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AMBER ROAD TREKKING CABINS PAPE NATURE RESERVE LATVIA



Project Credits

Cleint: Latvia Nature Conservation Agency
Program: Temporary Shelter, Cabin
Location: Pape Nature Reserve, Latvia

Structure: Timber
Lot Area: N/A
Size (GFA): 10 m²

Design: 2017
(Competition Honourable Mention)

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This scheme proposes a collection of shelters all developed from the same five modular components. The result is a family of distinct forms with shared underpinnings that work to ensure a consistent visual identity. Modern yet somewhat primitive in their minimalist appearance, each cabin design achieves the same simplicity and monumentality of scale as an ancient monolith. As a result, the structures do not read as a radical intervention in the Baltic Sea beach environment, but rather as a timeless complement to it. With no foundation and only traditional wood-framing craftsmanship techniques required for assembly, the shelters are easy to fabricate and to transport to the eastern shores of the Baltic Sea. Several could be easily grouped together around a campfire to host an especially large group.