



2019 FALL

Adventure

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Get ready for nature’s grand finale.

You’d be hard pressed to find a more glorious time of year than autumn in Montana, when the pine tree forests are flecked with the golden hues of changing tamarack needles. The crisp air, the clear skies—it’s one big crescendo of beauty and excitement. At The Resort at Paws Up, we take full advantage of the season. From postcard-perfect mornings to colorful sunsets, the autumn months are some of our favorites.

If you like to immerse yourself in the great outdoors, there’s nothing like glamping in the fall. We don’t need to remind you that the kids are in school, and staying in a tent makes for an especially serene getaway. Often, the only sound you hear is an animal scurrying about.

There are adventures to be had, from rappelling to wagon rides, hot air ballooning to ghost town tours, and even a new way to enjoy the spectacular foliage: cruising around on one of our new Fat Tire Electric Bikes. And there are indulging and rejuvenating spa treatments, as well.

Of course, if you prefer to float along through the scenery, fall is the ideal season for fly-fishing, when water levels are low and fish are plenty. We’re fortunate to have some of the world’s best rivers here, for fishermen—and fisherwomen—of all ages and skill levels to enjoy.

And it wouldn’t be Paws Up without exceptional dining, so our fall menus are crafted to take advantage of the bountiful fall harvest. The season starts with Montana Master Chefs: New York City, includes an exquisite Thanksgiving featuring barbecue legend Chef Sam Huff and finishes big with our Fall Wine Weekend with Chappellet.

Keep reading to discover more ways to make your fall visit one for the memory books. We look forward to seeing you, and as always, please let me know if there’s anything I can do to help make your time here as special as possible. Pack a sweater, lace up the boots and come see beautiful Montana in all its autumn glory.


Steve Hurst
Managing Director
The Resort at Paws Up

The Weather

It’s just the perfect time to get outdoors, with average high temperatures hovering around 73 in September, 58 in October and 42 in November.

The Leaf-Peeping

From September through early October, the colors are changing. You’ll see the vibrant gold of the tamarack trees against the velvety green of the Ponderosa pines.

FALLING *for* MONTANA

Summer tends to steal the spotlight, but fall in Montana is when the state really shines. It’s a nature-lover’s paradise: the fish are running, the horses are full of energy and wildlife appears everywhere you look, as animals forage and prepare for winter. Plus, there are cooler temperatures, gorgeous scenery, seasonal cuisine and lingering sun. No wonder it’s a season we absolutely love.

The Harvest

The apples are ripening, which means cider is at its best. It’s also a great time for seasonal favorites from Montana’s burgeoning artisan brewery scene.

The Sunshine

In early October, expect 11½ hours of daylight, with sunrise at 7:34AM and sunset at 7:15PM. By early November, the sun rises at 7:21AM and sets by 5:17PM.

FEELING ADVENTUROUS? YOUR TIMING COULDN'T BE BETTER.

We try our hardest to never play favorites, but we'll let you in on a secret: fall may very well be the greatest time of year for Montana outdoor adventures. Blame it on the crisp mornings, warm days and jaw-

dropping surroundings, but there's no better time to get out there and try something new. With more than 70 outdoor activities offered at Paws Up, the only question is, where do you even begin?



Heighten your senses. You'll want to admire the brilliant scenery all around you, but whatever you do—don't look down. To amp up your adrenaline, head to the famed Lookout Rock, where Meriwether Lewis himself once stood. Then, descend straight down the sheer 170-foot rock face for a thrilling rappelling excursion. If you haven't challenged yourself enough with that, Paws Up has two more challenges to get your heart thumping: the Bone Rattler Bike Park, tricky for even the most seasoned mountain bikers, and the Sky Line™ Aerial Adventure Park, a ropes course with rickety bridges, swinging platforms and a spine-tingling 40-foot free fall.



Test the waters. The temperatures may be cooling down, but the trout activity is just ramping up. Fall is peak fly-fishing season in Montana, and Paws Up is a veritable angler's paradise, boasting a number of legendary rivers either on-property or nearby. Novices and experts alike will find great opportunities to catch native brown, cutthroat and rainbow trout in our slice of fly-fishing heaven—up to an estimated 1,200 fish per mile on the Blackfoot River.



Take aim. Go on, give it your best shot—nothing brings out the competitive spirit like a friendly afternoon at the shooting or archery range. Use a bow and arrow to shoot at 3D targets that look just like local Montana animals or challenge everyone in your group see who prevails on our scenic 10-station sporting clay installation. Sharpshooters can also hone their skills at our Old West .22 Rifle Range.



Go your own way. Take the reins—or handlebars or steering wheel—and cover some serious ground in the most exhilarating way. Crisscross the 37,000 acres of The Resort with an e-bike ride. Or, head off property with an ATV tour that includes a drive through Garnet Ghost Town, the most pristine and well-preserved ghost town in Montana. Simply looking to spend a gorgeous morning under the dappled sun? Look no further than a scenic horseback trail ride.

