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ROMANTIC HIDEAWAYS 2007



A Little Dream, Camden, ME



The Inn at Thorn Hill, Jackson, NH



Mountain Top Inn, Chittenden, VT



Reluctant Panther, Manchester Village, VT



Blantyre, Lenox, MA



Stonover Farm, Lenox, MA



Winvian, Morris, CT



The Chanler, Newport, RI



Ecce, Barryville, NY



Glasbern, Fogelsville, PA



1804 Inn at Barboursville Vineyards, VA



Clifton, Charlottesville, VA

ECCE B&B

Barryville, New York



The setting of this mountain house perched on a bluff 300 feet above the Delaware River is absolutely breathtaking. The name “ECCE” which means “behold” in Latin says it all. It is not until you walk around the house and stand on the terrace that you get the full “WOW” impact with the river stretching for miles in both directions and wooded hillsides as far as you can see. Built in 1952 as a private home it was purchased in 2003 by Alan Rosenblatt and Kurt Kreider. They opened as a bed and breakfast in 2004 after doing massive renovations which included adding an addition, private baths, and even adding a refreshment center to each room with an upscale coffee/tea maker, basket of snacks and refrigerator stocked with beverages, all complimentary. Each room has internet access, TV with VCR and DVD as well as CD player. Videos, DVDs, CDs, games and books are available for the guests.

In nice weather you’ll want to bring a good book and stay outside taking in the view from the terraces on the first and second floor or from the chairs set to take in the spectacular views. On the first floor there’s a breakfast sunroom surrounded by windows; an informal living room with floor-to-ceiling windows; and a formal dining room which is ideal for small meetings. (Alan was a meeting facilitator in his former career.) Throughout the common areas are a changing exhibit of paintings, sculpture and ceramics that can be purchased made by Barryville area artists.

The rooms with the most spectacular views are second floor rooms Sunset II, where we stayed, and Sunrise. Sunset II is a large room with an expansive river view and a large bath with a six-foot double whirlpool tub and separate shower. Sunrise, a smaller room, has a huge picture window with a view of the river which you can take in as you lie in bed, a small private balcony with the same view, and bath with a shower only. The Woods, the largest room with a view of trees at the front of the house, has a sitting area with a sofa as well as a bath with a five-foot whirlpool and separate shower. The Ridge has river views, king-size bed and a private bath across the hall with robes provided for this room only. Sunset I, the only room on the first floor, has a view (but not as spectacular as those on the second floor) and the original black and white tiled master bath with a tub/shower.

In the late afternoon Alan and Kurt visit with their guests and serve beverages (wine, beer, or soft drinks) and a hearty selection of hot and cold hors d’oeuvres. Barbecued skewers of chicken,

steak, shrimp, mushrooms, or pineapple served with sauces, a cheese spread, veggies with a dip, and portabello mushroom slices baked in olive oil and balsamic vinegar are some of the items they serve. The setting is so peaceful that some guests don’t even want to leave for dinner. To cap off the evening they set out a tray of high quality cordials for guests to help themselves to.

Sleep in or get up early as breakfast is served anytime from 8:30 to 11 (continental available at 7:30) with tables set inside or out, with a choice everyday of French toast stuffed with cream cheese and a choice of up to three fillings; baked “eggs in the clouds” with choice of Benedict, with veggies, or with salmon; baked spinach, cheese and ham omelet; or lox with toasted bagel.

Rooms, rates, etc.—Five rooms, all with private bath. Midweek \$150-\$225, weekend \$175-\$250. Breakfast and afternoon refreshments included. Children over 12 welcome, third person \$50. No smoking. No pets. Two night minimum most weekends. 19 Silverfish Road, P.O. Box 174, Barryville, NY 12719. (845) 557-8562; (888) 557-8562; www.eccebedandbreakfast.com

Where to Dine. In Narrowsburg, Restaurant 15 Main, for casual fine dining. In White Lake, The Front Porch Cafe, with an eclectic fusion menu, both about a 20 minute drive. Settlers Inn in Hawley works extensively with more than 25 regional farmers. Torte Knox, in Hawley, is in a restored bank. If you like ask to sit at the counter and watch dinner being prepared by the owner in formal evening gown. Hawley is about a 30 minute drive. In Milford, the Cliff Park Inn overlooks the golf course.

What to Do. Drive south along the Delaware River on scenic, twisty Route 97. In Milford tour Grey Towers, home of Gifford Pinchot, one of the first chiefs of the Forest Service. Poke through the antique shops and galleries in town. Head south on Route 209 to Raymondskill Falls and Dingmans Falls. Stop in Lackawanen to see the Roebbling Bridge, believed to be the oldest wire suspension bridge in the western hemisphere, and to tour the Zane Grey Museum. Canoes can be rented at different locations on the Delaware River. Bethel Woods Center for the Performing Arts (June-early Oct.) is 15 miles away.

For detailed information about this area refer to The Upper Delaware River Valley V19N3 of The Discerning Traveler
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