



Diamond View

On a point presiding over one of the widest parts of Lake Martin, a new house takes in unencumbered views.

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design tip:

Durable and dual-purpose furnishings are key to easy lake living. Some of the decorator's must-haves? Easy-care fabrics and leather (for all those wet swimsuit bottoms!), swivel chairs (for taking in the room or the view), lots of little gathering spots (for encouraging conversation), and game tables.



If you were to put together a wish list for the perfect lakehouse, it might go something like this: Must have a view from every room, tall ceilings, room to entertain, bedrooms with private baths, a huge porch for taking in the sunsets, a dock with a really cool boat—oh! and plenty of storage for all of your lake toys. Russell Lands On Lake Martin hears you. And, with a multitude of communities under their belt—from the earliest cabins built in the 1930s to the grand homes at Willow Point—the team at Russell Lands is well versed in creating the dreamy getaways that have long attracted area residents to the shores of one of the state's most popular recreational lakes.

Russell Lands On Lake Martin welcomes its newest introduction: Diamond View. Located at South Ridge Harbor at



design tip:

Take inspiration from the great outdoors when planning your interior palette. Wood floors, walls, and a dark stained island—along with a copper light fixture above the dining table—add that warm, cozy lake feel everyone craves. For a punch of color, tune in to the blues of the lake and sky. Artwork by Arthur Price from Gallery 1930 and a table setting from Table Matters showcase woodland scenes.

WHY THE RIDGE WILL ALWAYS BE THE PERFECT SPOT

Located in the very heart of Lake Martin, The Ridge was planned in an intentional way. And still, its evolution and growth feel organic and natural. “The Ridge is a huge piece of property and we will eventually develop this into 800 waterfront units. We are about two-thirds of the way through our plan,” says Steve Arnberg, Vice President of Real Estate at Lake Martin Ridge. Residents have access to year-round amenities: a two-tiered swimming area, tennis and fitness center, children’s play park, multi-purpose athletic fields, and more. Over 100 miles of trails that wind their way through the vast Russell Forest connect at The Ridge. Additionally, the 9,000-square-foot clubhouse is perfect for hosting larger gatherings such as weddings, company retreats, retirement parties, and graduation get-togethers. And if all that was not enough to lure you, remember that from The Ridge, you’ll almost always have time to get to Chimney Rock for one last jump before the sun sets.

The Ridge, this home perches above a wide open view of the big water and embodies all the must-haves and more. Together, residential designer Larry Furlong and interior decorator Nan Jackson designed a place that will welcome families and friends for generations with ease of living and plenty of space for creating memories. A step inside the front door reveals the two-story living room that soaks in expansive views and offers comfy, cozy furniture for relaxing and taking it all in. The open floorplan segues into a kitchen with island seating and dining area for laid-

back evenings with lake views. Two bedrooms with baths, a laundry, and powder room complete this level. Downstairs, more bedrooms await with bunk beds ready to accommodate kids and weekend guests.

The covered, L-shaped porches upstairs and down are the most coveted living spaces outside the house. Here, Nan has situated a



design tip:

Think linear when it comes to a stairwell. Nan added visual interest above with the iron chandelier, mid-level with the wood-and-iron railing, and below with a collection of antique paddles and folk art angels.



design tip: Clear the decks! Consider alternative materials for deck railing. Code calls for a certain height, but blocky wood slats impedes the view. Here, the designers chose cattle wire for its airy attributes. A bonus? It's more budget-friendly than stainless steel and offers a modern farmhouse aesthetic.

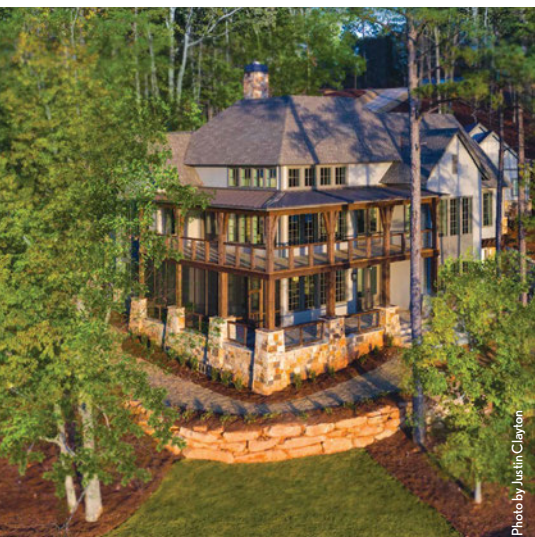


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seating area, complete with cushy sofas and rocking chairs, a bar, and a dining table. Mom and dad can enjoy the shade while the kids hang out on the dock below.

