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### Home near Hamilton Pool ready for large family, guests

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**What:** This modern, striking home near Hamilton Pool Road west of Austin was built to accommodate a large family and to make it easy to entertain.

The two-story house, which has a steel frame, metal roof and galvalume metal exterior walls, was designed by architect David Webber and built by the homeowner, Wes Wigginton. Wigginton owns Foursquare Builders, which constructs homes in Central Texas.

The main house is in the center of a 4.37-acre lot and has about 4,730 square feet. Huge oak trees surround the home; it feels quiet and secluded.

Wigginton said he envisioned his property as a place "with adequate space for four children, room for lots of entertaining, and a lot of open space."

The main house has five bedrooms, four full bathrooms, a half-bathroom and two additional rooms that could be used as bedrooms or offices.

The house has massive windows on both stories, with views of the forested areas around the house. Trees are visible from every room and provide so much privacy that the windows do not have any curtains.

A spacious kitchen is in a combined space with the living and dining rooms; these rooms also open to a wraparound porch, surrounded by trees.

A 1,170-square-foot guesthouse, a short distance from the main house, was completed at the end of 2008. This building has two bedrooms and two full bathrooms. It also has a utility room, office nook, covered one-car carport and separate parking space. This "mother-in-law house" was designed by architect Eric Brown, the owner of Thoughtcrib, a modern design firm in Austin.

The guesthouse could be used as an office, art or music studio, or for in-laws or other visitors, Wigginton said. With its bamboo floors, abundance of natural light and quiet setting, the guesthouse makes a relaxing retreat.

"We wanted the guesthouse to be as simple as possible," Brown said. "We wanted to camouflage it in the trees and to give it a lot of openness."

**Where:** 6800 Caudill Lane, Austin, 78738

**Amenities:** The kitchen in the main house has marble countertops, stainless-steel appliances, a commercial sink, a walk-in pantry, double ovens and a six-burner cooktop with a griddle.

**Agent:** Gene Arant, Keller Williams-Lake Travis

**Asking price:** \$1.4 million

**FYI:** The main house has two staircases that connect the first and second floors and sliding, solid-wood doors between rooms.

The main living room is a welcoming space with 18-foot ceilings, two stories of windows and contemporary light fixtures. It is separated from the dining room and kitchen by a central staircase.

The floors in the main house are made of Brazilian walnut.

A 30,000-gallon rainwater-collection system provides all of the household's water for drinking, cooking and bathing.

On the second floor are five bedrooms, including the master bedroom.

The master bedroom has views of the surrounding countryside. In the master bathroom, a large tub is filled from a tap in the ceiling that "rains" down.

There is also a steam shower.


On the first floor, the wheelchair-accessible two-car garage has a large glass door. Just off the garage is a locker/mud room.

Nearby businesses include the retail stores and restaurants at the Hill Country Galleria. It is also a short drive to the hiking trail and swimming hole at Hamilton Pool.

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