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Blackberry Farm became an Orvis-endorsed fishing lodge in 2001, and we are very proud of our association with Orvis and its group of endorsed lodges. We are especially proud to be recognized as the 2003 and 2004 Orvis-Endorsed Lodge of the Year. Blackberry Farm is the first lodge in the eastern United States to win this prestigious honor, and we look forward to offering our guests the finest possible fly fishing experience in the future.

Guests have access to a buffet of options for freshwater fly fishing: two ponds and a stream on our property, more than 700 miles of fishable trout streams in the neighboring Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and challenging stretches of the well-known Clinch or Holston Rivers. Our Orvis-endorsed guides and instructors can quickly introduce beginners to the basics of fly fishing as well as help the seasoned angler use more advanced tactics for a perfect day on the water.

### ORVIS-ENDORSED LODGE

The Orvis Company, America's oldest continuous mail order company (since 1856), began its Endorsed Lodge Program almost 20 years ago. Their goal was to assure their customers that they could expect the finest combination of accommodations, fishing and shooting at these lodges because they met the Orvis Company's approval. Today there are approximately 60 Orvis-endorsed lodges in the United States and Canada.



### ON-PROPERTY FISHING

Blackberry Farm is home to what may be the best mile of trout water in Tennessee. Beneath a canopy of trees, Hesse Creek harbors rainbow and brown trout ranging from eight inches to eight pounds. This jewel of a mountain stream is best fished in the spring and fall, but thanks to our mild weather and water temperatures, Hesse can produce better-than-average fishing in the summer and winter as well. Hesse Creek is a catch-and-release stream, and only fly fishing with artificial flies is permitted. The stream is reserved for guided trips year-round, unless special arrangements are made.

Two ponds grace our grounds and accommodate anglers in pursuit of more casting freedom of different species. The larger Walland Pond contains bass, catfish and bream. The smaller Singing Brook Pond, which is home to trout in the winter and bass, and bluegill all year long, is situated near the Grey Drake, the fishing cabin that is home to our fly fishing schools, fly tying class and private instruction.

### OFF-PROPERTY FISHING

*Smoky Mountains* A sportsman's paradise, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park adjoins Blackberry Farm. Its superb fishing destinations are within easy reach and are bountiful in spring and fall. The park contains more than 700 miles of fishable water and is truly a rare wild trout sanctuary—none of the streams are stocked. While rainbows and browns populate most of the major streams, the native southern Appalachian brook trout still thrives in some of the elevated tributaries. Guests can drive to these waters in about 15-45 minutes. Half- and full-day guided trips are available.

*Float Trip* A tailwater fishery north of Knoxville, the wide and pristine Clinch River is replete with trout. Blackberry guests can float down in a Mackenzie-style drift boat, catching browns and rainbows (this river produced Tennessee's state record brown trout). The Clinch can be rewarding year-round, but the best fishing is in April through June and late August through early November. The driving distance and length of the float make the Clinch River a full-day trip only. We also guide the Holston River, located just East of Knoxville, floating and fishing for rainbow trout and smallmouth bass. The Holston is a truly beautiful river and a joy to float and best fished in late Winter through Spring for large numbers of fish.

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### FLY FISHING INSTRUCTION

#### FLY FISHING SCHOOL

Perfect for the beginner looking to get a firm hold on the skills involved in the sport. Our instructors will walk you through everything from casting to fly selection and presentation to ensure you have the knowledge needed to become an independent angler.

#### *Two-Hour Private Instruction*

We recommend this “crash course” in fly fishing, a detailed and distinctive type of angling, before a guided trip through trout waters. The lessons cover equipment, theory, and focus mostly on casting instruction. Our progressive approach introduces the student to three essential casts and imparts general knowledge about presenting the fly. Geared for beginners, these private lessons provide a “crash course” in the world of fly fishing basics. (Instruction on flycasting, presentation, reading water, fighting and landing fish.)

*Fly tying class (per person)* .....\$95

*Two Hour Private Instruction (per person)*.....\$95

*(Two hour lesson does not include Guided time on the water)*

*Each Additional Person (up to 6 people per lesson)* .....\$75

*Two Day Fly Fishing School (per person)*.....\$585

### GUIDED FLY FISHING TRIPS

A perfect way to enjoy Hesse Creek. Let our guides use their knowledge to give you a chance at a fish of a lifetime. Beginner or old hand, our guides’ local knowledge is hard to beat. If you need instruction they can give it, or they are more than happy to show the experienced angler where the big one lays. Guided trips can be taken on Hesse Creek or to one of the off property mountain streams.

*(per person, 2 per guide)*

*Mayfly (two hour)*.....\$175

*Caddis Fly (four hour)*.....\$250

*Hatch (eight hour)*.....\$395

*Drifter (float trip off property)*.....\$425

