

Wright Residence

Columbia, Missouri

This home successfully solved a problem of what many thought was impossible. The heavily wooded site on which this home was built included a very steep grade or ravine. An important factor to the client was to keep the natural surroundings intact. Therefore, heavy timber columns were used to overcome the steep grade and set the home within the trees. The columns, a total of six, were recycled from the Kansas City stockyards.



A walkway spans the ravine between the main house and the garage.

Rather than being a predominately horizontal home, like most conventional houses, this residence has a vertical feel to it. The exterior is natural wood siding with a metal roof. The main house and the garage are two separate buildings that are connected by a



This energy efficient three-story home can be heated by a single wood burning stove.

wood bridge spanning the ravine. The garage includes a studio and office space.

Both the house and the garage have a clerestory—a vertical wall with glass at the top—to bring in natural sunlight. The living room, dining room, and kitchen all have an open ceiling which allows the natural light from the clerestory to shine in. The living room also has a panoramic view of the woods.



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