

My stay at Susimetsa was both deeply productive and genuinely restorative. The setting is beautiful: quiet, surrounded by nature, and perfectly suited to concentrated intellectual work. At the same time, the house offers all the comforts of home — and in many respects more than one would expect from an ordinary retreat space. Everything is arranged in such a way that one can immediately settle into a rhythm of reading, writing, and reflection.

One of the highlights of Susimetsa is its magnificent philosophical library. The collection is not only extensive and extremely useful for research, but also expressive of the intellectual personality of Theda Rehbock, whose presence can still be felt throughout the space. Spending time in the library was inspiring in itself. The complete collection of Peanuts comic strips offered a welcome break from intellectual labor!

The availability of bicycles, the nearby café, and even the outdoor sauna (which unfortunately I did not manage to use) all contribute to the atmosphere of thoughtful calm and hospitality.

I had originally planned to work closely with my colleague Sonja Schierbaum during the stay, but circumstances made this impossible. Still, I made the best possible use of the resulting solitude. In fact, the quiet, the natural beauty, and the intellectual atmosphere of Susimetsa turned out to be ideal conditions for research, and I accomplished a great deal of what I had hoped to do. I would very gladly return.

[Rating: 10/10]

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