

Kanha Earth Lodge, Kanha

Award Winning Design Combined with Rustic Charm



Trees and wide eaves provide natural cooling.

The common area exploits the use of natural light and air. The twelve guest cottages are built using traditional techniques, materials and labour inspired by Gond tribal architecture. Buildings are located adjacent to trees to benefit from natural shading. Wide eaves in the local style combined with triple layered roofs to trap air provide natural cooling.

Kanha Earth Lodge marries inspiring architecture and rustic charm with a concern for the environment. Buildings are constructed of locally sourced stone, mud plaster, terracotta tiles and rough-hewn sustainably sourced and recycled timber. Furniture is hand crafted from waste wood and railways sleepers which combined with the construction, earned the lodge the accolade of winning the All India Stone Architectural Awards in 2010-11.



Rustic eco elegance in the common area - local stone, Gond art and furniture made from waste wood and recycled railway sleepers.



The main building - contemporary design and local materials.

The sixteen-acre grounds, restored with indigenous trees and grasses, have been left natural helping to recharge groundwater levels during the rainy season with not a single tree lost during construction.

Pathways and water pipes have been designed to channel rainwater into a 25-foot deep well. Sand, pebbles and small stones are used for

pathways instead of concrete, a carbon intensive material, to allow rainwater to percolate into the ground. Dual flush toilets, aerated taps and showerheads are in place to reduce water use.



Guest cottages reflect local Gond architecture and are constructed of local materials with local labour.



Interiors have large windows to maximise natural light and air. Ceilings are triple lined for natural cooling.