WHAT'S MONTANA'S BEST SIDE?

Ready for a new perspective? Get out of your comfort zone and explore the vast wilderness of western Montana in a totally new way.



BY LAND

Take in every last detail—from the soft earth and evergreen scent to wild animals gathering provisions—as you traverse the countryside via foot, bike, horseback or wagon ride.



BY AIR

Fly up and away for an astounding view of the vivid fall colors and vast terrain as well as awe-inspiring landmarks with a helicopter tour or a hot air balloon ride.



BY WATER

Bask in the brilliant weather as you glide among the tamarack trees and towering Ponderosa pines on a river adventure such as a canoe trip or fly-fishing excursion.

One bucket list item that soars above the rest



Dozens of elk break from the heavy timber and scamper across the meadow. A golden eagle does a flyby, close enough that you could see it wink if it chose to. The Blackfoot Valley floor shows off its autumnal glory with golden larches, yellow cottonwoods and deep green pines. And the best seat in the house isn't a seat at all. It's standing in the wicker basket of the Paws Up hot air balloon captained by Craig Kennedy. He recently talked about days spent drifting along 1,000 feet in the air.

HOW BIG IS THAT GIANT BALLOON?

Look at it this way—120,000 inflated basketballs would fill it. And the wicker basket is purposely built to comfortably accommodate 5–6 guests and the pilot.

HOW HIGH CAN YOU FLY (IN THE BIG SKY)?

Each trip is a flight of fancy, but depending on wind conditions, we might do everything from ascending to 3,000–4,000 feet to descending for a “splash and dash” on the Blackfoot River.

WHY IS FALL PERFECT FOR BALLOONING?

The Montana air is so clean and clear you can see the whole shootin' match for 100 miles, from the Swan Range and Bob Marshall Wilderness to the Garnet Mountains and beyond.

ANY CRAZY MANEUVERS THAT GUESTS LOVE?

Quite often we can sail so close over the tops of those big pines that I sometimes have riders do a “grab and go,” plucking pinecones right off the trees.

ARE THINGS A BIT CHILLIER UP THERE?

Not really. It only cools about 3 degrees for every 1,000 feet of rise, and much of our time is spent at around 1,000 feet up. I just tell folks to wear layers of clothes, fleece and a jacket.

BUT IF YOU'RE A BIT TIMID ABOUT HEIGHTS...

Not a problem. Unlike peering over a cliff, we're not connected to the earth, so there's no relative sense of altitude. A fear of heights doesn't register in your brain. Plus the basket is very stable, not tipsy.

HAD ANY REAL INTERESTING FLIERS?

Well, I once took an astronaut up who said flying was great, whether it's at 17,000 miles an hour orbiting the earth in a shuttle or at 3 miles an hour in a balloon.

THE BOB

Paws Up seems to go on forever at 37,000 acres. But just to the north, accessible from the Seeley Lake area, lies the million-acre Bob Marshall Wilderness, affectionately called “the Bob.”

But who was Bob Marshall? A groundbreaking forester and conservationist in the U.S. Forest Service, his fervent passion for wild places drove him to found the legendary Wilderness Society in 1935. Despite a weak heart, Marshall often tackled rugged Montana terrain. By age 36, he had logged 200 hikes of 30 miles or more. Tragically, at age 38 he passed away. Marshall's legacy, his namesake wilderness area, was finalized as part of the Wilderness Act of 1964 and today ranks as the fifth-largest protected wilderness in the contiguous U.S.

THE SWANS

Northeast of Paws Up, dominating views from balloon baskets to luxury home porches, the Swan Range carves up the sky, with elevations topping 8,000 feet.

The Swan Valley, separating the Swans from the Mission Mountains, is a testament to ancient glacial retreats gouging great gaping wounds in the landscape, as if a mythical giant grizzly had dug in its claws in anger. Eventually these gouges became lakes such as Seeley and Salmon, current home to the Paws Up Island Lodge at Salmon Lake.

THE GARNET RANGE

If the Swan Range mountains dazzle Paws Up guests with their beauty, the Garnets beckon them to recreate. Home to the best-preserved ghost town in Montana, as well as massive elk herds and raptors of all kinds, the craggy peaks are accessible by ATV and horseback and, later in the season, snowmobile.

And, if you're adventurous as Bob Marshall himself, you just may reach them on foot.



FALL COCKTAILS WITH DAVID WONDRICH

“Classic punch—as served in the royal houses of Europe.” As if there aren’t already plenty of reasons to attend Paws Up’s signature fall foodie event, this year, guests will have the chance to taste some of the greatest cocktails in the world.

Author and spirits expert David Wondrich will be working his magic and demonstrating his craft during Montana Master Chefs, September 26–29. As part of Paws Up’s unique Cookbook Live® series, guests will get the chance to learn firsthand from Wondrich as he presents recipes from his James Beard Award-winning book, *Imbibe!*, along with his second book, *Punch: The Delights (and Dangers) of the Flowing Bowl*. Here, he shares the secrets behind one of his favorite concoctions.



