

FSCAP Certified Steward

Karla Stoner Bloomsbury Forge



Bloomsbury Forge is a historic property in southern Frederick County, at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain and has been owned by Karla and Bill Stoner since 1980. Established circa 1780, it was one of the first three iron forges in Maryland, originally owned by a brother of Thomas Johnson, the first governor of the state. The property currently consists of about 119 acres bisected by Bennett Creek and includes several springs, some small wetland areas, and a pond. This full-care facility can accommodate up to 12 horses for field boarding only. There is direct access to the Sugarloaf riding trails and the property is close to local shows, horse trials, and some fox hunting fixtures. There is a 6-9 stall barn with tack room and wash stall, a grass ring, and a round pen with an all-weather surface. The pastures have run-in sheds and are set up for rotational grazing, including high-use areas. The Stoners have maintained or expanded best management practices, including current plans for soil conservation and nutrient management. Eleven acres of grassland are in the Conservation Reserve Program, animal access to Bennett Creek has been restricted, and grass waterways and buffer strips have been established. Approximately 70 acres of trees are under a wood land management plan.

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