

A Perfect Blend Of Natural Elements

A deep woods habitat in downtown Toronto

No other pool installation but this one would conform to this landscape design – a backyard that exudes a natural resort in the middle of Northern Ontario. But don't let this astonishing feat of landscaping architecture deceive you, as Gib-San Pools Ltd., in Toronto, Ontario, created this unique project in a downtown neighbourhood in the city.

A major component of this mountain-side, deep woods setting is the 5.5 m x 11 m (18 ft. x 36 ft.), natural free-formed gunite swimming pool, which features a waterfall that seems to pour down a rocky mountain face, onto a small plateau, and continues to flow down the mountain-side over a vanishing edge.

Both water features were designed to integrate into the mature landscape that surrounded the installation site. The waterfall is positioned on the high side of the property where it seems to flow from an unknown stream above, gently trickling into the swimming pool below and then carries over the vanishing pool edge into the landscape beyond.

To create this tranquil paradise, Gib-San Pools used extensive machinery in order to achieve the desired placement of various sized outcroppings of rocks and boulders, from large to massive formations, that protrude above the soil. Added detail is provided by the clever, random-looking, arrangement of plant life.

The pool's grey marbelite interior finish gives the pool a natural appearance while making the boulders appear to float in the water. The dark-shaded custom tile that was chosen plays a key role in establishing the mirror-like finish at the vanishing edge.

This perfect blend of water, boulders and plant material makes this backyard a living habitat for the family to enjoy in the middle of Toronto.



Special Design Elements

- Natural free-formed gunite swimming pool
- Rock-face waterfall
- Vanishing edge with mirror-like finish
- Various sizes of outcroppings
- Random-looking plant life arrangement

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