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WILD THING

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Emerging from the trees like a curious woodland creature, the aptly named Wild Thing drifts over a picturesque meadow.



Sometimes one must look up towards the trees to find where the wild things are. The tiny elevated tree hut functions as a wilderness observatory for surveying the grounds. Hovering high in the air on a set of stilts, the cabin seats up to six people at a time on two benches. Two of the cabin walls open up as needed, transforming the secluded shelter into a lookout tower over the diverse Pirtsupite Valley. Dark shingles coat the exterior of the

hideout and contrast with the light reclaimed timber used for the framing, stilts, and ladder. Responding to a prompt from the local municipality that the valley was wild, but not wild enough, the endearing project makes minimal contact with the land. Instead, the floating micro cabin tempts nature to thrive under and around it—a celebration of and offering to the land. ♦