“During a broadcast of ‘A Prairie Home Companion’ from Tanglewood last summer, Garrison Keillor called the Berkshires a ‘beautiful place – New England towns where people enjoy a way of life that’s practically vanished.’”


The Berkshires have an allure that’s pretty hard to beat. First, there’s the scenery - stunning landscapes framed by rolling hills with Mount Greylock, the state’s largest peak, sitting majestically to the north. Next, there’s the culture with world-renowned musical venues such as Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra; museums, dance festivals, summer theaters that attract major actors to our local stages and a literary history that spans centuries and includes Herman Melville, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Edith Wharton.

Add to that a vibrant sports and recreational community in an area with the right kind of geography for year-round activities. Five ski resorts are located in the Berkshire hills, with rivers for fishing, canoeing and kayaking; country roads for jogging and biking, beautiful lakes and plenty of scenic trails for hiking and backpacking. Each year, triathletes throughout the northeast converge on the Berkshires for the legendary Josh Billings Run Aground.

Our location is another asset. Less than three hours from Boston and New York City, The Berkshires are a cluster of small, New England cities and towns that have easy access to large metropolitan centers. Our quality of life is outstanding. At Berkshire Health Systems, we often find that many of our physicians and staff are attracted to our area because of its beauty and cultural offerings. But ultimately, they decide to stay and raise families here because of the health and wellness that The Berkshires promote.

Where Quality of Life and Quality of Care Come Together