

Our Favorite Things:

Our agent asked us to write down a few of our favorite features about this property - an easy assignment. First. . .

Acreage. If you have not lived on a property that is counted in acres, it will be hard for you to imagine the rewards of simply having your own space surrounding you. Pull in the drive and you literally leave the whirlwind behind - and enter your world of. . .

Privacy. Having moved here from Indianapolis we found that living without close neighbors is an exquisite pleasure. When leaves are on the trees, you cannot see the road or your neighbors. In winter, there is a small gap, it will take another year or two for these to fill in. On the other hand, co-mingling with our various friends is always meaningful - the house is perfect for entertaining. Here we enjoyed the best of both - privacy most of the time - parties some of the time. After the last revelers have packed it in, chaos quickly gives way to. . .

Tranquility. It is quiet here. Close the gate and you are in a different world. Instead of slamming car doors and horns you will hear birds. On the rare occasion when we hear a siren, we step out on the back porch to make sure it doesn't pull in a neighbors drive.

To maximize the tranquility effect, sometimes we turn our cell phones off. We do keep a hard line so select neighbors (and kids) can get in touch in case of emergency. The most urgent call we have received was from a neighbor asking if our hummingbirds had arrived yet. Stress and health issues are closely linked. We found the property to be a perfect antidote to the daily stress that is mostly inevitable. On our way home, as soon as we hit 421 we can feel the tensions of the day dissipating. Nothing brings down your stress level more quickly than sitting on the deck watching. . .

Nature. This is a private wildlife refuge. We hope you do not mind sharing your yard with a family of deer - they will be your co-residents. For the past 15 years, a sequence of does have birthed their fawns here. The fawns scamper about in the yard and in the evening come up to eat apples. Hopefully, at this point you are sitting on the deck enjoying the sunset with a glass of wine in hand. There are squirrels, an abundance of rabbits and an occasional fox. A ground hog lives under the bridge and occasionally visits the back yard to clean up bird seed on the ground. Oh, did I say. . .

Birds. We are birders and we put out feeders of suet, seed and, of course hummingbird feeders. The list of visiting the property is very long, but the most favored are the orioles for their color, the mockingbirds for their song and the pileated woodpeckers just because they are magnificent . The density of the bird population is very high here because of the . . .

Creek. Finley Creek runs through south side of the property. Finley empties into Little Eagle Creek which empties into Eagle Creek and eventually into Eagle Creek Reservoir. This creates 20 miles of contiguous riparian habitat. Many birds and other animals live in the wooded

covercfa close to the creek. We have seen a occasional mink - herons sometimes fish the creek. Our daughter and I spent a lot of time playing in the creek. Vestiges of the dam and, "rock hoppers way" can still be seen. Being paranoid about pollution, we had a lab check a water sample. Other than algae and a few bugs, the water was clean.

Oh, I almost forgot the house - it is an experience unto itself and gets its own page.