

Five star tree house

A According to architect Carol Kurth, this home was inspired by the property's magnificent rock outcroppings and designed to be warm, casual and evocative of nature. "Designed to appear as if emerging out of the bedrock, Treetop Lodge is uniquely sited atop a rocky terrain in a natural, woodland setting. It is a weekend home evoking a modern tree house," Kurth said.

The exterior of the space is a combination of native stone, reclaimed timbers and board-and-batten siding. Wood stain approximates the color of the tree bark found in the woods surrounding the property. »



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Spectacular stone walls work to bring outdoor elements “inside” the space. Underneath the vaulted ceiling is dramatic truss work, which adds “rustic, yet modern, detailing,” Kurth said.

“The arched patio door windows emphasize the rooflines opening to the covered, skylit veranda and screened porch for relaxation and dining amidst treetops,” Kurth continued. “This is indoor/outdoor living at its best.”

The large space is divided into functional areas. The private spaces are on the main level, with two primary suites flanking the living space. “They are focused on two different vistas — sunset and rock outcroppings,” Kurth said.

The lower level focuses on entertaining guests. Kurth outfitted this space with an impressive bar, a billiards area, as well as curtained, railcar bunks for overnight guests. Outdoor spaces accessed from this level include a pair of custom, suspended swings, a campfire pit and a terraced spa area against the backdrop of a waterfall.

Kurth said this project was successful because it exemplifies her design philosophy that “architecture is a backdrop for living, and interiors are an inspiration for lifestyle.”



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