

# lake mary ronan cabin



The Lake Mary Ronan cabin was originally designed as my masters thesis project in 2002 at Montana State University. After graduating, I moved to the site, lived in a wall tent and built the garage with much help from my dad, mom, sisters and friends on the weekends. Building the garage was as much a learning process as school!

In 2008, my husband and I lived on site with our friend, Andrew, and my father, Tom to build the cabin. We finished the exterior shell that fall. My dad continues to build-out the interior, including designing and building cabinets, interior doors and furniture.

The cabin features locally milled timber, passive solar design, and will have hydronic heat, a HRV system, low VOC finishes and Energy Star components. Additionally we used salvaged materials from other job sites including a solid mahogany 4'-0" wide front door and 8'-0" french doors.

The intent of my thesis was to explore the relationship between humanity and place through the built form.



main floor 1310 sf  
loft 720 sf  

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total 2030 sf

exterior completed 2008  
Interior under construction  
by Tom Hanson

