

Home Away From Home



Dehradun Birdhouse

Planning for your summer hols? With peace and tranquility close to nature? Then Birdhouse in Dehradun is your best option, informs Tania Saili.

Away from the hectic life of the plains, situated in the lap of nature in Malsi, Dehradun, is **Birdhouse** - a place where you can unwind with your family during summer. Just a few yards from the Dehradun-Mussoorie highway is this charming old bungalow which opened its gates to tourists last May. It is complete with four bedrooms with attached bathrooms, a living room, dining and a state-of-art kitchen.

The property has gone down well with its selected clients from Delhi who choose *Birdhouse* to spend quality time together away from the hustle and bustle of the city. "We were looking for a place where we could sit down and enjoy the place. It should be cool, serene and peaceful, definitely away from vehicular traffic, with all its congestion and noise," said Dhananjay Gupta, a doctor from Delhi. "Here we get quality time as a family," he said.

Scenic Beauty

Spread on one acre of land, with beautiful rolling hills and giant trees as its backdrop, the *Birdhouse* has become popular with tourists from Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai. They make a beeline to unwind with



"We enjoy the serene and tranquil atmosphere here. Added to the proximity to nature, it also gives us a chance to reflect on the purpose of our lives."

-Rajesh and Rashmi Bhatnagar, senior executives



their families, looking for a home away from home. Complete with a broadband facility for those who travel with their laptops, and a library, this is the place for tired souls looking for solitude close to nature. "We have lawns where the children can play. We're situated in a valley and close to a natural stream - a 180-turn of panoramic view of the Mussoorie hills. The property is 20 km from Mussoorie," says Rajinder Prasad, the caretaker.

For Your Kids

To top it all, if you've kids with you, here's an ideal situation. Ten kilometres from Dehradun, *enroute* Mussoorie is situated a beautifully developed tourist spot lying at the foothills of the Shivalik range. The Malsi Deer Park is a mini-zoological park and a children's park enveloped by beautiful, natural surroundings. Added to the attractive environs, the availability of refreshments makes the place an ideal sight-seeing cum picnic spot.

So, this summer vacation if you have not yet decided on a getaway with your family, *Birdhouse* is your best option and for all the right reasons. ❖