

Elk Creek Ranch

Located on the White River and touted by enthusiasts as the best fly fishing in North America, the design for Elk Creek Ranch begins and ends with the river. The ranch is unique—it has successfully intertwined preservation and stewardship, family oriented community, and premier hunting and fishing retreat. In turn, the architecture creatively combines the Western aesthetic of true log construction with top quality modern conveniences for today's western lifestyle.

The site plan includes privately owned fishing cabins thoughtfully placed along the edge of several large ponds. A network of fishing streams, paths and bridges weave between the ranch structures connecting the project amenities with the entire site. The community amenity structures are located at the heart of the property and include a main lodge, administration facilities, guest cabins and a founders cabin.

The lodge opens itself to surrounding landscape by embracing the central pond and orienting the interior program to breathtaking views into the canyon beyond. The interior program includes a world-class exhibition kitchen, dining room, lounge and wine cellar with a private tasting room and community wine storage. A seamless connection of the interior space to the outdoors is achieved through the use of sliding glass walls, exterior porches and terraced patios that step down to the pond's edge. The water wraps around the outdoor dining areas creating a sense of immersion into the surrounding natural environment.

The Founders Cabin is designed as a larger version of the iconic log fishing cabin. Serving as a guest residence and an example of the quality log craftsmanship found throughout Elk Creek Ranch, it is surrounded by ponds and streams and is located at the mouth of the Elk Creek Valley.

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location: Meeker, Colorado
total square feet: 12,000 sq ft
completion date: Spring 2009

