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Rye Nature Preserve!



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In New York City's upscale bedroom community of Rye, the commute into the city is short while its residents enjoy the beach, shopping, restaurants and country clubs, good schools and room to roam. Rye has its feet planted firmly in the 21st Century, but has great respect for its past. It was home to one of the country's Founding Fathers, John Jay, who was also the first Chief Justice of the United States. His home has been preserved and is on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1763 when Benjamin Franklin was Postmaster General, he came up with the idea of installing mile markers from New York City along the Boston Post Road, which made it the country's first thoroughfare. Two of those markers, now over 200 years old, are still in Rye today indicating the 24th and 25th miles.

Conservationist and noted New York architect Peter Smith of Newburgh, was able to do what he does best - pay homage to nature - and in 1985 designed a four-bedroom, four-bath contemporary home of 5,108-square-feet that very effectively blurs the line between indoors and out. Well known for his environmentally friendly approach to conservation, landscaping and the peace that comes from close contact with nature, Smith designed the home so that the views of woods or pool and waterfall are the focal point of all rooms. Though surrounded by 1.69 acres of woodland, the house is filled with light from walls of windows and raised skylights bringing the outdoors in, while the open first-floor foyer, living and dining areas have a tree growing in the middle under multi-dimensional roof lines of glass and steel. Not often is one able to sit under a tree growing in the ground, completely protected by the elements, or walk past and touch its leaves and branches every day of the year.

The grounds of the property are like a natural wooded preserve with rock outcroppings, a spectacular waterfall, swimming pool and a footbridge spanning the pond that is populated with frogs, turtles and birdlife. [For more information.](#)

Nature conscious Rye, New York contemporary is now for sale. Priced at \$2.2 million.

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