 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays, and 9:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The address is 33850 Rocky River Springs Road, Norwood NC. Visit their website, www.thickfish.com, or call 704-474-3052 for more information.

They invite you to come down and enjoy their delicious seafood.

Wildlife Commission Adopts Temporary Rules

During a business meeting on Thursday, July 12, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission amended three existing rules using temporary rulemaking. The rules were amended as follows. All changes will apply to the 2018-2019 hunting seasons:

Amendments to the Importation of Animal Parts Rule restrict importation of cervid carcass parts and prohibits importation of whole cervid carcasses from outside of North Carolina, increasing protection of North Carolina's white-tailed deer and elk populations from chronic wasting disease. Cervids are the family of mammals that includes white-tailed deer, elk, mule deer, caribou and moose. For the new cervid carcass importation regulations visit ncwildlife.org/Hunting.

The amendment to the Bear Rule clarifies that there is no open season for hunting bear in any area of the Green Swamp Bear Sanctuary, which spans parts of Brunswick and Columbus counties. Amendments to the Hunting on Game Lands Rule adds the extended archery season for antlered deer on the South Mountains and Buffalo Cove game lands to align with the Western Deer Season and clarifies that deer of either sex can be taken on the first open Saturday of the Deer with Visible Antlers Season on the Cold Mountain Game Land.

Farmers Market Open Wednesdays and Saturdays

It is time again to purchase locally grown vegetables and other items at the Anson County Farmers Market. The market is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays through October. The hours are 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Farmers Market is located 1736 Highway 52 South in Wadesboro, just past Wadesboro Primary School. For more information contact Francis Campbell at 704-690-0638.

Storytime Every Tuesday at the Library

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