

## Romantic getaways that are so close and yet so far

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**The place:** Meadow View Ranch

**The location:** On a farm road near Lebanon, which is off Interstate 44, about a two-hour drive west of St. Louis.

**The price:** \$68 a night for two persons.

**The charm:** Owners Craig and Heidi MacQueen built a guesthouse on their 200-acre ranch, with one bedroom downstairs and a sleeping loft. The house has a full kitchen and a swing on the front porch, which looks out on woods and a pasture filled with cattle and horses. No nearby lights interfere with stargazing at night. If you ask, Heidi may let you help with the chores, such as bottle-feeding hungry calves. The ranch has a licensed masseuse who offers Swedish massages for \$45 for an hour. Also, Bennett Spring State Park, which is known for its trout fishing, is four miles away, and the Niangua River is great for floating. Andy's Catch restaurant in the Lebanon Country Club is open to the public.



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