



Cozy Cabins by the Lake

Step inside this architect's personal
retreat in Northern Wisconsin.

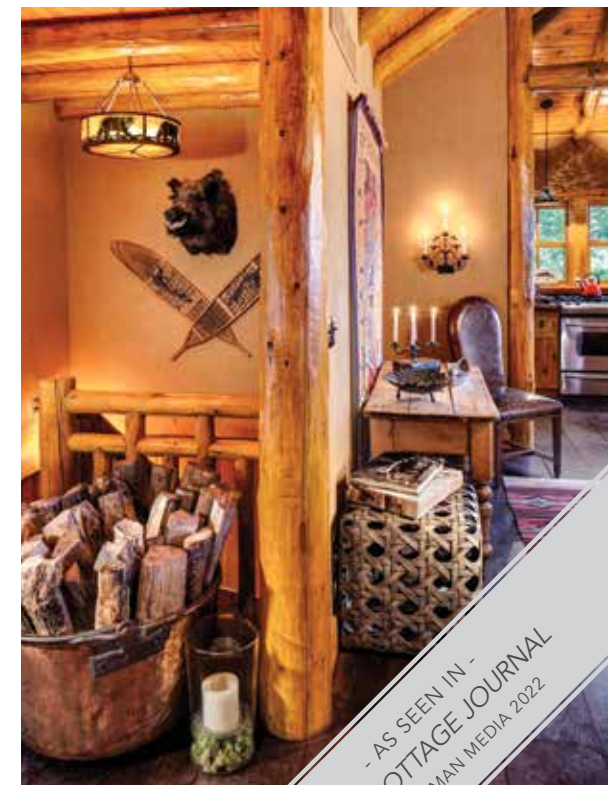
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Architect Wade Weissmann has spent the last 25 years designing classically inspired estates around the world. Based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, his firm, Wade Weissmann Architecture, has been praised for its attention to craftsmanship and design detail and for lending homeowners a feeling of resort living right at home.

When a fishing camp on a pristine, private lake in the Northwoods of Wisconsin caught Wade's eye, he decided to use his design expertise to create his own personal retreat. The resort had been operating for 60 years and had existing cabins on the property that were used as the inspiration for Wade's master plan: three rustic but luxurious cabins nestled along the shoreline.

A large walk-in pantry provides ample storage and an additional space for food prep. (Opposite) Double ovens ensure this upscale kitchen is equipped to prepare a meal for any number of guests. The kitchen's pendant lighting design allows light to dance across the walls like art, adding a cozy ambience to this homey gathering space.



“The house full, with all of us sitting in front of the fire or preparing meals, is how I most enjoy this retreat,”

—WADE WEISSMANN




Tucked into the woods, these fully renovated lakeside cabins provide a tranquil escape from the city. They are outfitted with river rock, timber, and golden knotty pine for an authentic aesthetic. Adirondack-inspired detailing incorporated throughout creates a cozy, one-of-a-kind compound that serves as the ultimate Northwoods experience.

Large stone fireplaces, plenty of comfortable seating, and spacious kitchens make these charming cabins ripe for gathering with friends and family. “My main goal

for this project was to have it be a place for relaxing and entertaining, so there is an intentional casualness to this place,” Wade says. “There are several gathering spaces as well as a large kitchen. I love the idea of people cooking together and wanted everyone to feel at home here.” Bedrooms layered with cozy quilts and printed pillows summon sweet dreams before another day of family fun. Each cabin is layered with collected antiques and unique camp finds that shine beneath the exposed pine ceilings.

Cozy moments by the hearth make this cabin an ideal winter sanctuary. Relaxed furnishings like oversized armchairs and leather sofas beckon friends and family to come sit for a spell.



The cabins are surrounded by grounds that were landscaped with a decidedly gentle touch, featuring pine trees and sculptural stone pathways. Nothing appears too new or deliberate, allowing the woods, water, and sky to take center stage. The lodge-style cabins were restored, rebuilt, and reconfigured, while also being discreetly outfitted with every contemporary comfort. And while the summer months make this getaway an ideal spot to enjoy all kinds of water activities, nothing feels cozier than snuggling up under blankets by the fireplace in one of these enchanting cabins during the long winter season. 

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No lakefront property is complete without an outdoor area to relax and enjoy the views. The various decks and screened porches of Wade's cabins are each home to ample seating and special collections, which make these outside areas feel just as thoughtful as the interiors.



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