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Buyers discover close-in secret of Lakemont

People are discovering that the commute from Cougar Ridge West in Lakemont just doesn't get any better. From I-90's Exit 13, it's easy and speedy to get to downtown Bellevue, Seattle or Redmond.

Built by CamWest Development and boasting stately homes priced from \$829,950, Cougar Ridge West has hit the radar of people looking for a shortcut to a new Eastside home. This weekend, Cougar Ridge West is welcoming visitors with pastries and refreshments. There is also a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate for dinner at the Golf Club at Newcastle.

"Buyers who want the quality and value of a new CamWest home in a location that makes commuting an absolute breeze are choosing

View these homes

Open daily, noon to 6 p.m., at 16517 S.E. 66th St., Bellevue.

Getting there

From I-90, take Exit 13 south onto Lakemont Boulevard Southeast, turn left onto Cougar Mountain Way, right onto 163rd Place Southeast, left onto Southeast 66th Street and follow into Cougar Ridge West. Or from I-405, take Exit 10 southeast onto Coal Creek Parkway, turn left onto Forest Drive Southeast, left onto Lakemont Boulevard Southeast, right onto Southeast Cougar Mountain Way, right onto 163rd Place Southeast, left onto Southeast 66th Street and follow into Cougar Ridge West.

Prices

From \$829,950.

Builder

CamWest Development, Inc.

Information

206-510-4494 or
www.camwest.com.



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close-in Cougar Ridge West," says Jim Summers, James & Associates Real Estate agent. "The classic example is a couple, one with a job in Seattle, and the other with a job at Microsoft in Bellevue, who buy here to make a lifestyle choice that works for both of them. It's an ideal combination of location, value and prestige.

"We're seeing a lot of people from places like the Sammamish

Plateau and Snoqualmie Ridge who are tired of the long commute and want more time for family and friends."

The Cougar Ridge community enjoys a close proximity to trails, parks and The Golf Club at Newcastle. There are two ways to get to Cougar Mountain State Park from the community — walk using a connecting trail starting right in the

community of Cougar Ridge West, or drive five minutes to a trailhead with numerous designated trails. Cougar Mountain Park, at 3,000 acres, is the largest park in the King County Parks system. It boasts 36 miles of hiking trails and 12 miles of trails for equestrians. There is horse trailer parking, picnic tables, restrooms and many other state park amenities.

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Lewis Creek Park, about three minutes away, is another local favorite with 55 acres of fun located halfway between Cougar Ridge West and the Lakemont Thriftway. Residents can take classes at the new community center on a wide variety of topics, including the Family Discovery Series on birds, plants, ecology and much more. Picnic areas, play fields, sport courts, paved bike trails, graveled walking trails, nature trails and the headwaters of Lewis Creek beckon with fun for all ages.

Just down the road from Cougar Ridge West is the Silverleaf Community Park with a tennis court, picnic tables and trails.

The new four- to six-bedroom homes with two- and three-car garages are distinctive in every detail. The architecture combines a sense of drama and warmth with front porches, pitched roofs, arches, columns, alcoves, decorative windows and extensive brick and stone.

Intimate decks are well placed for stepping out with your morning coffee for a view of distant hills.

With the weather warming up, the first thing visitors notice as they drive into Cougar Ridge West is the eye-catching landscaping. Front-yard sprinklers are built in for the convenience of the new owners, who enjoy adding their own bits of color and splash to the professional landscaping. Backyards are large, flat and ready for summer, and a backdrop of tall trees and woods adds a sense of retreat and peace.

Home plans are designed with the views in mind. Many of these homes, including the furnished model, offer variations on the "two- or three-car garage under" floor plans, which take advantage of the



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"CamWest has a reputation for situating new homes to maximize views and natural light. They are also very generous with their use of windows, which adds to the sense of light and airiness in all of these exceptional new homes," says Summers.

Interiors are designed for comfort and convenience, with KitchenAid stainless-steel appliances, granite slab counters and Shaker-style maple cabinetry in the gourmet

kitchens; red oak floors and French tuck carpeting; Kohler plumbing fixtures; Schlage door hardware and hand-finished, detailed millwork.

"At Cougar Ridge West, you have an ideal balance of privacy and a strong sense of community," says CamWest project manager Kevin Charap. "We designed the homes to border a large, private community park. Picnic tables, playground equipment and lots of running space create a great draw for the whole neighborhood. The greenbelt behind

the community adds a wonderful sense of nature."

Homes at Cougar Ridge West can easily be customized, with on-site project managers working one-on-one with new homebuyer.

"Many of the homes here are almost finished on the outside, yet they've been strategically held at framing on the inside, so you can make all of your choices from flooring to paint colors to cabinetry and beyond," says Real Estate 2000 agent Camille Brash.