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# rustic elegance

A sprawling ranch set on more than 40 acres in **Pine Creek Sporting Club** fuses unbridled nature with refined aesthetics

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THE EXPANSIVE SHARED SPACES, INCLUDING THE KITCHEN AND DINING AREA, ECHO THE PROPERTY'S EMPHASIS ON FAMILY AND RE-TREATING FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE.



Though workdays may be spent at a high-powered job in a towering skyscraper, the developers of Pine Creek Sporting Club saw no reason playdays shouldn't be spent in a stress-free, natural environment.

The 3,000-acre combination hunting plantation and adult "day camp" features 25 exclusive ranches, each on its own 40 acres and with a private lake. Other attractions include some of the "best upland bird hunting south of Georgia."

"For each ranch, we've kept the architecture and building materials a lot like Old Florida," says builder John Wilcox. Here in the 11,371-square-foot Ranch 25, a soaring central gathering room is the focal point. Sleeping wings extend outward in a friendly embrace. Exposed wood beams and natural wood finishes recall an earlier time, and yet every amenity, from the home's three-car garage to its media room, to the hundreds of feet of screened veranda, are all practical and skillfully built for how we live today.

In homage to the early settlers' use of nature-found materials, Wilcox points to the raw stone fireplace, the white oak interior flooring, and the galvanized metal roof—all summoning a rustic feel but providing state-of-the-art construction. Front porch pillars suggest a more contemporary Craftsman profile against the warm cypress log veneer.

The Marc-Michaels team of interior designers, including Valerie Arok,

Rebecca Masterson, and Christina Villlonga, knew relaxed entertaining would be the highest priority for owners of the four-bedroom, four-bath ranch. Not only might muddy hunters be returning with game, but large dinner parties would be celebrated as well.

"We chose neutral colors, easy-care fabrics, and designed plenty of seating where groups could 'get away,' but still remain together," says Arok. The custom trestle dining table is surrounded by 12 leather chairs, while burlap and wicker make maintenance easy.

"Instead of art, in the mud room we chose a herringbone tile pattern for its beauty and practicality," says Arok. And the designers let themselves revel in wood. From the peaked ceiling of the master bedroom to the cabinetry of the bath and media rooms, wood grain shines through. "On the veranda the natural wood of ceiling and walls provides its own informal aesthetic."

Still, even a hunter likes beautiful things. Draped wooden beads on the kitchen island chandeliers and an elegant four-poster bed in the master are stylish bonuses. Whether evenings are spent enjoying a fire on the veranda or pouring wine at the living room's bar to complement a dinner of just-caught quail, who says you can't have the best of both worlds? For more information, contact John Reynolds at 561-346-9365. ([pinecreeksportingclub.com](http://pinecreeksportingclub.com))





RETIRE FROM THE MANY AMENITIES PINE CREEK OFFERS—SUCH AS MILES OF HIKING AND CANOE TRAILS—IN CASUAL YET CHIC SURROUNDS.



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