

CAROLINA TREEHOUSE

Santeetlah Lakeside, North Carolina



The house sits high in a canopy of oaks, which gives the house its name and rustic Appalachian character.



Carolina Treehouse, designed by Bill Tunnell, was featured in *Open House - A Magazine of Interior Design and Architecture* (Volume 27). Photographs were taken by Gil Stose.

The Treehouse is a simple building, a hybrid of Appalachian farmhouse and Adirondack styles. The design of the house features exterior cedar shake siding with cedar board-and-batten accents, and extensive use of hand hewn timbers in both the interior and exterior. The Treehouse is 2,800 s.f. under air with an additional 1,100 s.f. of outdoor decks. These dramatically cantilevered decks float 70 feet above the lake in the tree canopy, with open re-bar railing to maximize the spectacular lake views.

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Previous page, bottom left: The great room features a 17-foot high ceiling with exposed cedar rafters and French doors and oversized windows, which maximize views of the outdoors.

Above: The outdoor living room includes an outdoor fireplace and views to the lake.

Right: The rustic great room adjoins the kitchen area.

