

FALLINGWATER

Good day everyone...it's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.

Architecture at its finest is at Fallingwater at Bear Run in Western Pennsylvania. Look on the map for Ohio pyle, Fayette County, and make it a Pennsylvania stop. This magnificent house--Fallingwater--is one of the most cherished of the works of the great American architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. It is almost a must for study, for those young Pennsylvanians who plan careers as architects. The house unites nature with modern architecture and they go together beautifully, thanks to the genius of Wright. Wright was fascinated with the Bear Run area; its mature trees, sandstone boulders and its scampering streams. And he united the surroundings into an organized whole, with the design of properly-named Fallingwater built right over a waterfall. The rooms at Fallingwater jut out over streams--and Wright built the home for Pittsburgh's famous mercantile family, the Kauffmans, completing it in 1939. A few years ago, Edgar J. Kauffman presented the house and surrounding grounds to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy--as a memorial to his parents. It is one of Pennsylvania's great visiting places. Tours are conducted regularly through Fallingwater and thousands of visitors come every year to marvel at Frank Wright's "work of art". The house was hardly up before its fame circled the world. It was recognized as one of the clearest successes of the American genius of Frank Lloyd Wright. It is one of the most beautiful

works ever made by man for man. It takes only a moment to see the charm of the house. Its beauty remains fresh like that of the nature into which it fits. It has served well as a home, yet has always been more than that--a work of art, beyond any ordinary measure of excellence. Mr. Kauffman once said of Fallingwater--"Such a place cannot be possessed. It is a work by man for man, not by A man for A man". Over the years since it was built, Fallingwater has grown ever more famous and admired. It is a text-book example of modern architecture at its very best...a modern masterpiece that fits Pennsylvania's wooded heritage. By its very intensity it is a public resource, not a private indulgence. How generous a gift is Fallingwater from a citizen of Pennsylvania to his neighbors. Frank Lloyd Wright died more than a decade ago, but he left behind in Pennsylvania an architectural legend at Bear Run in Fallingwater... This is a home which has made its creator immortal, its benefactor to be admired; another gift which Pennsylvania can share with its visitors.

This is Pete Wambach. It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.