

# A Lovely Victorian Orchard Stay

Over my birthday recently, I had the immense pleasure of staying at the Victorian Orchard Vacation Rental on Old Mill Road, Ohio Pyle (very near Chalk Hill). I had been in the house a few years ago when the Wilhelms were preparing it for travelers, and my curiosity peaked as I saw groups enjoying the wrap around porch, in-ground pool and huge yard area. So when I started reviewing vacation rentals, I was thrilled to be invited for a couple of days fun.

The weather cooperated with 82 degrees and sun, so I was able to play in the fenced-in pool with my grandsons. Now, when we pass the Victorian Orchard, the two year old says, "My new house!" To me, a house's beauty is measured by its porches. Here, the covered, furnished porch wraps around three sides of the big yellow home, making it a superb place to play or relax.

Play and relax is what I did for my birthday thanks to the Victorian Orchard. To be able to sit on the porch in the morning and enjoy my tea, to have meals outside with family, and play scrabble to the wee hours with friends, was reminiscent of visiting my Nanny in Ohio Pyle as a kid.

We spent the day at the pool, floated, swam, played water games and laughed the hours away. Then it was corn on the cob on the porch and telling stories, a time of enjoying each other. Although they had excellent wifi, for my birthday, I ignored it as a gift to myself.

There are many rooms at the Victorian Orchard, but my oldest grandson's favorite was the music room/library where he played both the piano and guitar. Just yesterday he talked about that and said he needs a guitar! He was also surprised to see a few of my books on the shelf there.

Overnight I stayed in one of the many bedrooms upstairs. The hominess of this house fills you with a kind of comfort that modern houses can not come close to matching. The country kitchen with tin ceiling, large dining table ready for family gatherings, the well stocked cabinets, all come together to offer visitors one of the most comfortable rentals in the mountain.

This is a place where memories are made. A place where you can play catch in the yard, bring your family and friends, and enjoy not only the Ohio Pyle area, but a home you will tell stories about for many years.

The big yellow house on Old Mill Road was home to a large family. They have had the good grace to share it with us, to take care of it, so that you can experience a real at-home vacation...and maybe even learn to play the guitar.

Take a stroll through the forest, pick blue berries or black berries during July, 70 acres of land is at your service year round. Families, groups, several couples, wedding parties, reunions, graduation celebrations, will all love this rental. There are gathering areas outdoors for evenings around the fire pit. Sunrises, sunsets on the hill, and a private hiking trail add up to days of fun and long running memories.