

ZTF Zirnhelt Timber Frames

Rimrock Retreat

Sustainable by Design



The main section on the left is a new timber frame. The right hand section is essentially a new timber frame integrating many of the components of the original cabin built by the owner in the 70's.

The Rimrock Retreat is a unique off-grid home. The main floor is 22' x 54' and each of the main sections has a partial loft -one loft for grandkids on one end of the building and another for a quiet writing studio at the other end above the master bedroom. All 54' has a view to the lake.

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Rear entry. The section that joins the two buildings has an entry/mudroom which then opens up to double doors onto the front deck on the opposite side. Go left to the kitchen and guest quarters and right to the master bedroom and private living room.



The old wood stove and rock wall are part of the original cabin.

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The master suite.



This is the private living room with fireplace. Just open the French doors on the bedroom and the firelight streams in.



Writing studio on the upper level.



The kitchen was custom-built by Scott Zimonick (New to Old Design) to fit the original cabin and feature our tight-grain interior Douglas-fir.

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A neighbour created the beautiful stained glass work which we incorporated into the knee-brace spaces. We don't have a photo but we're told that when the sun sets the glass casts its colours into the entry way.



Custom stair case hand-crafted from locally grown and milled Douglas-fir.

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The shed has a composting toilet (need picture), storage for fishing gear, wide doors to get the quad in and a small room housing the “brain” of the solar electric and propane generating system



The solar power runs the house most of the time but the propane was an easy choice for a back-up generator as a high-efficiency propane boiler was used for the back-up heat. Wood heat is the primary source but the propane is a clean-burning fuel for back-up which makes it easy to leave for extended periods in the winter (oh to be retired).

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