

GUIDE TO CABIN LIVING



FOR:

MOVING TO A CABIN

BUILDING A CABIN

TAKING CARE OF A CABIN

CABIN DECOR

FINDING COMMUNITY


INSPIRING STORIES

THE 19 BEST CABIN RESOURCES

CABIN RESOURCES FOR INSPIRATION,
PRACTICAL HELP & FINDING COMMUNITY

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Article



Forum



Website



Pinterest



Book



TV Show/YouTube

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Resources for cabin living, cabin building, and cabin inspiration are surprisingly hard to come by.

The publications, books, and websites about cabins tend to be niche: they focus on one aspect of cabins (building a cabin, a certain type of cabin, etc).

When we decided to move to our cabin, I remember scouring the internet for cabin resources and coming up with more questions than answers. Surely I wasn't the only one who had these questions?! Moving to a cabin (or thinking about it), requires a lot of consideration! But I had trouble finding information to answer even my most basic questions.

This list has been in the making for months, since I first started my research and we decided to move to our cabin.



My hope is that this list saves you time and energy in searching for cabin resources. And that it inspires you to keep learning more about cabins.

This list takes the best cabin resources that exist and puts them together in one easy to navigate place. It's designed for the cabin novice: someone who loves cabins and wants to learn more about them. Or someone who has a cabin but hasn't found their cabin community yet.

Whether you want to move to a cabin, drool over some gorgeous cabins, or meet other like minded cabin lovers, read on!

This list is divided into 5 sections (you can jump around & read those that most interest you):

1. Cabin Lifestyle
2. Cabin Inspiration
3. Online Communities
4. Practical Information
5. Building a Cabin

Part 1: Cabin Lifestyle



1. CABIN LIFE

Website (Online + Print Magazine)

www.cabinlife.com

Cabin Life is the definitive guide to all things cabin lifestyle. While they do have some information on how to build and design cabins, they're unique in their 'cabin lifestyle' content: articles on all things related to living in a cabin. From taking care of your cabin to how to decorate it to delicious meals that are perfect for a cabin kitchen.

They have tons of great content, so check it out and get lost in reading about every aspect of cabin life that you can imagine.



2. MY SELF RELIANCE

YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIMXKin1fXXCeq2UJePJEog>

My Self Reliance is a YouTube channel run by a man who lives in a self-built, off-grid cabin in Alaska. He captures the day to day life of living in a cabin in a way that makes it easy to imagine what it would be like to live there.

My Self Reliance is a mix of practical cabin information, day-to-day life in a cabin, and gorgeous shots of Alaska. It appeals to any cabin lover, especially those who dream of a more remote cabin.

Part 1: Cabin Lifestyle



3. LOG HOME LIVING

Website (Online + Print Magazine)

www.loghome.com

Log Home Living is a site with plenty of articles on cabin life. It has answers to every question you might have about living in a log home. **Perhaps the best part of this site is the stunning images of log homes: from quaint cottage cabins to mansions made of oversized logs, every cabin lover's dream home is here.**

This is an especially good resource if you are just starting your cabin research. It offers beginners the help and inspiration that you need to get excited and informed about cabin living.



4. THE CABIN DIARY

Cabin Blog

www.thecabindiary.com

Covering all aspects of day to day cabin life, this is my own personal blog. Through my writing, **I try to give an accurate idea of what cabin life is really like - from the best moments, to the most challenging, and most surprising.**

We've learned a lot since we've moved to our cabin, and this blog is my way of sharing it. You can check out the website for weekly articles on cabin life, or join me on Instagram for daily updates: @thecabindiary.

Part 2: Cabin Inspiration



5. CABIN INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS

Article: The 7 Best Instagram Accounts You Should be Following

www.thecabindiary.com/the-7-best-cabin-instagram-accounts-you-should-be-following/

Instagram is full of cabin inspiration: there are countless cabin Instagram accounts filled with picture after picture of dream cabins. From remote mountain-side cabins, to cabins nestled in the woods, to cozy but modern cabins, it's easy to get lost in all of the cabin-themed Instagram accounts.

This resource is a compilation of the best cabin Instagram accounts, each with a slightly different style of cabin inspiration. Check them out and you won't be able to resist following them.



6. CABINS FROM DWELL.COM

Article: Featured Modern Cabins

www.dwell.com/cabins

Dwell is a platform that focuses on design and architecture. Dwell finds amazing spaces that stand out and are different. And this is true of their section on cabins: **they feature cabins that are unique in design and push the boundaries of design in every way.**

From modern, geometric cabins to cozy A-frames to cabins that look like they're straight out of a fairytale, Dwell's features on cabins do not disappoint.

Part 2: Cabin Inspiration



7. CABINS BY PHILIP JODIDO

Book

<https://www.amazon.com/Cabins-Philip-Jodidio/dp/3836550261>

For when you want to curl up and flip through pages of inspiring cabins, this book is 464 pages of pure beauty. This book combines photography, text and illustration to explore how the architecture of cabins presents opportunities for creativity.

This book showcases some of the most inventive architects of contemporary cabins, both in design and location. This book is a must for cabin lovers, especially if you're inspired by more modern cabins.



8. CABIN ESCAPES

Website

<https://cabinescapes.net/>

Cabin Escapes is the newest project from Cabin Love's Lindsey Bro and Forestbound's Alice Saunders. It's a directory of ultimate cabin escapes - cabins that are beautifully designed, offer a unique experience, and live up to their promises of a getaway.

