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A Lakeside A-Frame Renovation in the Evergreen Forest of Québec

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Situated in the Eastern Townships in Southeastern Québec, harsh Canadian winters make this lakefront cabin inaccessible for an entire season. Decades of those difficult conditions and neglect had taken their toll on this classic 1950s A-frame, but its recent revival has brought it into the 21st century with a beach cabin flair.

To get there is not for the faint of heart. A cascade of 150 steps leads down a steep hill to the cabin, which sits right on the edge of a pristine lake. The difficulty in accessing the A-frame made modern renovation a challenge, encouraging a flourish of creativity and ecological sensibility. Recovering as many existing materials as possible for the building process, the planners

also added indigenous plants to the shoreline to help revitalize the lakefront.

Tucked into the evergreen forest, the cabin features playful interior spaces. Bookworms can suspend themselves above the living room in a reading net, and a separate dormitory pavilion adjacent to the main cabin helps to accommodate more guests. The building's centerpiece and muse is first and foremost the lake, and all details have this focal point in mind. Moving the A-frame main window inward accommodated a larger exterior dining area, perfect for lakeside dinners and listening to the waves.

What was once cluttered and neglected now boasts a pared-back and fresh aesthetic that's intended to instill a sense of calm while also keeping the attention on the outdoor surroundings. Fresh white and sage tones brighten the space, while white pine flooring, exposed timber framing, and painted spruce boards pay homage to the forested lakefront. Honoring the classic A-frame design has allowed for a modern take on this three-season lakeside escape.









