

Cabin Comfort
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When Fred and Lynne Ricart purchased their 97-acre weekend property outside Columbus, Fred never dreamed he would be building a log cabin.

"I was initially against the idea of a cabin," he explained. "It's much more costly than a regular house." But when he saw the view and the property's natural setting, he decided a cabin was the perfect getaway from hectic city life.

Built from huge hewn pine logs, the 2,500-square-foot, three-bedroom cabin sleeps nine people. An upstairs loft has additional sleeping quarters and comfortable couches. An indoor wooden swing is a unique addition, and faces either the flat-screen TV or the outdoors through a large picture window.



Downstairs, a full kitchen has modern replicas of period appliances that match the rustic theme. The great room has several plush couches and a gradually increasing ceiling -- it's spacious yet cozy.

A stone fireplace goes all the way to the second floor, and is the perfect gathering place during holiday get-togethers.

Outside on the expansive deck, a stone fire pit surrounded by reclining wooden chairs is the family's favorite place to play guitar with friends.

"Some of the best musicians from around the country have come here to play," Fred said.

The cabin sits on a hillside overlooking a small lake stocked with bass. The property offers incredible outdoor entertainment options. Twenty-three level-nine ATV trails wind through the woods, and there's a professional AMA motocross track with three jumps. A barn full of four-wheelers and dirt bikes provides plenty of choices for riders.

After three years, the Ricarts know they made the right decision with their getaway property. "It's a total escape!" Fred proudly declares.

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