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IN NEED OF A ROMANTIC GETAWAY? WE'VE FOUND THE PERFECT "CHOICE."



# The Inne at Watson's Choice & Harvest House Bed and Breakfast

By Kathleen Ganster

Getting away for a romantic interlude with your partner can be tricky. Who doesn't have a busy schedule? The love of my life and I are no different than anyone else. As a business owner, I often work weekends covering stories and conducting interviews. My husband, a chemist, will be busy around the house or leading a PA Brew Tour, his hobby job. So when we decided to go away, we wanted close, but "far away."

The Inne at Watson's Choice and Harvest House Bed and Breakfast was a perfect "choice."

Located in the Laurel Highlands, the getaway provided a quick and beautiful drive. The Inne is located on 45 acres of rolling fields on the edge of the woods near Uniontown.

Owned by Nancy and Bill Ross, the beautifully restored farmhouse from the 1800s is even more special to the couple because Nancy was born there. Her family had rented the house when she was a child and, years later she and her husband would buy it.

The name of the Inne refers to the land that John Watson chose as part of the land grants that were commonly given to sol-

diers who fought in the 1700s. The tract of land was called "Watson's Choice," and according to records, John obtained 325 acres in 1785. The Inne sits on part of that parcel and was aptly named "Inne at Watson's Choice."

The house was built in 1800 and the original structure was only four rooms. Nancy and Bill bought the neglected property in the late 1980s, hoping to restore it and turn it into a bed and breakfast.

Their hard work paid off - between the Inne and Harvest House, there are 11 lovingly decorated rooms and one suite. Paul and I were lucky to stay in the suite in an early December overnight retreat, perfect for charging our batteries for the even busier upcoming holiday season. The suite in the Harvest House is privately located, has a gas fireplace, comfy king size bed, comfortable sitting area and a whirlpool bath.

Additional rooms are equally beautiful and Nancy has paid attention to every little detail. The shared sitting room in each building has games, plenty of reading material and reading glasses.

The small kitchen has snacks, beverage supplies and a refrigerator to store your wine or leftovers from dinner. They even



provide corkscrews and wine glasses.

Breakfast was a delicious quiche, roasted tomato, fruit cup and plenty of delicious pastries with unlimited coffee and orange juice.

Hot entrées vary from day to day, with Belgian waffles adorned in strawberries and blueberries and maple syrup, buttermilk

pancakes with honey butter and cranberry maple syrup, baked stuffed French toast with warm mixed berry topping and egg and cheese strata with flaky croissant and homemade jelly available for enjoying, too.

Depending on the season, an afternoon beverage and snacks are available. Summer

months provide pitchers of Southern iced-tea or refreshing mint lemonade with homemade cookies and brownies, while winter months provide hot mulled apple or cranberry cider simmered in a crock pot with homemade cookies.

The setting is quiet and restful. You can take a leisurely stroll out in the fields or just sit and enjoy the quiet by the outdoor fireplace. They have two cottages on the property perfect for longer stays.

With barn weddings all the rage, Nancy and Bill have a wonderful barn with a complete catering kitchen for weddings or other special events. The adjacent stable is perfect for rehearsal dinners or showers. ▽

For more information about the Inne at Watson's Choice and Harvest House Bed and Breakfast visit [www.watsonchoice.com](http://www.watsonchoice.com).

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