

Headwaters Camp

A FAMILY CABIN REFLECTS THE BEST OF THE PAST,
WHILE REACHING NEW HEIGHTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.

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Big Sky Montana's Yellowstone Club is the setting for a "historic" guest cabin that was actually built in 2010 and boasts top honors for green building practices. This 1,800 square foot "cabin," which the owner envisioned as a "family camp that looks and feels like it has existed for 100 years," utilizes over 300, third-party-certified sustainable building elements, earning it a Platinum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating, the highest bestowed by the United States Green Building Council.

Inside, designer Erika Jennings re-used many furnishings the owners already possessed, and edited spaces to maintain an elegant, livable space. "This cabin is actually one large great room, with a private master suite and a sleeping loft for the kids. Too many artifacts and fussy elements would overpower the space. I wanted to leave room for the family to actually live, to put their boots or books down."

Above: The cabin's enchanting pond creates a true "summer camp" feeling, while also serving as a thermal mass for a Water Source Heat Pump exchange loop, providing radiant flooring, grey water reclamation, and efficient, individualized heating and cooling of various interior areas. Opposite: The requisite leather sofa and Navajo-inspired rug share this space with a petrified wood end-table and rustic console sporting western spurs for drawer pulls. The "art" over the firebox is actually a flat screen television.





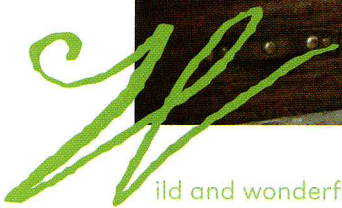


omfort was the goal in the master bedroom, where the romance and adventure of a summer camp is achieved with reclaimed materials and simple, luxurious bedding. “Jolts of color are especially necessary when rooms are fashioned of stone and wood,” the designer explains, illustrated here by a vividly patterned rug. The structure’s historic appearance was achieved by applying indigenous and reclaimed lumber and logs to a conventional wood-framed structure—which provides contemporary quality insulation and protection from insect infiltration.



At an elevation of 8,000 feet near Yellowstone National Park, Headwaters Camp reinterprets many of the classic Great Camp elements while retaining the imagined charms of a trapper's mountain cabin. A large iron chandelier hangs over a steel-topped dining table surrounded by Molesworth-style chairs in candy apple red. The sink base is an antique, as are the authentic Navajo rugs hung throughout the home. Expansive windows bestow natural light, and breathtaking alpine views.





Wild and wonderful organic accents stun and surprise throughout Headwaters Camp. ABOVE: Behind a sliding barn-style door, a lavatory's dual-faucet basin is carved from rough-hewn wood. RIGHT: Adjacent to the main living area, a pool table beckons, beyond which a staircase anchored by enormous natural log columns boasts a banister of shed elk antlers. FINAL PAGE: The charm continues in the fully functional barn, served by a rustic round pen fashioned with traditional ranch-style fencing.



