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This 2000 square foot weekend retreat in northeastern Illinois sits in an iconic Midwestern landscape: rolling hills create an outdoor room cut through by a lazy mill stream, all within earshot of the interstate highway that runs nearby. The contrast between the idyllic setting and the sound of the motorway raises some of the essential questions of our time. Our relationship to the land, to our cars and to the notion of “getting away from it all.” The design has as its inspiration the roadside architecture found in the photographic work of artist Jeff Brouws, whose images of drive-ins, box cars and roadside motels contains an equal measure of dignity and irony.

