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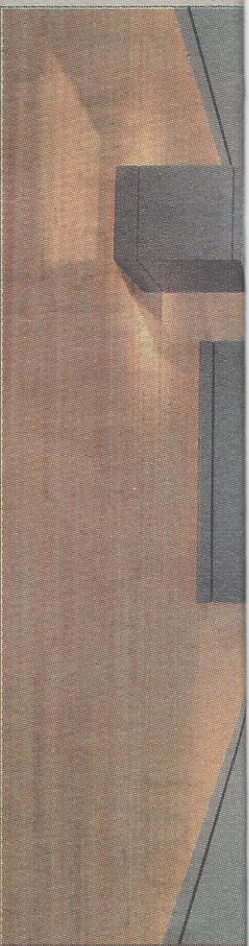


Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Ark., was designed by architect Moshe Safdie and houses a collection amassed by Alice Walton.

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# Bentonville's





Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art  
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Wal-Mart heiress' massive art collection gets the fine home it deserves; and don't miss the manicured hiking trails

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**B**ENTONVILLE, Ark. — The little girl looked down on the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in the valley, then gave it the supreme preteen compliment: "This is awesome."

And she hadn't even been inside.

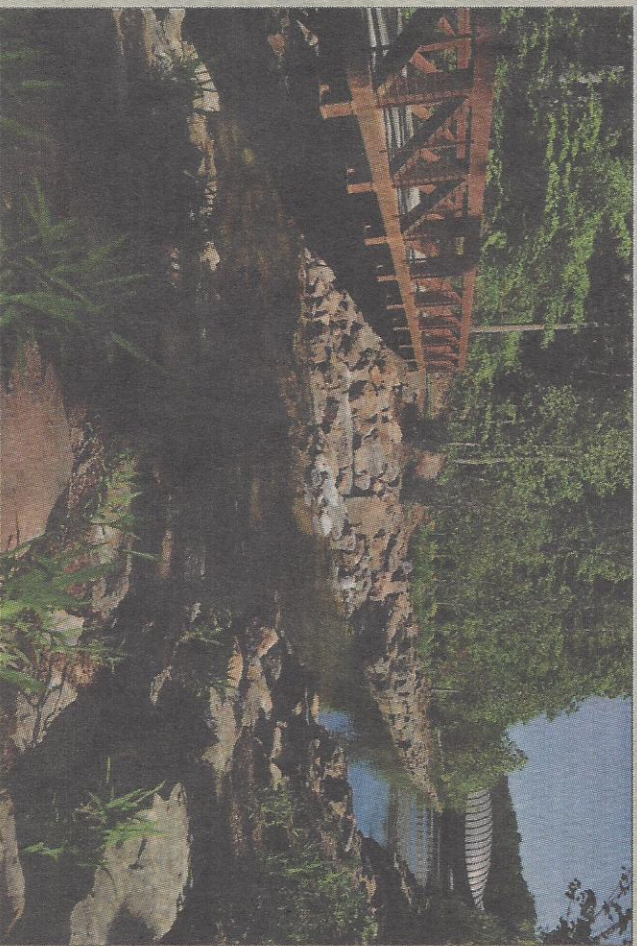
I felt the same way. Although I planned my trip to see the art collection amassed by Wal-Mart heiress Alice Walton, I was equally thrilled by architect Moshe Safdie's buildings and the landscaped trails winding through 120 wooded acres.

The little girl and I were awed by the copper-roofed pavilions set in and around two ponds fed by a natural spring. The museum's name is derived from that water source — Crystal Spring — and the bridgelike construction of the buildings.

Inside, the buildings seem organic, with sunshine reflected from the water dappling the walls.

The more than 400 works on display are arranged chronologically and provide an overview of this country's art history, from the earliest days of colonial America.

My friend and I chose to go backward in time by starting in the 20th-century gallery filled with recognizable names: Georgia O'Keeffe, Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg, Grant Wood. Norman Rockwell's iconic *Rosie the Riveter* (1943) hangs back to back with Robert Henri's 1908 painting of a woman in a long, high-collared black dress, proving how the role of women in



John Owen  
The museum has 3.5 miles of manicured trails winding through 120 wooded acres.

# Wild times on a safari vacation

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With travel website, family and friends helped foot the bill

splashing in the water, lions tracking their prey and chummy elephants bathing each other with sand.

Within minutes of entering the Phinda Private Game Reserve for our first safari, I

cause the reserve's animals can go pretty much anywhere.

Phinda has leopard, lion, elephant, rhinoceros and Cape buffalo — the Big Five so important to the tourist trade — and they're all free to wander

I caught glimpses of the Indian Ocean.

Then our driver turned onto a dirt road, honked and hollered at cows clogging the way, and stopped to ask for directions. His "shortcut" put



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