

Living Large for a Fraction of the Cost

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There are certain profound questions that have confounded mankind through the ages. “Where did we come from?” “How many stars are there?” And perhaps the most perplexing of all, “How can I afford to spend quality time in a luxurious second home in a stunningly beautiful resort locale?”

Now, while the first two queries are surely subjects for scholarly and philosophical debate, the answer to the third one lies in a tried and true concept called fractional home ownership.

What is fractional home ownership?

It's the wave of the future for those who want a luxury second home at Deep Creek Lake, but don't want to pay a half million dollars or more. Especially when they won't spend more than a couple of months out of the year there. Here's how it works: owners invest 20% for a one-fifth ownership in a luxury home and have usage rights for ten weeks out of the year. Weeks are awarded on a first-come-first-served basis, so one could choose a couple of weeks during winter or summer peak seasons, with space availability options offered throughout the year. Besides the basic amenities like full furnishings, gourmet chef-appointed kitchens, pool tables and hot tubs, other perks include private storage closets (so you won't have to lug your skis around), boot warmers, sleds and internet access. Even concierge service can be available.

With all this to look forward to, there's one more question that'll be on the minds of all those making the short drive (just under 3.5 hours from Baltimore, D.C. or under two from the Pittsburgh area) to Deep Creek Lake:

“Are we there yet?”



Time to relax and enjoy life at Deep Creek Lake, Maryland.

Fractional resort home ownership, while not a new concept nationally, is new to the Deep Creek Lake area. Unlike timeshares—fractional home ownership provides an undivided 1/5th Deeded interest, Fee Simple as Tenants in Common. It also provides a more spacious, luxurious, well-appointed, single family home lifestyle choice. All this with a guaranteed minimum of 10 weeks use allows each owner access to each of the four peak seasons at beautiful Deep Creek Lake.

