

A photograph of the Ridge House, a modern residential building situated on a grassy hillside. The house features a long, continuous roofline with a prominent red-tinted glass structure on top. A gravel driveway leads up to the building. The surrounding landscape is lush with green trees and grass under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

Ridge House

Little Washington, Virginia
Residential

This house sits on an extraordinary location in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The immediate site forms a kind of saddle, on the intersection of a ridge on the East-West axis and a valley running North to South.

The house runs along the ridge and bridges the valley, opening its long sides to the long North-South views. The pieces of the program—a two-bedroom house, screened porch, pool terrace, entry court and garage—are articulated and aligned along the ridge axis.

A continuous roof spans the entire collection, transforming the modest scale of the individual pieces into a unified composition over 200 feet

long, carrying a single line across the entire facade. One space rises above the continuous roof, elevating a special room for taking in distant views.

Like a bridge, the structural system is continuous and insistent. Steel frames at 16 ft on center march the length of the building, visible inside and out. All exterior surfaces—windows, walls and ceilings—are arranged in modular subdivisions of this structural bay.

Low-maintenance metal and fiber cement panels clad the exterior walls. Inside, white wall planes will form a backdrop for nature outside, and the owners' art collection within.

















