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## HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!

We're commemorating the second year of the Rockspire Upper Nature Trail with a montage of photographs recently taken along the trail. One of the highlights of an overnight visit to Rockspire is the two mile long morning walk that begins and ends at Betty's Birdhouse followed by a hearty country breakfast!

Many of you have already experienced not only the natural beauty at every turn of the trail but also the panoramic vistas across the Kings River Valley and the adjoining area known as Trigger Gap.

The trail is just wide enough for 4-wheel drive vehicles to maneuver in case there is a need to evacuate an injured hiker or assist someone who might have trouble returning to the Cabin or Carriage House. A Jeep stays parked at the Carriage House for anyone needing to get up and down the steep trail to the Birdhouse. Eventually, horse-drawn carriages will be on-hand for that special trip into the woods. Whether by horse or on foot, you traverse a beautiful path interspersed with rock cliffs and overhangs that take your breath away.

Even Mother Nature occasionally needs a little manicure. Tending the trail is an ongoing process that requires using a box grader and tractor at least twice a year with periodic clearing of dead trees or downed limbs. With maintenance, even the not so sure-footed hiker can find the trail easy to walk.

For those who want more of a challenge, plans call for the development of a lower trail that will be less accessible and more difficult for hiking and trail biking. The Lower Trail should add approximately one mile to the Rockspire Trail System.



The Upper Nature Trail at Rockspire from upper left to lower right:  
Face at Dancing Deer Rock, Dancing Deer Rock in snow  
Waterfall near Betty's Birdhouse, Trail near Sunrise Point  
Moonshiner's Cave entrance, Trail near Deborah's Leap  
Photos by G. Myers Nov. 2011 - July 2012

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**T**ANJU AND PAT TUZER recently visited Rockspire for the first time and left vowing to return again soon for a photographic session featuring some of the dancers from the Tuzer Ballet Company performing at selected spots along the upper nature trail.

Tanju and Pat have been long time friends of Rockspire due to their relationship with George Myers. In 1986 George worked with Tanju and Pat to design their Ballet School in the Dallas suburb of Richardson. And they again called upon George in 1995 to design their home.

While at Rockspire the Tuzers enjoyed cooking some dishes from Tanju's native Turkey for George and Deborah Myers at Betty's Birdhouse.

You can learn more about the Tuzer Ballet Company at [tuzerballet.com](http://tuzerballet.com).



Tanju & Pat Tuzer at Rockspire  
Photo by G. Myers 7.1.12

**O**ther recent visitors to Rockspire include George's high school classmates, Zan Martin from Rogers, Arkansas and Roger Miller from Eagle River, Alaska. Zan and his wife, Karen had visited Rockspire last year but this time Zan returned with his daughter, Alex Ferguson to spend the afternoon hiking with Roger and George. Roger stayed the night at Betty's Birdhouse before making his flight connection back to Alaska from Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport.

As is often the case at Rockspire, friends find the setting perfect for late-night philosophical discussions. After his night's visit, Roger left his impressions in the Birdhouse guest book, writing:

***Diurnal rhythms resonate peace  
Lives bared in bold conversation  
A cool breeze settles a warm day  
Whip-poor-will! Whip-poor-will! Whip-poor-will!***

*Roger Miller*



MobbyMac Carriage House Interiors  
Photos by G. Myers 5.22.12



Jynx running in the west pasture at Rockspire  
Photo by R. Miller 5.19.12