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An epic journey across the Southwest
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Carpenter Mike Tilton needed seven months to install 122 massive beams, each weighing about 600 pounds, in the atrium lobby, restaurant, and library of **The Lake Estate on Winnisquam**. He spent five weeks just working on the grand staircase of the resort, which opened in August. More than 30 miles of baseboard and crown molding and many more miles of white oak wainscoting and trim work add to the structure's appeal.

"At one time, close to 35 carpenters and assistants were installing just the woodwork," says general manager Ed Rocco. "No one had ever built anything like this."

Set on the southwestern shore of the Granite State's fourth-largest lake, the 36-acre property in Tilton includes 3,400 feet of lake frontage, an infinity pool, a 5,000-square-foot spa, restaurants directed by chef Chris Viaud, and 114 rooms and suites (inset).

Curios, books, and antiques collected from estate sales and New England antiques dealers abound, along with Audubon prints and paintings from Hudson River School artists. Curl up in one of the cozy nooks, next to one of the hotel's 25 fireplaces, and you'll feel like a guest at your (very rich) relative's lakeside mansion. *April rates start at \$449, plus a \$45 daily resort fee.*

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