

Ohio Pyle Life Magazine Tours Ohio Pyle Vacation Rentals Properties

When my friends, the Zeiglers started Ohio Pyle Vacation Rentals years ago, I visited several of the homes and venues with Rhonda. I have also stopped by when friends and relatives have rented a site or three through the years. I have attended weddings and partied at the pool at Fernstone Retreat, but had never experienced an overnight stay in any of the homes

So, when I decided to tour and review area lodging, OVR was naturally at the top of my list. They have such a variety of homes, mountain locations and event sites that I needed to get a grasp of what they currently have available and where. I have always leaned toward residing along some sort of water or another, and so do many OVR homes.

On March 18th I began the tour at one of the smallest rentals available, Buzzards Cabin. I had never known Buzzard Zeigler, but felt it was only right to hang out on his turf before venturing to the larger sites. There is quite a selection of homes available from OVR, but I narrowed it down to a few that interested me, and I hope, you.

Stay # 1: BUZZARDS CABIN, Farmington, PA

Customer Service is key in the hospitality world, and Ohio Pyle Vacation Rentals showed that they are top notch in that department when I made a wrong turn on a cold dark night. I had been watching my grandsons and headed to Buzzards Cabin at 8 P. M. It was close-by. I can't see on dark roads at night and my cell phone didn't like Nelson Road. It took a hike.

When I thought I arrived at Buzzards, the code didn't work. I tried a number of times before alerting Jordan Giuseppe. Per their top notch customer service, she sent her head of housekeeping out to get me into the cabin. Not long after this, Tonya arrived and discovered that I was at the wrong rental, a cabin a couple doors down! Yes, the name was on the sign outside. It was dark and I didn't notice, never dreamed I was not at Buzzards. So... Tonya had me follow her to Buzzard's Cabin door. She told me all about the place including that the hot tub was divine.

I had not stayed in a rustic cabin for some time. My favorite things were the gas stove and the Grizzly and Black bear hanging on the walls. For those of us who appreciate simplicity, the freedom in it, Buzzards Cabin is your spot. I loved the coziness of this cabin, the hot tub and fire pit. Although I could not make calls on my cell phone from there, I didn't care. The comfortable haven has all the basics including semi-high speed internet.

I took advantage of the eat in kitchen. Buzzards offers plenty of windows and light in a handy location just a few miles from both Ohio Pyle and Route 40. Relax with the bears.

Stay #2: STONEY CREEK, Farmington, PA

When you head down the dirt lane to Stoney Creek, you know you just found peace. The huge deck overlooking the wide bubbling stream is worth the trip in itself. I found myself watching for bear, but it was a bit cold for them just yet. I imagine they were sleeping in their caves while we had the cold snap.

Stoney Creek is three levels of fun with great lighting. I love the long dining table and water view. The privacy afforded offers families a unique setting for reunions, weddings and the like, but I was happy to be there on my own, just me and the brook.

During my stay, I used the large living room as a dance floor. This house is a wonderful retreat, but to me, a home is only as good as its porch, kitchen and the outdoor life it offers. Stoney Creek has an enormous deck over the water, making it difficult to stay inside even during hail storms...which happened during my stay!

Stoney Creek has a gas stove and lots of counter space for cooking and serving, including an

eat-in kitchen. The living area is vast and it is easy to see how a family or group could enjoy a great weekend here. A fire pit, the hot tub, the deck, I had to resist calling folks to join me!

Stay #3: RIVERFRONT, Confluence, PA

I had not felt well for a few days as I had driven up from Florida and caught a cold as soon as I arrived, but by the time I got to the Riverfront in Confluence, I was on the upswing.

You can see how anyone coming to the area to bike, paddle or hike would benefit from this location. The Youghiogheny River bike trail bridge entrance is just outside the door at Riverfront, so is the river. The double decked porch overlooks the water, and the top level sports a line up of white rocking chairs so your entire family can chill out together. When I arrived, I watched two men fly fishing, a few bikes and walkers were heading in both directions on the trail, and the little village was waking up from a long winter.

A nice perk here is that you are always listening to the trains in the background. It's a peaceful little village with a grocery store, several restaurants, a bank, a Ford dealer, a few taverns, campgrounds, a lake and two rivers.

Even in March, it was a delightful stay. It is obvious that each of these OVR locations was chosen with fun and peace in mind. Did I mention the hot tub? Riverfront is a two floor home with a circular kitchen and dining area and a deck out back with adjacent large hot tub and picnic area.

In addition to the comfy beds and great location, the Riverfront has several slogans adorning the walls. Choose Joy is my favorite. You can tell that the Zeiglers choose joy every time they add another home to their rental list. Your joy, waterside in the mountains.

Stay #4: CHIEF NEMACOLIN'S RETREAT, Farmington, PA

If I had to choose my favorite of the four OVR's I visited it would be the Chief Nemacolin Retreat, due to the covered porch swing on the high deck overlooking Stoney Creek. I am not a reporter-type writer. Ambiance fills my world more than facts and figures. But the fact is that if it had been warmer, I would have slept on the swing overnight, or at least napped on it.

Chief Nemacolin Retreat is just up a very private lane on a cliff. The home offers great light, lots of windows, three floors of fun and comfort, including a loft with two futons. The jacuzzi in the master bedroom also topped my list when I voted to make this retreat my number one pick of the tour.

You enter the lower level from a covered porch. This bottom floor offers visitors a laundry room, game room, full bath and bedroom. The site has room for a large group with several private areas, but it still remains cozy as Stoney Creek gurgles along. I think Chief Nemacolin would approve...this gem is beyond any accommodations the Chief could have ever imagined.

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