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Smoke Rise – A Private Lake Community in Kinnelon

A Jewel in Morris County



Terrie O'Connor chose an office to open in Morris County because of a jewel they discovered tucked in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains, just 35 miles from New York City awaits a hidden gem: the Smoke Rise Club in Kinnelon, New Jersey. Smoke Rise is a private gated community of over 900 homes, each situated on lots of 1 acre or larger and each is unique to its setting with no two homes the same.

Community life in Smoke Rise centers around the picturesque spring fed Lake Kinnelon. The lake itself is over 123 acres of sparkling water and presents the perfect setting to boat, swim, sail and fish. The large sandy beach is complete with a snack bar, lifeguard shack, playground, volleyball nets, a basketball court, horseshoe pits, barbeque grills and picnic tables making it easy for residents to enjoy this spectacular setting. On any summer day you'll see a variety of sail boats, kayaks, canoes and paddle boards on the lake. Docks and storage racks are available for convenient storage. The lake is where swim meets, camp outs and a spectacular Fourth of July celebration takes place. These events bring residents together and reinforce a strong sense of community reminding residents that they can enjoy a long weekend or summer vacation within minutes of their own front doors.

For the equestrian, there are also fully equipped stables and riding rings. Riding lessons are available to those just learning, but residents have the ability to board their own horses as well.

A wide variety of activities and facilities are available within the community with something for every age and interest including a large park with a baseball field, playground and basketball courts. The winter months provide a Currier and Ives scene as children and adults alike enjoy ice skating on Hoot Owl Pond or hop back to the lake for an afternoon of ice fishing.

For entertainment and dining the Smoke Rise Village Inn, located within the gates is an ideal place to enjoy a casual meal or to experience an elegant dining experience. Guests can enjoy evening cocktails with friends and neighbors in the lounge which offers an ambiance of rustic charm and relaxation. The stone building housing the restaurant is one of the original farming structures used to keep livestock and dates back to 1892. It was converted to a restaurant in 1947 and now provides a venue available for weddings, private parties and other social events.

The 2,500 acres of unparalleled beauty which now make up the Smoke Rise Club was originally part of the self contained country gentleman's estate owned by the Kinney family, after whom Kinnelon was named. Many of the stone structures you see today are the original buildings some dating back to the latter years of the 19th century including The Village Inn, the Smoke Rise Office, the Fire Tower located on Hilltop Road and the East Gate House. Of all the buildings perhaps the most notable is St. Hubert's Chapel which is located on an island in the lake. It was built in 1886 by Mr. Kinney for his wife and was used by the family for private masses until the late 1920's.

Smoke Rise allows it's residents to maintain an active social life while still providing a refuge from the fast paced world around them. It is more than just it's magnificent scenery and unspoiled acreage. It is a life style treasured by those lucky enough to call it home.

If you would like more information on Smoke Rise please contact Terrie O'Connor Realtors Kinnelon Group at 973-838-0100.