

➔ **TOURAINÉ & RICHMOND ARCHITECTS |
SILVERWOOD LAKE VISITORS' CENTER |
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA**

Located in California's San Bernardino Mountains, this 3,000-square-foot visitors' center sits in a forest of sycamore trees adjacent to a reservoir and camping and picnic areas. It was the Los Angeles-based architects' intent to create a pavilion in the trees, and they have literally done so. A concrete slab on piers is raised above the ground to create a minimal footprint, while native trees pass through the structure undisturbed. The architects also sought to create a self-sustaining building capable of operating independently of the power grid: a roof slab, staggered over the floorplate, creates a south-facing overhang to reduce heat gain, and solar roof panels heat water to be used for radiant floor heating. Construction on the center will begin in spring 2004. **Bay Brown**



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| 1 deck | 3 reception |
| 2 projection room | 4 display area |

