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For a number of years, the design of this thousand-acre Laurentian estate was a work-in-progress. Today, the property has become the perfect vacation retreat, thanks to homeowners who carefully managed to preserve the natural landscape and turn it into a haven for relaxation.



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From fishing for trout, to taking a nap in the tree house and going for dips in the pool, one can indulge in many of life's simple pleasures here. Guests are meant to feel like they are at one with nature.

An almost Olympic-sized pool and a raised spa dominate the yard. The deck consists of large natural stones that soften the hard lines of the rectangle-shaped pool and spa. On one end of the pool, a big rock serves as a diving board.





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The bottom of the pool is covered in pebbles that sparkle in the sun. The pebble finish is a popular feature of luxury pools in California and consists of a mix of riverbed stones, natural oxides and cement.

The property is set on a slope, a great place to install an infinity edge pool. The landscape architect achieved a unified look by tiling the sides of the pool with a combination of natural and cut ochre-hued stones.



The garden pavilion is where one can get changed, shower or have a bite to eat in the shade, and where the homeowners entertain family and friends up until the fall. When it gets too windy and cold, the homeowners keep warm by lighting a wood fire or by turning on the radiant heating system that sits under the stone floor.