

Hesterman / Kurtz Summer Cottage

Description: New 1 Story Lakeside Summer Cottage, 1,200 SF

Location: Omana, Michigan

Cost: \$180,000

Completed: 2005



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The Hesterman / Kurtz Residence was designed as a summer cottage. The site is on the east shore of the Leelanau Peninsula overlooking the West Traverse Bay. The site development and home construction costs were modest. Sustainable materials were used for most aspects of the construction. Vehicular access to the site is provided by a gravel driveway shared with the cottage owners next door. The cottage is tucked into the forest cover with its north side entry located directly along a previously established pedestrian pathway through the woods. The character of the local ecology was preserved.

The first floor of the cottage, built over an insulated crawlspace, is almost 1000 SF. There is an additional 200 SF loft accessed by a spiral stair near the entry. The open floor plan includes a kitchen at one end, then dining and living areas, with a storage wall including media center and home office at the other end. The first floor also has one bedroom and two baths. One bath is private, the other is for use by guests and relatives. Large windows and sliding glass doors along the entire east side of the cottage provide a spectacular view to the lake shore and access to the adjoining raised wood deck. A screened porch at deck level off the kitchen provides for insect free outside dining.

The wood framed structure was built by a local contractor. The walls use 2x6 studs and spray cellulose insulation and the cathedral ceiling has 2x12 wood joists with spray urethane insulation which surpasses the code requirements for housing in this part of the state. The cottage has an efficient, centrally located, wood stove that provides warmth when needed. There is also a high efficiency propane furnace tucked within the storage wall to provide minimal heating for the cottage during the unoccupied months. The cottage has all the comforts of home including a full range of kitchen appliances, stacked laundry equipment, and water heater - all energy efficient electric models.

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Building Attributes

- New Energy Efficient Contemporary Cottage
- Highly Insulated Building Shell
- New Double Glazed Low-E Wdws.