

Wonders of 208 Largo Ave!!!

There are many wonderful items associated with this home and property, with a rich history and access to the National Forest out the back yard. Here are my favorites!

History – In the late 1800's, the Chatauquan's would summer in the Palmer Lake area. There were originally 8 homes in the Glen, and 208 Largo was one of them. The Chatauquans were spiritually seeking people that came and enjoyed the summers, the nature, interacting with the wild life, and discussed the Bible, poems, and literature. The 208 Largo property was nicknamed "The Ogallala" property, and the original wooden sign is still hanging above the front door. The rest of the home was added on in 1997.

Apple Tree – The apple tree in the back yard produces 100's of apples and beautiful, white spring flowers that cover the whole tree.

Unlimited Hot water (cheap water) – The original water heater was replaced with a tankless heater, that never runs out of hot water. That means you can run two different baths/showers, do the dishes, laundry and nobody is left in the cold. There is not a big tank that always keeps the water very hot (as with regular water heaters), thereby producing a "green" effect and saves on heating costs. The water is also very pure and cheap in Palmer Lake.

Waterfall and Pond with Koi – Enjoy the beautiful remote controlled waterfall cascading off the side of the mountain! The pump to circulate the water, the heating element, and the lights are all on remote control from the kitchen, so you enjoy the water fall when you are available. The pond also has 5 Koi fish that grow to 3 feet long.

Hot tub – wonderful, very low maintenance, self-contained hot tub on the upper deck that is best enjoyed under the stars! Rarely do I go out at night and not see a shooting star!!

Tree Porch – The tree porch is built in the trees, and gets an ample amount of the morning sun. It provides a nice retreat, where yoga, meditating, reading, journaling and just relaxing are waiting for you. Relax in the forest.

Trails – There is a trail built right out the backyard that connects to the National Forest (must cross over a property that the owner has allowed for locals to pass through). Begin your hiking adventures right from the back yard. There is a huge interconnect of hiking trails, from the steep climb up Mt. Chatauqua, to open, National Forest trails running for hundreds of miles in every direction. This is truly a hiking mecca!

Sun room – The sun room was added off of the original Chatauqua cabin, and it is on the north/east side of the house. Make it a relaxing room, office, meditation room and enjoy the morning and mid-day sun

Fireplace – The fireplace is from the original house, and is a big, beautiful stone masonry construction

Lots of Moisture – The property sits on the Palmer Divide, and moisture in the form of rain often gets squeezed out during the warmer months, much more than in Colorado Springs or Castle Rock on average. I've grown all kinds of herbs, strawberries and flowers over the years.

Quiet – enjoy the peaceful high country – the neighborhood is very quiet, with the only large sounds from the trains that pass through the town. I've gotten to enjoy the sounds of the horns in the distance as the trains pass through.

Wildlife – deer, fox, raccoons, squirrels, coyotes, with occasional bear (s) are all home in the backyard. In the summer of 2012, a mama bear and her 2 cubs frequented the mountain and enjoyed the ample apples. A lone adolescent small black bear hung out for a while in 2017 and strolled by me while I was in the hot tub! The dog door in the back allows your best friend easy access to the mountain.