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Accessed by a fairly steep descent along a path of switchbacks through the duff, across a narrow bridge spanning Garrapata creek swirling below, and up the opposite bank, this Cor-Ten steel house, set in and among the redwoods, is the ultimate campsite.

Crafted of copper and rusted Cor-Ten steel, the façade of the house is an abstraction of redwood, its shape the suggestion of an expansive redwood stump. Barely visible from the lightly traveled road, the structure, flanked in its matte rust coat, disappears into the anonymity of the forest.

In stark contrast, the interior of the house is fresh, clean, bright, white. Its two-story core, from which ancillary rooms cantilever like limbs among the trees, houses the master bedroom, which hovers above the living room. Among the various extensions, occupied by the media room, library and kitchen, it is the dining room, which juts out high above the creek, its floor-to-ceiling, wall-to-wall glass creating a subtle distinction between inside and out, that provides the most dramatic presence and engaging view.