



Castle Ladyhawke

at Bear Lake Reserve

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Group of Local Home Owners Come Together to Purchase, Restore and Re-open Castle Ladyhawke as an Event and Wedding Venue.

Cashiers Region, North Carolina - a group of investors residing in Bear Lake Reserve is proud to announce the purchase of Castle Ladyhawke. The group closed on the 60+ acre estate on April 27, 2020. The castle was previously a popular, award-winning wedding venue and the group of investors plan to restore the property and have it become one of the most elegant special event venues in North Carolina.

The Castle, formerly known as Castle Ladyhawke will be renamed to Castle Ladyhawke at Bear Lake Reserve. Preserving its original name with a small addition to connect it to its Jackson County roots and new ownership from within Bear Lake Reserve.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to restore this beautiful castle to its full potential and create a magical place where couples can say 'I do,' and anyone who dreams of hosting an event at a castle will have the ability to do that...without traveling overseas." – Karen McLaughlin, homeowner at Bear Lake Reserve and Investor in Castle LadyHawke at Bear Lake Reserve.

The 10,000 square foot, authentically created, Scottish border castle can host events with up to 150 guests. The previous owner, Kim Nord — a visionary and the builder of the castle — made her dream a reality back in 2005. She poured her heart and soul into the development of the castle and the results were a magnificent three-story home with multiple terraces, crenellations, and balconies, a large semi-circle deck with panoramic views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and an authentic Scottish tower to complete the fairy-tale setting.

In 2019 North Carolina was ranked as the 8th most popular state in which to get married with over 60,000 couples saying, "I Do" that calendar year. The reopening of the castle will benefit the local community by stimulating the tourist industry as well as creating potential business opportunities for local wedding photographers, service vendors, and other wedding and event business owners.

The castle events will feature catering from the global award-winning and Michelin Star trained Chef Johannes Klapdhor who is the Co-Owner of the Library Kitchen and Bar and the former Executive Chef at Old Edwards Inn in Highlands, NC. Chef Johannes has catered over 500 special events and weddings and brings his experience and expertise to Western North Carolina, offering personalized menu design and consultation with each client to exquisitely create meals that clients and guests will be reminiscing about for years to come.

Upon visiting the castle, guests can expect a fairy-tale experience. "The most stunning element of the Castle is the fact it is a Castle," said McLaughlin. "It is a surreal experience to be transported in the Castle's on-site Range Rover, up the mountain to the property, and see the beautiful gardens, lush green rolling mountains, and the 24-inch thick rock walls with your personalized family crest flag waving off the tower. You actually feel like you are in Scotland. It feels like you are in a completely different place. A place from your dreams."

The acquisition of Castle Ladyhawke at Bear Lake Reserve means that guests will not only have access to all of the Castle's amenities but also to the full resort experience of Bear Lake Reserve which includes stunning onsite accommodations, 500-acre lake with motorized and non-motorized marina vessels, miles and miles of hiking trails, 14,000 square foot Lake Club with pools, hot tub, fitness center and beach, a Nicklaus Design® Golf Course, Tennis/Pickleball and three great dining options.

"Our hope is to have Castle Ladyhawke re-emerge into the wedding and event scene and become a highly sought-after venue. It has all the elements to become a world-class destination. The mountain views are incredible, the ambience is like stepping back in time...or flying across the ocean to ancient Scotland. It's spectacular! There is nothing else like it in Western North Carolina," says Craig Smith, President and GM of Bear Lake Reserve.

The property will be available for Weddings, Corporate Retreats, Private Events, Specialty Dinner and Wine Events, and multiple nights per year will be donated to local charities to host fundraising events.

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