

Applewood Inn & Llama Trekking



Lexington, Virginia

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Welcome...

Applewood, our Virginia country inn, is conveniently located mid-way between Lexington and Natural Bridge at the end of a dirt road (sometimes single lane) which follows scenic Buffalo Creek. This Shenandoah Valley lodging facility is perched on 37 acres, high above the creek in a very private and beautiful setting.

This passive solar home is furnished with antiques, reproductions, quilts, and original artwork with massive lodge-style, south-facing porches that afford lovely views of the surrounding woods, hillside pastures grazed by llamas, and the distant mountains.

Off the east end of the house is a full-sized, in-ground swimming pool and on the ground floor, a hot tub. Adjoining the Inn property are more than 900 acres of forest and meadow crisscrossed with miles of trails for hiking, riding (bring your own horses), and llama treks, two-hour guided hikes leading an Inn llama. (Pool open about May 19th)

From the top of the hill just behind the Inn, you can enjoy a 360-degree view of the Blue Ridge, the Short Hills, House Mountain, and the distant Alleghenies.

As a guest at Applewood, you will be greeted as friends by Linda and Chris Best, innkeepers for 30 years. Though just 10 minutes from downtown Lexington, you will be drawn into the "otherworldly" tranquility of this unique B&B, which they like to call their "little piece of heaven."

Guest Rooms



The Quilter's Room

Spacious ground-floor room with four-poster queen bed, love seat, gas-log fireplace, and large bath with Jacuzzi/shower combination.



The European Room

A comfortable ground-floor room with a queen-size bed and private hot tub..



The Blue Ridge Room

A child (8+) and pet-friendly suite sized room packed with amenities including refrigerator, jacuzzi/shower and fireplace.

Your Secret Hideaway



Tranquil Seclusion



Buffalo Creek



Pastoral Scenery



Dawn at Applewood

Around the Inn



Relax on the Porch



Irresistible Temptations



Our Inviting Pool



Adventure for All

Llama Trekking



Trekking on a Beautiful Day

Guided llama trekking of about two hours on Virginia mountain hiking trails leave from the Inn about 10 am. Each guest who wishes may lead one of the Inn's llamas. They are fascinating creatures with great curiosity and sense of adventure. With advanced warning, our furry friends are willing to carry your lunch, bird/wildflower book, and binoculars. In the spring, special wildflower treks are available from April through May, observing and identifying the myriads of wildflowers found around the Inn. Bird watching treks in May and June are also popular. Summer treks are possible if the weather is not too hot.

In the fall, September through November, trekkers get to view the spectacular fall vistas. In the winter, weather permitting, they get to see the mountains at their most dramatic, with a coating of light snow in the crystal clear mountain air while sipping on the hot chocolate or cider carried by the llamas. Treks are usually made on Saturday, Monday, or Thursday mornings, and they are suitable for all ages, six and up. We also offer Long Weekend Packages that include a basic llama trek & Sunday dinner, lunch extra.