




natural beauty

Influenced by the Great Camps of the early 19th century, this rustic getaway takes its design cues from its wooded, 60-acre setting.

A large, two-story log cabin with a green roof and a detached garage, set in a wooded area. The cabin features horizontal log siding, green-trimmed windows, and a stone foundation. The detached garage has a similar design with a green roof and green doors. The property is surrounded by tall trees and a gravel driveway.

A detached garage, accessible to the home via the lower level, was added after completion. Round log construction and matching details, from the stain to the stone accents to the green-toned roof, trim and garage doors, ensure the two structures mesh seamlessly.

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It's a common introduction to log home ownership: a relaxing weekend at a rustic getaway cabin sparks an eternal love of log homes. That's exactly how this nature-inspired abode came to be. After spending a week in the Great Smoky Mountains, the owners of this western Maryland property decided that owning a vacation log home close to their primary residence was a must.

As they envisioned the kind of house they wanted — an Adirondack-style

cabin in the woods that felt anchored to the land — their plans expanded, shifting their focus from creating the ideal vacation spot to the perfect retirement home where they could soak in the peaceful sights and sounds of nature. They enlisted Appalachian Log Structures to develop a four bedroom/three bathroom 3,200-square-foot design with an easy-to-navigate layout, main-level master suite and ADA-compliant doorways. An open loft, a lower level with family room and an attached

garage with direct kitchen access round out the offerings.

Staying true to tradition, the structure eschews the use of drywall and leans into wood. The home itself is made up of 8-by-8-inch round eastern white pine logs with distinctive saddle-notched corners. Adding even more rustic charm, exposed Douglas fir beams span the great room's cathedral ceiling, while rugged Ponderosa pine posts add eye-catching structural support. On select walls, 50-year-old wormy

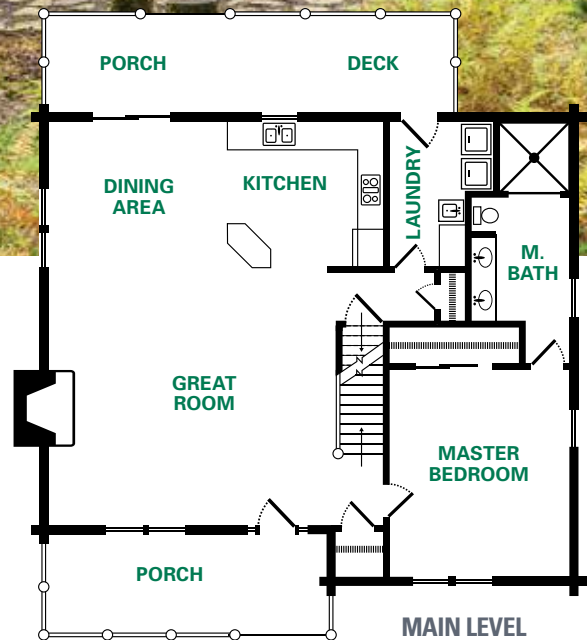
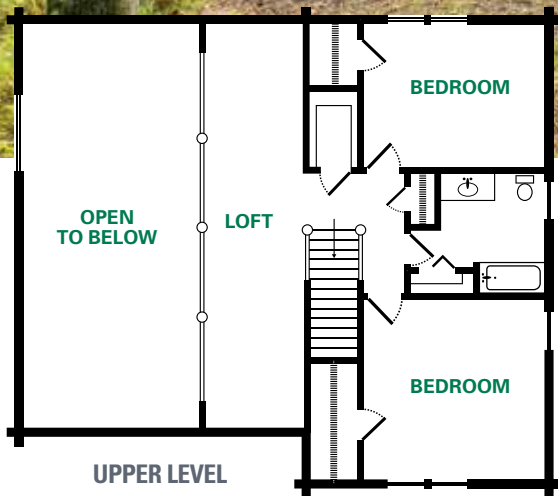
left The great room's floor-to-ceiling wood-burning fireplace — a must for the homeowners — serves as the centerpiece of the homey space. Adirondack and Southwestern-style furnishings fill the space, from the rough-hewn side chairs and tables to the leather patterned sofa.

right An ideal perch for relaxing with a book, the open loft is also home to the owner's hammered dulcimer.

below Despite an open layout and soaring ceilings, an abundance of wood — from the round log walls and the Ponderosa pine posts to the hickory flooring and Douglas fir tongue-and-groove — ensure the home's kitchen and dining room feel cozy.



The partially covered rear deck offers plenty of space for grilling out or just gathering to enjoy nature, rain or shine. The space below the deck provides enough sheltered storage for a winter's worth of firewood.



chestnut and walnut paneling add another layer of texture.

Outside, the owners' love of Adirondack-style shines — as does their commitment to creating a home that melds into the land, rather than imposes upon it. Against the dark-stained logs accented by timber trusses and stone detail around the foundation and columns, pops of green on the door and window trim cause the structure to feel exactly as it was intended — at one with the land and the forest that surrounds it. ■



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