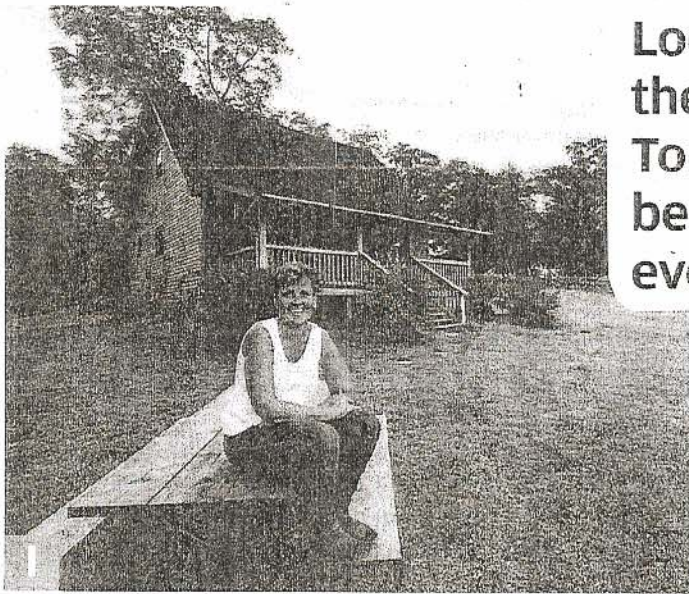


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GREAT WEEKEND GETAWAYS



Looking to get out of town? Here are the favorite short trips of travel writer Tom Uhlenbrock. Quiet retreats can be found in a variety of places — even treehouses.

THE CABIN AT MEADOW VIEW RANCH

Where: Lebanon, 165 miles southwest of St. Louis, off Interstate 44

The Unique: The cabin sits in the middle of the 170-acre ranch and has one bedroom, a sleeping loft with two twin beds and a full kitchen. The covered front porch overlooks forests, ponds and pastures. Owner Heidi MacQueen runs a “horse motel,” so horses and pets are welcome and guests can help feed the animals. The ranch is a short drive from the Niangua River and Bennett Spring State Park, a mecca for trout anglers.

Price: The cabin is \$75 a night for one and \$8 for each additional guest. Lodging is also available in cozy quarters in the barn.

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