

River Wilderness Fishing Policy

River Wilderness

The Master Declaration of Restrictive and Protective Covenants (December 31, 1984) does not mention fishing. Several of the documents of the various development phases do specify a fishing restriction. This means that the fishing policy in River Wilderness varies based on the covenants that apply to each phase of development.

The Phase I Declaration (February 8, 1985) does not prohibit fishing. Phase I includes: BrookRidge, the Golf Course, Lakeside Circle, Old Orchard Lane, the Villas, Wilderness Blvd. West and Wilderness Blvd. East (3001-3606). Therefore, fishing is permitted in Phase I lakes that can be reached without crossing or trespassing on other resident's private property (except with express permission of the property owner). For lakes where fishing is permitted the RW HOA and the RW Club have always advocated a "catch and release" policy. The Club does not permit trespassing across the golf course. This means some residents may fish in Phase I lakes that are adjacent to their own property and that there are a few Phase I lakes where all residents may fish. All residents may fish in the Phase I lakes (13, 18, 19, 24, 25) that are identified on the attached map.

The Hammocks Master Declaration (October 27, 1996) does not prohibit fishing. Therefore, fishing is permitted in The Hammocks lakes that can be reached without crossing or trespassing on other resident's private property (except with permission of the property owner). For lakes where fishing is permitted, The Hammocks has always advocated a "catch and release" policy. This means that there are just a few Hammocks lakes where all residents may fish. These Hammocks lakes (41, 43, 44, 45, 48) are identified on the attached map.

Fishing is **prohibited** in any lake within River Wilderness Phase II-A.

As stated in the Declaration of Restrictive and Protective Covenants Phase II-A
December 7, 1989, section 3.04 (d)

"The restriction that the lakes, ponds or other water bodies shall not be used for swimming, fishing, or other contact recreational activities."

This includes Laurel Oak Lane, part of Little Country Road, and Wilderness Blvd. East (#2901 to #2995).

Fishing is **prohibited** in any lake within River Wilderness Phase II-B.

As stated in the Declaration of Restrictive and Protective Covenants Phase II-B
June 10, 1991, section 3.04 (d)

"The restriction that the lakes, ponds or other water bodies shall not be used for swimming, fishing, or other contact recreational activities."

This includes Grandview, the rest of Little Country Road, Oak Ridge Drive, part of Woodland Fern Drive and Woodland Terrace.

Fishing is **prohibited** in any lake within River Wilderness Phases D1 and I as these phases were added to Phase II-B per Amendment for Phase II-B, November 11, 2001. This includes part of Savannah Lakes Drive and Island Estates Drive.

Fishing is **prohibited** in any lake within River Wilderness Phase D2 as this phase was added to Phase II-B per Amendment for Phase II-B, May 17, 2002. This includes the remainder of Savannah Lakes Drive.

Fishing is **prohibited** in any lake within River Wilderness Phases J and K as these phases were added to Phase II-B per Amendment for Phase II-B, December 20, 2004. This includes Chardonnay Terrace and Creole Court.

The Islands of River Wilderness

All harbors, bridges, home sites, shores and bodies of water within The Islands of River Wilderness are private property and are designated as No Fishing areas except with permission of the property owner. Fishing is allowed for all residents of River Wilderness in the community boat ramp/dock area.

**CAUTION
BEWARE OF ALLIGATORS**

**ALLIGATORS ARE COMMON
IN ALL RIVER WILDERNESS LAKES AND PONDS**

**DO NOT FEED ALLIGATORS
DO NOT DISTURB ALLIGATORS
DO NOT APPROACH ALLIGATORS**

See: River Wilderness Lakes Map (page 3)

Fishing Permitted Lakes “Catch and release”

