



Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer.** Combining introductory fly-fishing instruction with directed “courageous conversations”, the organization offers a unique experience for men coping with cancer, a time to share their stories; learn a new skill, form friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their recovery.

*“This was the best time of my life! It’s by far the best thing out there for men with cancer.”*

Retreat Participant

Retreats are conducted over a two-and-a-half day period at a comfortable facility with onsite or nearby fishing access.

**All meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment are provided at**

**no cost to the participants.** Retreats are led by professional facilitators, trained retreat coordinators and fly-fishing instructors. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate, to ensure the quality of the instruction and to create a powerful, small-group dynamic.



*“I discovered that while fly-fishing, I was in another place. In this place there was no cancer, no pain and no fear.”*

Retreat Participant

*“This retreat was so much more than fishing; this was a life-changing experience.”*

Retreat Participant

*“Reel Recovery is a gift. Being here has given me the strength and courage to move forward with my life.”*

Retreat Participant

## GOALS

- **Provide a safe, reflective environment** for the participants to discuss their disease and recovery with other men with shared experiences, thereby providing support and information to help them in their recovery.
- **Provide introductory fly-fishing instruction** that enables the participants to learn a new skill, form a healing connection with nature, and participate in a sport they can continue throughout their recovery and lifetime.
- **Provide participants information about cancer-related resources**, both in the local community and nationally to facilitate networking and enhanced management of their recovery.
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*If you would like to be a participant, volunteer, or make a donation please contact us.*

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## SCHEDULED TEXAS & OKLAHOMA RETREATS :

Spring 2018: Navasota, TX (Mar 16-18); Waring, TX (Apr 6-8);

Glen Rose, TX (Apr 13-15); Broken Bow, OK (Apr 29-May1)

Fall 2018: Broken Bow, OK (Sept 9-11); Waring, TX (Sept 21-23) Veterans Only

Glen Rose, TX (Oct 12-14); Navasota, TX (Nov 2-4)