



SNOWMASS

# CLASSIC ASPEN RETREAT

Lakeside property offers open space and stunning views *By Suzie Romig*

Rare is the residential retreat that encompasses all Colorado has to offer. Wildcat Ranch, outside Snowmass Village, combines open space, stunning views and gated privacy all within minutes of world-class recreation and the Aspen Airport.

The ranch includes 6,500 tucked-away acres limited to 14 homesteads. Just as settlers did in the 1880s, the full-time ranch managers raise hay in the valley and tend the horses. Residents can picnic or boat at the lake and hike or horseback ride on 40 miles of private trails. The fields and waters are home to abundant wildlife from trout to fox to elk.

Homestead Seven is situated in a prime location at 50-acre Wildcat Lake. A short stroll above a private dock, the homestead features an almost 10,000-square-foot home designed by noted Aspen architect Bill Poss. Completed in 2002 for an active, blended family with 10 children, the home is both extremely livable and classically elegant.

"This mountain lakeside home adopts a philosophy similar to Japanese folk architecture and translates it into the vernacular of the western mountain region,"

the architect noted. "Stone foundations, supporting towering timber columns and a corrugated metal and shake roof emulate primitive Japanese pavilions. These series of pavilions are enclosed by transparent window walls, which allow continuous views."

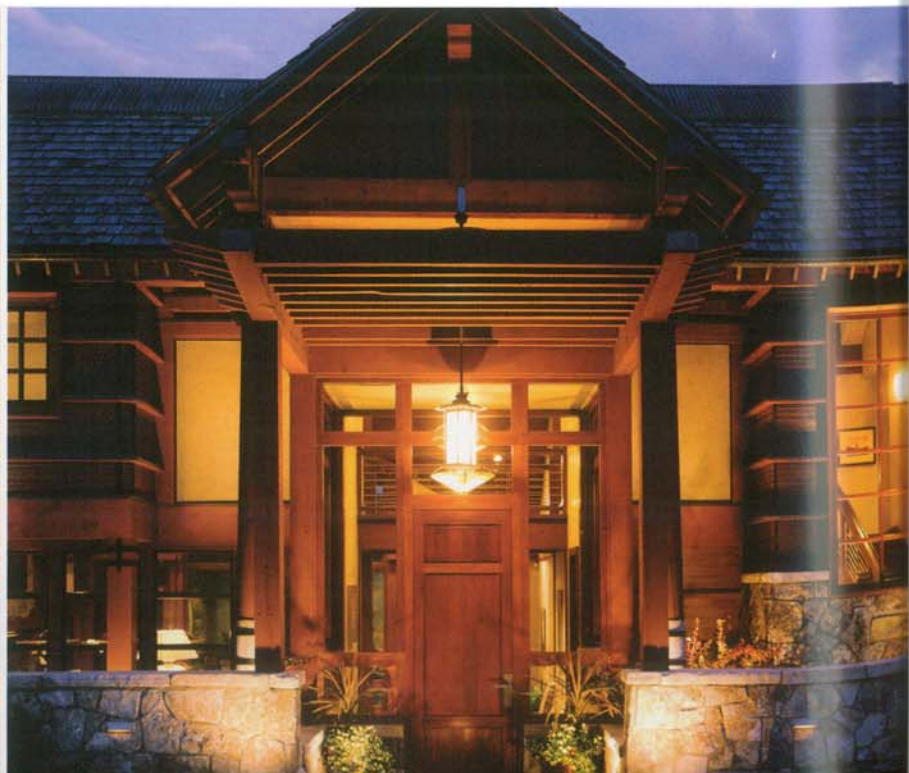
The main level of the home includes large, sunny living areas where a double-sided wood-burning fireplace separates a family room and living room, with an adjoining open dining area. The large kitchen suite includes a bright breakfast area with views of the lake and mountains, well-appointed contemporary kitchen, phone nook, butler's pantry and large separate pantry.

The master suite includes a large office that opens to the patio and a luxurious master bedroom with fireplace and rich mahogany woodwork that is featured throughout the home. The master bathroom includes his and hers vanities and closets separated by a dual shower, workout room, small wet bar and oversized whirlpool tub below windows looking out to the wooded property.

This comfortable home located at 8,300-foot elevation was created for the mountain lifestyle with a

*Bottom left: The open dining and living rooms are warm and inviting with a large fireplace, rich wood work and specially crafted light fixtures.*

*Bottom right: The home's unique architecture creates the sense of Japanese pavilions enclosed by window walls allowing continuous views to the outdoors.*





*Above: The lakeside property is secluded by hundreds of acres of natural beauty and yet is only a short drive to Snowmass Village.*

multi-sectional mud room and a three-car garage with built-in cabinets and fly-rod and ski racks. The home is stylishly decorated in soothing, natural colors.

The upper level of the home features a laundry room, computer loft, and three bedroom suites and versatile bunkroom with private baths.

The lower level of the home is all about fun with a wine storage closet, another workout or flexible room, full bath, theater-style media room and large game room.

This modern ranch property does not forget its heritage with its charming, western-style guest house. These comfortable quarters feature a two-car garage, four bedrooms, downstairs game room, laundry room, and open living and kitchen areas with a two-story stone fireplace.

Exiting Wildcat Ranch to the east, residents are less than five miles from the airport. A private exit on the south leads to Snowmass Ski Area in less than 5 minutes. The Aspen and Highlands ski areas, Maroon Bells Wilderness Area, hotspots in Aspen and Snowmass Village, and Aspen schools are all short drives away.

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**FOR SALE** *Homestead Seven, Wildcat Ranch*  
outside Snowmass Village

- 501 private acres within 6,500-acre Wildcat Ranch
- Lakeside property at 50-acre Wildcat Lake with private dock for non-gas boats
- 9,867 square feet
- 3 levels, 5 bedrooms, 5.5 baths
- 3 car garage
- 700 square-foot caretaker apartment
- 3,350 square-foot guest house
- Expansive views, minutes from world-class skiing and Aspen Airport
- Includes shared boat-house, horse facilities and 40 miles of trails