



A simple, concrete block house set on 52 acres of The Big Mountain in Whitefish has a vastly different appearance since it was purchased by celebrity Jim Nabors.

Nabors purchased the property for its proximity to excellent skiing and vistas of Whitefish Lake and the Flathead Valley beyond.

Although originally he planned to remodel just a few rooms, his plans expanded, and along with them the house. The 2,600-square-foot, one-story house, built in the 1950's, grew to a soaring 5,500-square-foot two-story. The concrete block house became the first floor, veneered with river rock. The second floor was built right over top of the old roof. Cedar siding and log accents blend the home perfectly into its mountain setting.

"It's called a cabin 'tongue-in-cheek,'" said John Constenius, Whitefish architect who worked closely with Nabors on the project, "but it's really a lodge. It was patterned after the buildings we see in Glacier Park." *continued next 14*





Below: See-through fireplace with birch log mantles serves dining room and sitting room, opposite side. Glue-laminated log beams on ceiling are original square beams reinforced on each side with steel and disguised in a round shape with cedar bark.



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