

A-Frame Is Great For Cottage

The A-frame—a modernized, streamlined version of the ancient Indian tepee—is one of the most popular designs for vacation homes.

Outer walls and roof are one and the same. Diagonally erected lumber beams converge at the roof apex under a sweeping canopy of wood roof decking.

Beams and decking can be beautifully finished and exposed to decorate the interior. Since the structural lumber does double duty as decor, there is little need for finishing materials other than the shingles on the exterior.

The A-frame is simple, economical and extremely dramatic. One or more stories may be provided as the family requires. The A-frame is an ideal medium for jointly utilizing the strength and beauty of preshrunk Southern Pine lumber.

Occasionally, the A-frame is utilized in combination with

another structural system—the wood pole-frame—which incidentally is the most widely used method for farm buildings.

WITH THIS approach, the A-frame appears at the upper extremities of poles or timbers directly imbedded in soil or sand. Poles or timbers are

pressure treated with chemical preservatives for immunity to insect attack and the elements.

THE A-FRAME, pole-frame combination is especially desirable at oceanshore or gulf-shore locales not only for its simplicity and beauty but also as a precaution against hur-

ricanes.

With the pole-frame foundation, the base of the A-frame house is elevated well above ground or beach level. As a result, the house is spared the direct impact of hurricane-tossed tidal waves which may pass harmlessly beneath the dwelling.

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MOUNTAIN JEWEL — Lake of the Clouds, nestled among the forest-covered Porcupine Mountains in Michigan's upper peninsula, is part of a spectacular panorama for sightseers and photographers. It's in Porcupine Mountains state park, a 58,000-acre wilderness area in the west end of the peninsula. (Michigan Tourist Council Photo)

Waterways Get New Job -- Finding Boat Sites

LANSING — Michigan's public access site program, under the wing of the Conservation Department's Fish Division since its beginning in 1959, has been shifted to the agency's Waterways Division in a move to broaden its scope of management and development.

Keith Wilson, chief of the Waterways Division, reports that the 25-year-old program will ultimately be phased into a "boat launching site" system and re-designated as such, hopefully within the next two years.

THE NAME CHANGE, he explains, will more accurately reflect the actual use of most public access sites which in recent years have felt the resounding impact of the state's boat launching sites. The concept of this program from simply providing walk-in access to waters so that major emphasis is placed to laying out the type of facilities that will enable water users to get their boats afloat, "say Wilson.

"In any case," he adds, "we still will be serving boat launching sites. As a matter of fact, under this new set-up, we will be serving them better than before because we will be able to develop more convenient and safer boat launching sites. In

a nutshell, everyone who uses a boat is going to benefit more whether he wants to fish, take a pleasure cruise, or whatever.

BESIDES BUYING and building better-quality sites, the Waterways Division will be able to develop more of them than in recent years. Under the new program, development and acquisition of sites will be from a state tax on marine fuel sales. This will provide much more money than the program has been able to squeeze out of the Department's tight Game and Fish Protection Fund.

For the balance of this fiscal year, which ends June 30, the Waterways Division will budget \$160,000 from the Game and Fish Fund for field operations under the access site program. Most of this money will be used to buy equipment. The funds will also underwrite setting up 29 field positions which will come under the immediate direction of the Department's regional organization headquartered at Marquette, Roscommon, and Leelanau.

DURING THE 1968-69 fiscal year beginning July 1, a total of \$200,000 in marine fuel tax money will go for the acquisition of about 30 new access sites on inland lakes and streams. Another \$200,000 will

be allotted to develop six large sites with extremely good facilities or 12 to 25 smaller, more modest sites on interior waters.

The Waterways Division will also be responsible for improving existing sites and developing all new boat launching facilities within state game areas, state forest campgrounds, and state parks. It will inherit nearly 400 sites which were built under the Game and Fish Division's control since 1959.

In addition to its own capital outlay program, the Waterways Division will provide \$1.5 million in grants to local communities during the next fiscal year to help finance more facilities for the growing horde of coho salmon fishermen on lakes Superior and Michigan. In the 1968-69 fiscal year, these state funds will carry much of the load in building boat launching and parking facilities to accommodate an additional 1,850 cars and trailers by June, 1969.

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