Throughout the house, the decor is lakey without being kitschy. Nan chose tabletop designs from Table Matters and artwork and organic accents from Design Supply, both in Birmingham. "I like to pull from a lot of places to create a collected look, and leave room for someone to make their own mark," the designer says of the many spec homes she creates.

The place for all those toys? There's a garage for the golf cart, and underneath the house, there's room to go organization-crazy with a lake-level laundry room; plentiful closets; and a gear room sizable enough to fit water mats, kayaks, canoes, and more. Better start shopping and stock up at one of the lake's several marinas. Warmer weather is on the horizon, and with this view, you can see it coming from a mile away.

RESOURCES: Interiors: Nan Jackson, Interiors Etc. By Nan 780.664.5124
Residential Designer: Larry Furlong **Builder:** Classic Homes, Russell Lands, 256.3290.8335 **Fixtures, Flooring, Finishes:** Russell Home Decor, 256.212.9877 **Landscaping:** Tim Price, Lake Martin Landscaping 256.234.3970 **Flowers:** Susie Kelley, Gracie's Flowers 256.234.7538
Plants: Shoppe, 205.224.4450 **Furniture and upholstery:** Johnson Furniture 334.541.3195 **Monogrammed Towels:** In Stitches 256.749.7700
House Listing: Emily McDaniel and Rhonda Watson 256.215.7011

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design tip:

Everyone loves a well-made bed, but everyone also loves a bed that's easy to make. Choose cotton coverlets and no-iron sheets to keep guest-changeover time to a minimum.

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Lake Season 2018



Of course, all the reasons we already love Lake Martin are still in abundance. Chef Rob McDaniel can't wait to see you at the SpringHouse Restaurant. The Naturalist wants to show your kids a critter he discovered on site. The golf courses have been perfectly groomed for your foursome. Catherine's Market is stocked up on grill-ready steaks and chilled chardonnay. And beyond the regular planned happenings—RXR Music Fest Memorial Day weekend and the annual Russell Marine 4th of July Boat Parade—the team at Russell Lands has been hard at work putting together new traditions you'll love:

APRIL 27-29: THE RIDGE MARINA

Russell Marine In-Water Boat Show
russellmarine.net

At the Southeast's largest on-land, on-water boat show, visitors can see 100+ boats on display and take a demo ride in the new 2018 models.

MAY 5: RUSSELL CROSSROADS

Derby Day at The Stables
RussellLandsOnLakeMartin.com

Kentucky comes to Lake Martin at this annual fundraiser for Children's Harbor. Don your prettiest hat or seersucker shorts to cheer on your favorite horse in the "Run For The Roses" event. Great music and refreshments round out this fun afternoon.

MAY 13: HEAVEN HILL

Stars From Heaven
RussellLandsOnLakeMartin.com

Get ready for a trip up to Heaven Hill as the team from Columbus State University (GA) brings the BIG telescopes back to Heaven Hill! Enjoy music, food, and beverages before nature starts the big show.

JULY 6 & 7: RUSSELL CROSSROADS

Arti Gras
RussellCrossroads.com

After the fireworks end, the fun doesn't end this holiday weekend. Plan to stay at the lake for the 7th annual Arti Gras at Russell Crossroads, where local and regional artisans showcase their wares—pottery, reclaimed wood décor, watercolor and oil paintings, candles, photography, home décor, jewelry, soaps, jams, jellies and more.



Perhaps the best way to find out what is new at Lake Martin this year is through the enhanced Russell Lands app. From here, you are just a click away from seeing what's new around the lake (live music on the deck at Kowaliga Restaurant every other Sunday, beginning April 15!), specials at Catherine's Market, water levels, weather forecasts, and more. And when you are ready to take off on a hike, the app can show you every trail in the Russell Forest.