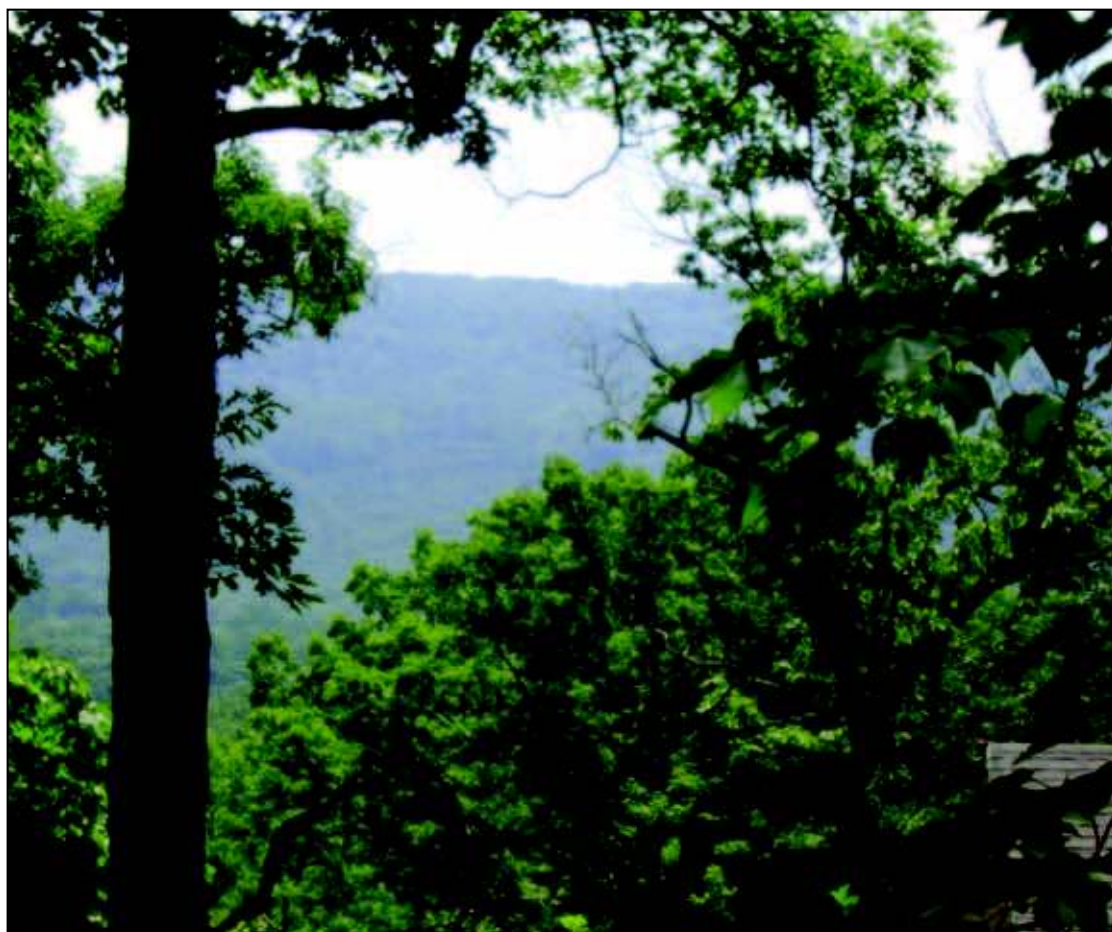


WEEKEND HOMES



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W.Va. house is perfect getaway

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There is a land of pleasant living beyond Maryland, and it's closer than you think. Harpers Ferry, W.Va., a perfect place to enjoy the great outdoors, is just a few hours from the greater Baltimore region.

A three-bedroom, three-bathroom home — now on the market for \$349,900 — in the Shannondale community has views of Shannondale Lake and is within minutes of prime hunting, fishing and kayaking, on the Shenandoah River.

"The house borders the Appalachian Trail," Realtor Adam Link said. "We've got parkland surrounding the entire [development] of Shannondale. You have a lot of stuff to do there."

The Sassafras Lane home provides a nice base from which to set out on your adventures.

The home's entrance leads into the living room, which has cathedral ceilings and a floor-to-ceiling fireplace dividing this space from the dining room. Wood parquet flooring is found throughout this level.

The open kitchen has an eat-in area, an island upgraded appliances, and its sink is in the corner facing windows.

This main living area has plenty of natural light, thanks to a number of windows.

A raised rancher, the house has two bedrooms on the main level. The master suite's bathroom has tile flooring, and a second bathroom in the hall has a skylight. There's also a study area on the main level.

Downstairs, there's a large fami-

AT A GLANCE

» **Address:** 42 Sassafras Lane, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
 » **Description:** A three-bedroom, three-bathroom home in the Shannondale neighborhood
 » **Price:** \$349,900
 » **Contact:** Adam Link, ERA Realty, 1-866-724-0055

ly room with plenty of windows and a six-foot sliding door that leads out to a garden area.

"The family room downstairs has a very cozy, warm wood stove in it," Link said. "It takes the chill off in the wintertime."

There's also a large bedroom with its own private bathroom downstairs.

"The basement is very livable, open and airy," Link said. "It's good living space, you're not in a dungeon."

The house is in the midst of mature woods, so although there is not much grass, there are plenty of rhododendrons and azaleas.

It has a large deck/front porch complete with a 15-foot awning that overlooks the Blue Ridge mountains and Shannondale Lake, a 75-acre private lake that is visible during the winter.

"This home offers the option of being either a second home that's within an hour of the metropolitan D.C. area by car, or a primary home for a commuter that wants the lower taxes that West Virginia has to offer, and the rural setting and slower pace of life that you find west of the Blue Ridge," Link said.