

Bear Mountain Farm and Retreat  
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### **What Our Guests Say About Life on the Mountain!**

“This place is so magical. Waking up before dawn and seeing the sunrise over the endless mountaintops and cloudy waves of fog was the best, most breath taking sight I’ve have ever seen. The mountain air is so sweet smelling and the wildflowers and butterflies were gorgeous as a rainbow tie-dye.”

“Thanks for a wonderfully relaxing two days! We’re at the end of a week of bicycling VA and WV trails, Virginia Creeper, Greenbrier, New River and Williamsville loop. Bear Mountain has been a remarkable discovery! We enjoyed visiting with you and Haiku and thanks for the tour of the spring and the meadow . . . very informative. I am sure many of us will make return visits to your hide-away.”

“Thanks for sharing your little slice of heaven with us. Hot Tubbing under the stars, hiking with Haiku, and soaking in the dazzling reds, yellows, oranges and blues of the autumn On the mountain. Spotted 3 Red-Tailed Hawks and a mature Bald Eagle soaring above the meadow.”

“Our family has camped in many different places, but none like this! Tom and Haiku made us so welcome and cared for us like no other hosts. The air makes endless music in the leaves over the roofs of these amazing buildings. Thank you for this enchanting place . . . and wonderful onions!”

“We loved the sunny meadow one day and the misty woods the next. Bear Mountain is pretty amazing and thank you for opening for us. Haiku is our new buddy despite his grizzly presence! Your garden is a dream . . . thanks for the lettuce.”

“This was a wonderful retreat from crazy life. The planning of the Lodge and cabins was great . . . lots of room to spread out. The night time skies were a special treat for me. We also enjoyed your hospitality and musical entertainment. Next year can’t come soon enough!”

“This is such a beautiful place to stay! The cabins are wonderful, the view is breathtaking, and you are so welcoming! Thanks so much for the great experience . . . will never forget the rock outcroppings, being chased by cows at sunrise, and seeing my very first live bear in the wild!”

“The quiet and the solitude paired with unmatched beauty, make Bear Mountain Lodge extremely special. Sweet bird sounds welcome you and there are no schedules, no pressures, no intrusions . . . pure nature where one can connect to the world as it should be.”

“We had a lovely visit. We hiked all the trails, looked at the night sky, toasted marshmallows and went to the NRAO in Greenbank. We saw lots of wildlife; bluebirds, Indigo buntings, turkeys, red-spotted newts, a pair of barred owls, hummingbirds, a chestnut-sided warbler, a chipping sparrow, goldfinches and a rotifer. The five-year old found a deer vertebra. And of course, the many wildflowers - love your giant stands of milkweed! And as many different kinds of butterflies as I’ve ever seen in one place. “

“We came to celebrate our 12th year together. We were here last year around the same time for the same reason. We had an amazing time again. We had gorgeous warm weather - enough to get a sunburn! We hiked, recorded birds, took a bunch of photos —Haiku came with us too. What a great dog! We ate good food, played ping pong, played music, hot tubbed under the stars and reconnected. It’s so wonderful to have a remote place like this to help us remember what is most important in life. THANK YOU!”

“Now that I’ve found you, I will return for the beauty, solitude, hospitality, tranquility. You are a class act. The flowers in my room, the beautiful kitchen area...I’ve never been anywhere like this before. I’ve only been here eight hours and I feel recharged. I love it here. Thank you for making it possible for me to visit such a wonderful place. Oh, forgot to mention the hummingbirds, owls, nature sounds. It’s 100 degrees in Staunton and here it is 70 - pretty cool. Lots to paint and no cell phone.”