

OPPOSITE: An expansive portico, anchored with massive stone pillars, provides plenty of shade for guests visiting this northern Florida home. An artistic, custom-carved door is a natural fit for this dream home. **BELOW:** Perfect for relaxing and catching southern breezes, a classic gazebo takes a custom turn with dark-stained trim.

Luxury Accommodations

A hybrid retreat by Wisconsin Log Homes entertains in style

At the end of a mile-long driveway that passes through trees and over a peaceful stream, sits avid outdoorsman Todd Weizer's dream home: a luxurious lodge that serves as an escape for family and friends on 1,000 rugged acres in northern Florida.

To fit such a setting, the home had to be exceptional, yet still blend with the land. Todd turned to Wisconsin Log Homes, a national design-and-build team known for its one-of-a-kind homes.

Todd's first request? A great room bathed in light from one of Wisconsin Log Homes' signature prow windows. The design team sited the home along the river and integrated natural materials with the hybrid design. Energy-efficient, non-settling framed walls with log detailing allow for plenty of glass and stunning views. The 12,851-square-foot lodge accommodates both large and intimate gatherings.

The lodge makes a stunning first impression, with a pair of custom-carved, black walnut doors. Inside, setting the tone for the home is a gracious two-story foyer, striking log staircase and the great room's grand 36-foot prow window wall.

To feed guests, Todd appointed his

chef's kitchen with soothing, romantic style and efficient use of space, including a large center work island, pantry and breakfast bar open to a casual dining area.

A spacious butler's pantry and private hallway connects the kitchen to the formal dining room. After dinner, guests can retreat to the theater room, outfitted with lounging recliners and access to a screened summer kitchen and deck.

Todd and his guests enjoy friendly rounds in the billiards room and cocktail bar located near the center great room. Three generous bedroom suites with deck access are also located on the first floor, along with a guest laundry.

Of course, not all the home's luxury is for the guests: Located in its own wing of the second level, the sprawling master suite is a true sanctuary complete with stone fireplace, his-and-hers spa bathroom, walk-in closets and a secluded balcony. A private office with an estate security center is connected to the bedroom via a wet bar and also offers balcony access.

Two spacious bedroom suites with private bathrooms and balconies are accessed by a catwalk overlooking the great room and foyer.



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OPPOSITE: In the great room, separate seating areas accommodate both cozy conversations and large gatherings. The focal point is the breathtaking 36-foot window wall that frames a view of the home's rugged surroundings. **ABOVE:** Warm colors and graceful lighting create a soothing backdrop for the kitchen's natural slate tile and custom cabinetry. Double islands increase the work space — a necessity when preparing meals for a crowd. **LEFT:** Rising majestically at the water's edge, the estate home, with its dramatic prow, tiers of decks and octagonal gazebo, is both stylish and functional.



TOP: Wildlife trophies, a massive fireplace and a burl-wood billiards table make this game room the ultimate masculine escape. **ABOVE:** In the screened summer kitchen, good times and great eats come together al fresco. Complete with grill, sink and mini-fridge, this porch makes an easy transition between indoors and out. **RIGHT:** Stone keyhole patterns accent arched mirrors above the custom vanity in the master bath. Natural slate flooring helps make this his-and-hers bath feel like a spa. **FAR RIGHT:** For formal meals, the dining room sets a sophisticated tone, while still glorying in the beauty of logs.



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