It's a go-to place if you want to stay in a cabin. And even if you aren't looking for a cabin getaway, the cabins they feature are each perfect in their own way, offering inspiration in their beauty and attention to detail.

Part 2: Cabin Inspiration



9. LOG CABIN INTERIORS

Pinterest Board

<https://www.pinterest.com/thecabindiary/log-cabin-interiors/>

Like Instagram, Pinterest offers a huge amount of cabin inspiration. This resource is one of my own Pinterest boards: Log Cabin Interiors. It's a collection of the most drool-worthy cabin interiors on Pinterest. It's carefully curated and the result of lots of time spent searching! The result is breathtaking interiors of every size and fashion - all with one thing in common: they are beautiful, cozy, and dreamy cabins.

This resource is for those who love to pour over images of cabin interiors as much as cabin exteriors.



10. HGTV'S LOG CABIN LIVING

TV Show

So far we've covered resources that are websites, books, and social media. **This resource is for those who prefer a different medium: TV!** This resource is HGTV's popular show 'Log Cabin Living.' It follows families as they search for their ideal log home, touring the options and discussing the unique challenges that come with moving to a cabin.

Cabin lovers will be inspired by this show as you are drawn into each family's story and explore the log cabin real estate market with them.

Part 3: Online Communities



11. SMALL CABIN FORUM

Forum

<http://www.small-cabin.com/forum/>

There are many online cabin-related forums and they are surprisingly good places to look for cabin information. People post their questions, experiences, and much more on these discussion boards.

This resource is the Small Cabin Forum - an active forum that you can peruse for even a few minutes and find some helpful information. **If you ever have a question about cabin life or moving to a cabin, chances are that someone has already asked it here.**



12. LOG HOME BUILDER'S ASSOCIATION FORUM

Forum

<http://community.loghomebuilders.org/forum.php>

The Log Home Builders' Association Forum is a go-to place for discussions of all things log cabin. It has almost 150,000 posts covering the broad and knitty gritty of cabins. Reading through this forum, I found answers to questions that I didn't even know I had yet!

This is an especially helpful place to look for the ins & outs of building a cabin. Or if you're curious what it takes to build a cabin.

Part 3: Online Communities



13. LOG HOME NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM

Forum

<http://www.loghomeu.com/forum>

This is another forum with plenty of information and helpful discussions. I find this one to be slightly less technical than the others - **it's a great place to stop in & chat with like-minded cabin enthusiasts.**

Part 4: Practical Information



14. 10 MYTHS ABOUT LOG HOMES

Article

<http://www.thelogconnection.com/tenmyths.html>

There is lots of myth and legend surrounding log homes - and this list sets it all straight! This is the truth about 10 log home myths (and you might be surprised at what's on the list..).

I found myself Googling almost all of these when we first moved to our cabin, so save yourself the trouble and read through the list now!



15. LOG CABIN MAINTENANCE & COSTS

Article

<https://www.logcabinhub.com/log-cabin-maintenance-costs/>

Cabins require care in different ways than traditional homes. And it's better to be aware of what it takes to care for a cabin (and what it costs!) up front. **You definitely don't want to be caught by surprise by any of the items on this list.**

Bookmark this resource and come back to it again and again, as you'll want to keep an eye on most of these items annually or every three years to keep your cabin in good condition. And if you aren't yet in a cabin, this is a good read to get an idea of what it takes to maintain one.

Part 5: Building a Cabin



16. CABINS: A GUIDE TO BUILDING YOUR OWN NATURE RETREAT

Book

https://www.amazon.com/Cabins-Guide-Building-Nature-Retreat/dp/1552093735/ref=sr_1_25?ie=UTF8&qid=1545883969&sr=8-25&keywords=cabins

Complete with illustrations, this book will get your creative juices flowing before building a cabin. It focuses on the design of the cabin, covering everything from types of cabins to how to build rustic furniture.

If you're just starting out in your cabin building process, this book will get you excited for the process and answer all of your first, essential questions.



17. BUILDING A LOG CABIN COST BREAKDOWN

Article

<https://www.logcabinhub.com/costs-to-build-a-log-cabin/>

Many people wonder if building a log home is cheaper than moving to a traditional home. The answer: it depends.

If you're curious about the costs involved with building your own log cabin, this is a good resource to start with. Log homes have a lot of costs that most people don't consider - so before you start searching for your own little cabin escape, you'll want to read this.

Part 5: Building a Cabin



18. STEP BY STEP BUILDING PROCESS

Article

<https://www.logcabinhub.com/how-to-build-a-log-cabin/>

If you dream of building your own log cabin, this article details what it will take. It covers the basics of what you need, how long it takes, where to build, and more.

Whether you are merely dreaming of your future log cabin or looking to set out building tomorrow, this is an invaluable resource. And it has a helpful infographic as a visual aid.



19. GOING OFF THE GRID: THE HOW-TO-BOOK OF SIMPLE LIVING & HAPPINESS

Book

https://www.amazon.com/Going-Off-Grid-How-Book/dp/1570673543/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1546038639&sr=8-1&keywords=going+off+the+grid+book

This book is all about moving off the grid. While it's not specifically directed at living in a cabin, much of the mindset here is shared by those who choose to live in cabins.

The theme of this book is breaking free from your current daily grind, and finding a new life in a simpler, less-stressful environment. Check it out if you have aspirations of escaping the city and simplifying your life on your own terms.

What's Next?

Craving more cabin community, inspiration & information?

Join the conversation on social media by connecting here:

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And lastly, I love chatting about all things cabins! If you have questions or would like to hear more about any of the topics in this guide, send me an email at:

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