

Wind Creek Spa & Cooking School



Textured stone walls, wood beams and accents of honey color create a naturally appealing lounge within the Wind Creek Spa & Cooking School. Photo by Chris Mills



Curtains and screens of clear beads used throughout by Brown Chambless interior designers evoke walking through a waterfall. Photo by Lydia Edmonds

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For the new Wind Creek Spa & Cooking School located adjacent to the new Wind Creek Casino & Hotel near Atmore in south Alabama, interior designers with Brown Chambless Architects of Montgomery selected materials and finishes that echo the Poarch Band of Creek Indians' traditional links to nature.

Stone walls evoke terrain, clear beaded screens suggest waterfalls, columns portray trees and floating white ceilings become clouds in the sequence of public and private spaces within the spa. But there is another surprising theme linked to the food side of the equation: honey.

And real honey, too.

"We thought of an indulgent food, and honey just came to mind," says Jennifer Norris, project interior designer. "The color can be seen in tiles and other surfaces, but since honey is one of the most enduring of food products, we used jars of honey turned on their sides and backlit for three feature walls."

So patrons of luxurious spa services can also be thinking about the food side of this unusual destination.



Jars of honey mounted sideways are backlit to become glowing feature walls, making a link to the cooking school part of the facility. Photo by Lydia Edmonds



A favorite feature of the cooking school is the chef's table seen here in the foreground with the kitchen beyond. Photo by Lydia Edmonds