

Looking for a Unique Lodging Experience... Try a Mercer County Bed and Breakfast or Country Inn By Peggy Mazyck Community Contributor (2014-05-01)

The charming Bed & Breakfasts (B & Bs) and Inns in the Mercer County area provide the perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of the work week. If friends and family are looking for some quiet time away in a unique setting, tell them to check out a Mercer County Bed and Breakfast or Country Inn.

The architecture of these accommodations is the first feature to draw the eye. Several homes feature styles from the Victorian era including Early Victorian and Greek Revival. The early Victorian style is seen in the gable over the doors, hooded and bracketed windows and vertical board and batten siding. The Greek Revival Style showcases wide verandas and massive columns. Mercer County is also home to luxurious mansions and country retreats. Their settings are beautiful and natural and sometimes off the beaten path.

The rooms in these accommodations display a distinctive personality. Each room is decorated differently and themed after a famous person or activity. The innkeepers provide personal service and offer a wealth of inside knowledge on the best places to go and things to do. And of course at a bed & breakfast, the breakfast is included in package.

In the Mercer area of the County, Casa Da Costa Bed & Breakfast is a stunning historic brick Greek Revival style home built in 1929. It's not only impressive on the outside with its patio for summer dining, but the inside boasts high ceilings, ornate crown moldings, and large comfortable inviting living areas reminiscent of days gone by. Another B & B in the Mercer area, Plants Herb Farm B & B, offers a rustic log cabin on 80 acres nestled atop a hill overlooking a panoramic view. Guests can take a leisurely stroll on scenic paths to view native wildlife, plants and trees. The paths are also suitable for mountain biking and cross country skiing.

Seven Sisters Bed and Breakfast at McEwen Falls in Fredonia is situated on 60 acres of farmland with a wooded ravine and 20 foot waterfall. Relaxation at Seven Sisters Bed & Breakfast at McEwen Falls can include curling up with a good book in the Sunroom or in front of a warm fire, listening to soothing music, soaking in a Jacuzzi bath, sitting on the front porch & watching the sunset, lounging on the spacious deck & enjoying the sounds of birds & the waterfall.

East of Mercer in the Grove City area, Terra Nova House B & B is located three blocks from Old Towne Grove City and Grove City College. This 1901 Victorian style B&B still maintains the beautiful Victorian elegance, slate roof, high ceilings and spacious style of the era. They are the recipients of the 2013 Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence and the 2013 Allied News Readers' Choice Best of the Best Bed and Breakfast Accommodations.

In the Shenango Valley area of Mercer County are two luxury properties: Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa and Tara-A Country Inn. Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa is a luxurious "castle" and has been ranked as one of America's Top 10 Romantic Inns. This 1890's mansion offers 10 opulent guestrooms with fireplaces, Jacuzzis, a full service space and royal service.

Tara-A Country Inn is an 1854 mansion that has 27 luxurious guestrooms with fireplaces and Jacuzzis. Overlooking the Shenango Lake, the inn has heated pools, acres of beautiful gardens, and award winning gourmet and casual dining. Both Buhl Mansion and Tara are the recipients of numerous awards and accolades.

In the Jamestown area of Mercer County near Pymatuning State Park, Western Farm Bed & Breakfast Cottages features all-season modern cottages in a quiet wooded area overlooking a ravine. Guests can relax in a natural



setting or tour a 200 head dairy farm a short distance from the cottage. A full farmer's breakfast is provided each morning.

Just outside Mercer County, Julia's Bed and Breakfast is a 4 diamond AAA rated facility situated on Pine Lakes Golf Club and offers beautiful views of the course. Their King Suites have Jacuzzi hot tubs and remote control fireplace. Each room offers a different décor.

Also on Mercer County's border is Dream Horse Guesthouse! This historic timber frame barn, standing like a ship in a sea of corn and hay fields is located in the Lake Pymatuning resort area of Northeast Ohio. Expect elegant accommodations with a rustic setting and pastoral views.

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