

Welcome to the "Hollow," or as we call it, the "holler."

The Hollow is a uniquely special place. As soon as you turn off the paved road and onto the lane leading to the house, you can feel the tension ease from your shoulders and immediately feel at home.

The lane runs for a tenth of a mile beside a two-acre pond. If you look carefully, you may see mallards and wood ducks paddling about, turtles sunbathing on the opposite bank, or a great blue heron fishing in the shallows. Keep an eye out for red-tailed hawks and ospreys soaring above, and you might even spot American eagles stopping by during their yearly migration. The pond is also stocked with bass and bluegills, making it a wonderful place to teach a child how to fish.

When you reach the end of the lane, please go inside the house. Take a moment to look up at the white pine ceiling and the post-and-beam construction, then look out the large picture windows. Many visitors say the view feels like a mountain retreat.

Next, notice the antique heart pine floorboards, which are over 220 years old and were salvaged from the builder's ancestral home. Go up into the loft. The views are beautiful.

Next look at the custom made stone fireplace and imagine a warm cosy fire burning there as the snow falls silently in the woods.

Behind the house, you will find the woodland. I encourage you to walk down the old logging path to enjoy the peace and silence. You can hear the breeze through the ancient pines and see the oak grove near the back of the forest. Keep an eye out for pileated woodpeckers, wood ducks on the old beaver pond, deer foraging at sunset, or the resident flock of turkeys.

The "hollow" is a special place to enjoy nature, escape daily stressors, and rejuvenate. Ultimately, it is the place we most want to be, home.