



TRAPP FAMILY LODGE
STOWE, VERMONT

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*Lodge for a Famous Family
Nestles Against a Hillside*

When the Trapp Family of musical fame came to Stowe, Vermont, they opened their home to paying guests. The Trapp Lodge soon became a popular attraction but never lost the character of a home. The Lodge was destroyed in a tragic fire. Many irreplaceable mementos were lost, but the lodge itself has been replaced with a larger facility that manages to remain somewhat domestic in scale and feel.

Beyond the inevitable Alpine appurtenances—gables, dormers, decorated balconies, flower boxes—the Lounge is also a solid and serious work of Architecture. Much of this has to do with the relationship between building and site. In its massing the lodge follows the hillside contours. What is basically a very long building is broken twice at 45 degree angles, diminishing its apparent bulk. Corridors on the guest room floors are single-loaded so that all of the rooms share the valley view. The lobby is simple and businesslike with some well-crafted woodwork. Instead of making it a social center, a “living-room” and library were placed for this purpose between it and the bar/dining area.



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