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The surface of Kent's Spectacle Lake reflects not only a big portion of sky and wooded hillsides, but also much of this multi-building family retreat. The entry to the 50-acre property begins at a mahogany gate supported by granite posts, from which one follows a long sinuous drive through woodlands and open fields to the lakeside dwelling. The landscape architect ensured that every location on the site be imbued with its own character. The gravel parking court is edged with meadow-like native plantings, while the swimming pool (by Drakeley Pool Company) is perched above the lake and incorporates a natural diving rock. Glass pool fencing preserves views of the lake, access to which is reached via pathways bordered by native buffer plantings. The sandy beach features swimming and boating docks. Trails lead from the lake and guest house to a basketball court and gym, pickleball and tennis courts, with plantings throughout of coneflowers, ornamental grasses, hydrangea and white birch.

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