

What the Owners Have to Say

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Life at Your Speed

“We didn’t want to be part of a subdivision atmosphere...its unbelievable how much open property there is here! We can mountain bike for 3 days and not ride the same trails twice!”

“As long as we’ve been here, we’re still finding new trails. I’m not sure we’ve seen them all,” says Derek. “There’s the Creek Camp, the trout stream, a lake you can fish or use canoes on, logging trails, and a wagon trail that runs through the property, deer trails.. some trails run along ridges where you can look out over the property and some run by the creek... they’re awesome. And if you get tired of riding here, you can continue on into the U.S Forest Service land next door and go all the way to Amicalola Falls. We never run out of things to do. “

Derek and Kassie Dahlgren, Canton, Georgia

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Nature Lover’s Paradise

“Four or five years ago we started thinking about having another place-away from Florida. We thought it would be nice to have a place where we could walk out of our house and have trails to run on and places to ride our bikes... when we turned the corner and saw the pasture and barn, I got goose bumps. It was prettier than the photos we had seen on the website. I literally got tears in my eyes. If someone asked me what kind of development I could have imagined for my family, I would create something like Anderson Creek. We wanted a piece of it. It’s the perfect community for us.”

Roy Borrego, Punta Gorda, Florida

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Wooded Family Retreat a Perfect Fit

“We had the idea we wanted a mountain place and looked for about two years. One day I found a postcard from Anderson Creek Retreat in the mailbox. When I read the card, I felt I could have written it myself. It was that close to what we were looking for. I stopped in the driveway and called the number, introduced myself and was invited to lunch that weekend with the developer and his wife. Everything they said was truly right on the money. We knew this was the right place.”

*"We really got into the Anderson Creek concept of preserving the land, having lots of green space biking and walking trails and building homes that are thoughtfully placed so they fit into this wild area...Our daughter said it best-'I think of it as family time'- and so it is. I believe you just get closer here. and you can't have anything better than that." **Elton Ashford, Alpharetta, Georgia***

*There's Amicalola Falls, the Cobutta Wilderness, Rich Mountain Wilderness...along with arts and crafts in Ellijay and Blue Ridge, vineyards and apple festivals and terrific trout fishing and hunting in the Forest Service land... it's just a great launching pad for the outdoors." **Elton Ashford, Alpharetta, Georgia***

On Architecture

Southern Revival: The Appalachian Homestead Cabin is Reborn with a Focus on Simplicity in Design, Local Material and Craftsmanship

"A connection to the land, a desire for simplified living and the whimsy afforded by a slower but more satisfying pace of life is shown on the porch...Wrap-around porches, stripped poplar columns out of trees off the property...Milk-washed tongue and groove clapboard is reversed and butt-jointed for an imperfect and totally charming look.

*Styled on southern mountain cabins of the 1800's, architect **Bill Tucker of Fredericksburg, Virginia** based William B. Tucker Architects, took painstaking efforts to recreate a simple design by incorporating the local materials and craftsmanship that homesteaders would have relied on nearly two centuries ago." **Custom Wood Homes***

*"a diverse topography of creeks, mountains, and fields- mountain laurel, rhododendron, hardwoods, white pine, hemlock, and wildflowers—feed off the headwaters, streams, creeks, in a rich and unspoiled setting..." **Custom Wood Homes***

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Southern Comfort

*"Slow down and stay awhile. Anderson Creek Retreat is a community dedicated to family, fun, and the future of the planet...You'll undoubtedly want to explore the awe-inspiring landscape, but first you'll have to choose your mode of transportation. With more than 1,500 acres at the Retreat and another 750,000 acres of National Forest right next door, property owners have endless woodlands and footpaths to wander. And just eight miles away the Appalachian Trail tempts you..." **Log Home Design
Cozy Cabins 2008***

Preserving a Legacy:

Cabin Retreats in the Georgia Mountains Take on a Historic Touch

*"What's the ideal vision of Appalachia? For the owners of Anderson Creek Retreat near Ellijay, Georgia, the designs were influenced by thoughts of soft green mountains, clean flowing creeks, and small, sturdy cabins tucked under ancient trees as they transform their family's 1,500 acre homestead into a historic community retreat...Anderson Creek property owners... protect natural land, wildlife, and waterways. **Cozy Cabins***

“Our family is fortunate to have a rich and diverse piece of land in the southern Appalachian mountains. My great-great-grandfather, Joseph Anderson, settled on Anderson Creek in the 1840’s. Ever since then we have been preserving a legacy.” ... “We’ve set aside the ruins of early settler homesteads as parks and have established preserves that include the botanically rich watershed of Anderson Creek.” **George David**

“Architectural guidelines encourage cottage designs that respect the heritage of the region”...styles that typically require the use of native materials, simple detailing, and common-sense features.”
I love the hustle and bustle of the city life in Atlanta and travel all over the country, he adds, “but I look forward to my weekends in the woods where life is meant to slow down.” **Bill Calton, Atlanta, Georgia**

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“While every home is unique, three architectural styles predominate: elegant yet unpretentious Southern Appalachian-style log cabins; romantic, traditional L-shape homes with a Thomas Kinkadee warmth and a Ralph Lauren classic style; and sophisticated, contemporary versions of the southern dogtrot.” **Mountain Homes Southern Style**

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Creating Cottage Style, New Old House

“We used to camp up here all the time”... Ten years later they stumbled upon a newspaper ad about the preservation of the historic Anderson Creek watershed. “The idea was to disrupt the area as little as possible and highlight the natural beauty of the land through conservation.”

They knew they wanted the style of their home near the watershed to harken back to traditional architecture and engage in a close relationship with the land. Inspired by old Southern structures known as dogtrots, they designed the cottage “as straightforward as you can get...”

We drew from simple, vernacular forms... we wanted to feel like we were outside when we were inside.”
“Everything we need is here. We don’t really want to leave.” **Markham Smith, architect, and Ellen Hauck**