

The Good Life

Wisconsin Log Homes' hybrid balances beauty and efficiency.

Nestled in the mountains on 1,150 remote acres in West Virginia, this 6,810-square-foot lodge is surrounded by lakes, streams, waterfalls and forest. A small private lake reflects the dream of one couple, the Morgans.

In their search for a low-maintenance log building system, the Morgans discovered Wisconsin Log Homes, a design and build company that specializes in energy-efficient log and timber homes. After one meeting and an on-site design consultation, the couple knew Wisconsin Log Homes was the perfect company to build their dream home.

Under the guidance of the company's expert architectural and interior design team, each room was carefully planned to incorporate specific design and style requirements. Space planning layouts were drawn complete with furnishings. Computer-aided design ensured a good fit, and provided a vision of how the placement of furnishings in relation to the home's design could evolve, creating easy living for years to come.

"After evaluating the wish list, as well as a file of magazine pictures the clients liked, I created a scheme for each room; gathering ideas for furniture, lighting and accessories," explains Stephanie Hintz, resident interior designer at Wisconsin Log Homes. "After making any necessary modifications, we would move onto the next space, making sure each area related



to the rest of the home." When it came time to set up furnishings, Stephanie arranged for Wisconsin's private delivery service to bring everything to the site in one large truckload. "Following the pre-designed plan made the move-in go smoothly," she says, "and best of all, it was effortless for the homeowners."

The finished home features a large kitchen that flows freely into the great room, with its two-story window wall overlooking the lake. A mosaic-style backsplash made of 3,000-year-old tile found in Israel hangs above the corner stove.

Tucked discreetly off the great room, the master suite is a soothing sanctuary furnished in Adirondack style. The floor-to-ceiling fireplace is made of local rock, and a full glass door opens to an expansive deck facing the water.

Two additional bedrooms with private baths are upstairs, along with the home office that takes advantage of the space above the garage. A custom-designed workstation, filing cabinets, bookshelves and fireplace make a comfortable work space.

Incorporating the Morgans' hunting trophies into the home was important, resulting in a three-story trophy room that can be viewed from all levels of the home. Tucked behind the home is a 70-yard bow and shooting range that's covered and fully lit.

For the Morgans, life doesn't get any better than this.

OPPOSITE: Naturally blending into its surroundings, this exceptional log home reflects classic architecture with an expansive deck and integrated gazebo just steps from the water. **BELOW:** An old-fashioned copper soaking tub, double vanities and two-person shower create a spa-style master bath. Zebra accents and slate tile flooring provide visual contrast.



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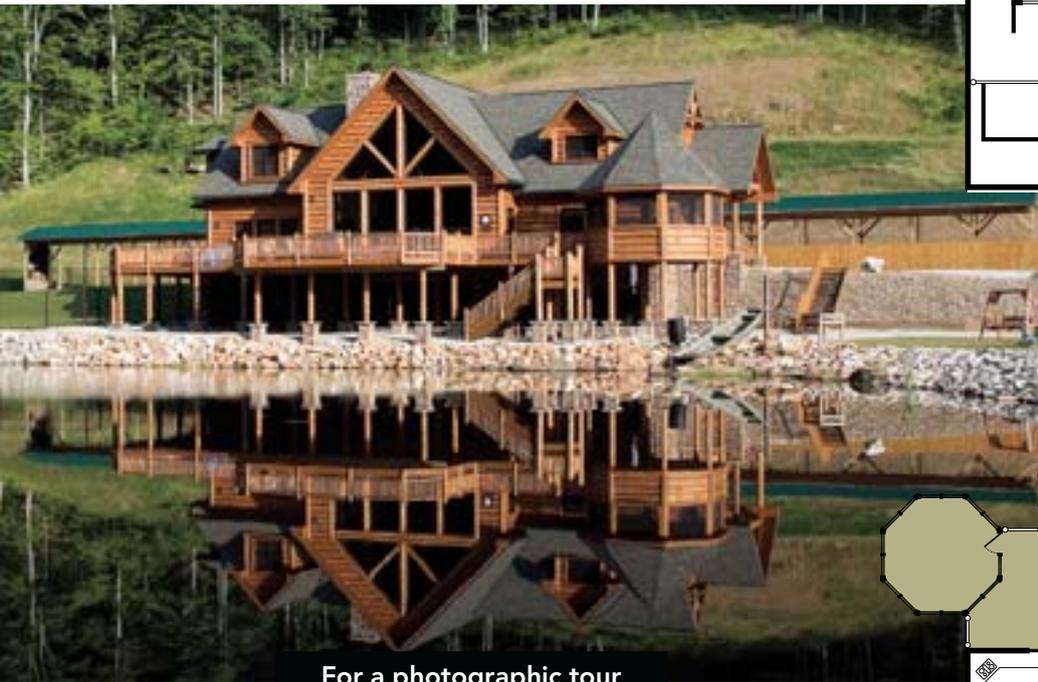
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ABOVE: A stone-wrapped island and corner range nook offer visual appeal and contrast beautifully with the dark stained cabinetry. Historic tile backsplash from Israel and a fossilized rock countertop add character to this custom kitchen. **OPPOSITE TOP:** Texture and natural appeal highlight the great room with its black leather furniture. An indigenous stone fireplace makes the log walls pop and draws the eye upward. The impressive window wall frames a view of the private lake. **OPPOSITE RIGHT:** A custom-crafted cedar and granite desk anchors the wood-lined office in style, and provides functional storage and work areas under the welcoming windows. **OPPOSITE FAR RIGHT:** Adirondack-style furniture, warm wood tones and a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace make the master bedroom cozy. Windows and a full glass door open to the deck and wonderful views beyond.

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FLOOR PLANS



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MODEL NAME

Crystal Lake Lodge

Bedrooms: 3

Baths: 5

Square Footage: 6,810



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