

Wetlands, green space, rocky outcroppings define feel in Rock Lake Estates



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Cam Sterns and Hallie Schafer with children Ryder, Harlo and Evan in Rock Lake Estates. *DON MOLYNEAUX / CALGARY HERALD*

Cam Sterns and Hallie Schafer bought a 1,900-square-foot home in Tuscany 14 years ago, expecting this to be the last place they'd move.

Now with three children between the ages of six and 11, it was time to rethink those plans.

"Things change and we needed more room for the kids as they grow," says Sterns, a realtor of 12 years.

The family of five had its heart set on staying in the city's northwest. Early in the house hunting process, they discovered Rock Lake Estates in Rocky Ridge. This community by Decker Management Ltd., accessed off Country Hills Boulevard and Rocky Ridge Way, boasts sweeping views of natural beauty, including lush greenery, wetlands and the Rocky Mountains.

Rock Lake Estates was set to bring its fourth phase to market earlier than it did, but along with a number of residential developments in northwest Calgary, upgrades to an area sanitary system put things on hold.

"We're now 100 per cent open for business," says Catherine Beaudin of Decker Management.

The community's latest phase is Five Lakes at Rock Lake Estates in Rocky Ridge, which is composed of 103 lots. Homes in the new release start from the \$900,000s.

The five lakes name is a hat tip to five naturally occurring lakes within the community's outline plan boundary. In fact, all but 20 lots back on to wetlands and green space.

Builders in the community include Crystal Creek Homes, Lupi Luxury Homes and Jager Homes, which is a new addition to the builder group. Beaudin calls Jager a "natural fit" because of its success building in the

nearby community of Trail's End. A grand opening for new show homes in the community will be in March 2016. However, pre-construction sales in the latest phase are in full-swing.

Sterns and Schafer are building a house through Crystal Creek Homes, going with its Kingsley 2 model. The standard floor plan for this home measures 2,837 square feet.

The family made a few custom touches to the plan to better suit their needs, says Sterns.

“With having three kids, in lieu of doing four bedrooms up, we did choose to put our eldest in the basement with his own bathroom,” he says. “Then we added another bathroom so everyone on the upper floor has their own bathroom to themselves.”

Beaudin calls the new stretch of Rock Lake Estates “phenomenal.”

“It’s that pastoral living. You can sit out in your backyard and feel like you’re out in nature,” she says.

The majority of the lots in the new phase are 40 and 42 feet wide. Sterns and Schafer liked the community’s out-of-Calgary feeling mixed with convenient access to important amenities.

“We went up there, walked the land and liked the concept of the five lakes and liked the lots’ proximity to the wetlands and the preserved natural areas,” says Sterns, whose lot enjoys mountain views.

The couple liked “being in the city but having a nice setting that’s almost rural-like backing on to these ponds,” adds Sterns.

Valuable amenities are in place and more are on the way.

“If you look at it from more of a macro view, being from Tuscany, we recognized the services and amenities that have been going into the area,” Sterns says. “Starting with the Royal Oak shopping plaza and the expansion there. And then breaking ground at the (Rocky Ridge Recreation Facility) off Country Hills Boulevard. Having three children, proximity to these services was key.”

The recreation centre on 11300 Rocky Ridge Rd. N.W. will be operated by YMCA Calgary and is slated for completion in 2017.

The image shows four promotional flyers arranged horizontally. From left to right: 1. Ashley Furniture: 'ultimate SALE' with a living room scene and the slogan 'this is home'. 2. Visions Electronics: 'WRAP IT UP TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE JAW DROPPING DEALS' featuring a TV and speakers. 3. London Drugs: 'The Perfect Christmas We Take Care of That' with a hand holding a colorful star. 4. Indigo Kids: 'Indigo kids' with a girl and toys. Each flyer has a 'HOVER FOR FLYER' label and a corresponding logo below it.

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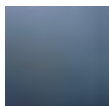
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