

## Caspary Estate Debruce, New York HSS Education Institute



### 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 clay 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 check payable to Hospital for Special Surgery, credit card, or cash. 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 Nic Yulo at 646.714.6579 or [yulot@hss.edu](mailto:yulot@hss.edu). You can also reserve in person at the Education Institute, located in Parker House at 517 East 71st Street on the ground floor.

### Rates

	Residents Fellows, & Research		Attendings, Alumni & Management Staff	
	1-3	4-7	1-3	4-7
Main House	\$50	\$100	\$100	\$200
Guest House	\$25	\$50	\$50	\$100
Canfield	\$40	\$75	\$80	\$160

## 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

Caspary Reservation  
Coordinator  
Nic Yulo  
[yulot@hss.edu](mailto:yulot@hss.edu)  
646.714.6579

Caspary Caretaker  
Frank Gibson  
845.439.5557

## Important Information

Main House Phone Number  
845.439.9844  
Livingston Manor Visitor's  
Guide [livingstonmanor.org](http://livingstonmanor.org)

## 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