

This ski-to-your-door home at Golden's Kicking Horse Mountain Resort goes for just under \$1.7 million, including the furnishings.

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Kicking back in Kicking Horse

Resort-style home aptly reflects its beautiful surroundings

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You've spent all day screaming down Kicking Horse Mountain Resort's steep, deep runs. Your legs are screaming. Your body craves oxygen and perhaps a nice, cold beer.

And to satisfy these desires you need only veer off from your final run right into your own backyard. Oh, and don't bump into the hot tub.

This is reality for Greg Copeland and Wendy Hancock, who designed and built a resort-style second home near Golden's Kicking Horse Mountain Resort.

"You can actually ski right from the front door," explains Christa Frosch, Sotheby's International Realty Canada listing agent for the home. The price, just under \$1.7 million, includes the furnishings.

The house aptly reflects its surroundings — the rugged cliffs, soaring peaks and forest that create its backdrop. Finding inspiration in magazines and in other homes they viewed, Copeland and Hancock melded many separate elements into a home that uses natural materials to create an inviting space.

"The style is a hybrid post and beam/timber frame," explains Copeland in a phone interview. "It has a mountain resort or national park feeling to it."

Huge fir beams, wood details and rock accents (not to mention three fireplaces) create a solid feeling.



Huge fir beams, wood details and rock accents, along with three fireplaces, give the home a solid, rugged feel.

Copeland's favourite is the great room with its 30-foot ceilings. "It is so large and has a view of the mountains. And there's lots of sun."

The front entrance invites guests with its curving staircase. The exterior is clad in shingles, supported by massive giant fir posts and beams and connected to nature with grand window arrays. The home fits in well with its surroundings.

The master bedroom opens onto a private balcony and has a view of the abutting forest. And nature provides the entertainment.

"There is lots of wildlife here — deer, elk, bear, moose," says Copeland.

The ensuite mixes rugged stone tiles with elegant glass to create a soothing spot for the relaxation of over-exerted muscles, and the yard is landscaped with a hot tub and barbecue area. This is where Copeland enjoys spending time. The home provides ample chances to soak those sore riding muscles.

"The house has very consistent detailing that creates a real flow throughout," says Frosch. "It is great for anyone to either decorate in a neutral palette or to add their own colour."

For second-home buyers, this home has an added benefit.

"The house is rented out by Bramble Ski, a British company that

rents high-end luxury houses. They offer fly-in heli-skiing tours," says Frosch. The business would provide potential buyers with additional income.

"They are a good tenant and offer steady income," Copeland adds.

Bramble Ski clients usually occupy the house a week at a time, making it easy for the owners to coordinate visits to Golden.

It seems that European skiers are attracted to the Rockies despite easier access to their own resorts. After just returning from Europe, Frosch explains that "the quality of the snow here is the best and the quality of the mountains is amazing. Ours are pristine with less people and more trees. There is a totally different feeling."

Kicking Horse Resort is surrounded by three mountain ranges, is only an hour from Lake Louise, and offers incredible downhill terrain that accommodates all levels but seems to have been carved by the gods for more adventurous souls. Calgary is a 2½-hour drive away, and the Golden Golf Club offers riverside recreation.

"It is a wonderful area," says Copeland. "I wish I could be there all the time."

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West Coast builders share their passion

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Wild, woody and whimsical homes are often identified as profoundly West Coast.

These are homes that bring to mind tree houses for grown-ups — with recognizable boughs, trunks and timbers incorporated in utterly original ways and perched as close to nature as possible.

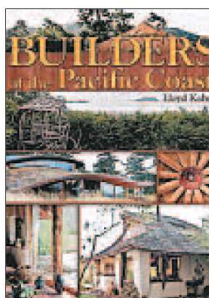
Back in the 1970s and '80s, it was still possible to buy a cheap chunk of paradise. You could drag driftwood from the shore and get to work or create a cabin with a sleeping loft like the hull of a boat from a huge cedar tree just lying on the ground.

"Listen to Mother Nature; she's the boss," is the mantra of builder SunRay Kelley, one of more than 40 coastal creators celebrated in the book *Builders of the Pacific Coast* — a kaleidoscope of wooden domiciles from California to the Queen Charlottes that concentrates on Vancouver Island and environs.

There's a weathered birdcage of a gazebo near Tofino; the grandeur of the Hornby Island Community Centre; a shingled woodshed in the shape of a raven, a sod-roofed post-and-beam home, a studio studded with circular log-ends and a transportable Gypsy caravan with eyebrow roofline made of spruce.

Author Lloyd Kahn, former shelter editor of the legendary *Whole Earth Catalog*, took four driving trips over two years discovering and photographing everything from huts to substantial houses.

"I'd say 70 or 80 per cent is Canadian. It's a book about Canadian carpenters." And they're definitely an uncelebrated lot who deserve their due, he says in a telephone interview from Boli-



Lloyd Kahn's book *Builders of the Pacific Coast*

nas, Calif. On his journeys, he just dropped in on people, finding his way with his customized 4x4 silver truck, or by ferry or whatever it took.

"It was like preaching to the choir — everybody knew me," he says. They'd used his 1973 book *Shelter* — which sold a quarter of a million copies — in undertaking their own projects. "Everybody was saying, 'Oh, I built my house inspired by that book.' It made it really a special kind of a trip."

All told, he compiled 8,000 photos and winnowed them down to 1,200 for the book.

"I run across things in the world that I think are wonderful and I just try to communicate them," he says.

Not surprisingly, Kahn lives in a wood frame house he built himself. He has never had a mortgage. The shakes on the outside were split from runaway redwood logs he manoeuvred to shore and from the remains of old army barracks.

"This book is just the tip of the iceberg," he says. "There's a hundred other islands I could go to. That's just an amazing waterway up there on both sides of Vancouver Island. The forest, the woods, the beaches — I've just never seen any place like it."

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