Afton Club Punch

The Afton Club is imaginary, a place I retreat to in my brain when I’m harried. It has leather chairs, oak bookshelves and a pleasant staff that keeps refilling my glass of punch. Afton Club Punch, however, is real. I’ve made it many times. It’s light, pleasant, a little intriguing and drinking it reminds me that amusement, comfort and relaxation do exist in this world if you know how to find them.

—David Wondrich

DIRECTIONS

1. Put the spiral-cut peels of 4 lemons and ¾ cup white sugar in a one-pint mason jar, seal, shake and let sit in the sun for 3–4 hours, or overnight.
2. Add 6 oz (¾ cup) lemon juice, reseal jar and shake until sugar has dissolved.
3. Pour contents of jar into a 3-quart punch bowl.
4. Add:
 - 16 oz (1 pint) Dutch Genever, such as Old Duff or Bols Genever
 - 16 oz (1 pint) German Riesling wine
5. Stir, add a large block of ice and top with ½ liter chilled sparkling water.
6. Ladle out in 3–4 oz servings.

MEET THE ARTIST ROLLING STONE CALLS, “LEAN, LOOSE AND ROCKING.”

If all goes to plan, Rhett Miller will have Paws Up’s mountains to thank for his next big hit. The Old 97’s front man is headlining at Montana Master Chefs (September 26–29), and he’ll be in Nashville to record immediately after the long foodie-fest weekend. As Miller tells it, the idyllic setting tends to nurture his songwriting, and “going to Paws Up is high up on the list of perks” in his career.

When asked what he likes to do here, the introspective musician really starts talking. “I’m going to do an ATV ride. I’ll probably get a massage. And I’m sure I’m going to write a bunch of songs because being in the mountains, in the wide, open sky, is super inspiring.”

As a solo artist in 2018, he released *The Messenger*, which was hailed by *Rolling Stone* magazine as an LP filled with “hooky and well-calibrated confessionals.” This year, the Texas-raised, Hudson Valley-based songwriter published his first book of poetry, *No More Poems!*, which has been called a “riotous collection of irreverent poems for modern families,” much in the tradition of offbeat poets like Shel Silverstein. Miller also recently launched a podcast called “Wheels Off,” which has given him the opportunity to discuss the creative process with fellow artists such as Fred Armisen, Rosanne Cash and Matchbox Twenty’s Rob Thomas.

All along the way, Miller has kept busy with his band as well, whose major label debut, *Too Far to Care*, was released back in 1996. How they’ve lasted for more than two decades might seem surprising. “We never had one specific hit song,” he says, but, “in a way, that made it possible for us to stay together for as long as we have. We can play just as many songs off of our most recent album as we do off our first three albums. We’ve had a pretty steady even career. It’s given us the opportunity to have this longevity that most bands don’t have.”

That’s not to say that listeners at Miller’s MMC sets won’t instantly recognize fan-favorite Old 97’s tunes like “Murder (or a Heart Attack)” or “Timebomb,” or solo classics like “Question.” And guests at The Resort can look forward to seeing Miller perform in intimate settings for an up-close treat to his most memorable tunes.

Hopefully, the interaction and atmosphere at Montana Master Chefs will inspire Miller all the way to Nashville—and beyond.





When the scenery is this good,

why leave it?

The most romantic thing you do all year might be waking up early. No alarm clock will be necessary—instead, you'll awaken slowly to the meadowlarks singing the morning's praises. Unzip the windows of your luxury tent and breathe in the crisp air. Then, sit on your private deck with steaming cups of coffee and watch the fog lift as the brilliant day comes into clear focus. This is fall glamping at Paws Up.

An autumn luxury camping trip not on your radar? That's part of the reason why it's so spectacular. Once the summer vacation season has passed and school's back in session, couples and groups of friends can find peace, relaxation and privacy, even more than usual. The river is quiet. The mountains, serene. You won't want to leave the great outdoors for a minute. And you won't have to.

Instead, Montana's most vibrant season is literally at your fingertips. A tented stay means you can be truly spontaneous. You and your partner can hop on e-bikes located at all the camps and zip through the stunning wilderness. You can fish by simply stepping outside your tent and casting a fly before dinner. Or, take in the spectacular views with a candlelit dinner as the light fades in the pinkish sky.

Your days will be exhilarating and adventure-filled—it's the ideal weather for nearly every activity offered on property. Even after horseback riding, hot air balloon touring, clay shooting and fly-fishing, your favorite part of the day is likely to be heading back to your camp.

Some call it a safari-style tent, others say it's like a hotel room dropped right in the wilderness. You'll come to think of your heated accommodations as your personal haven under the stars. Sink into a real bed with fine linens, or a copper tub if you choose one of our honeymoon tents. Step into your rainfall shower inside the spacious bathroom with heated slate floors. Slip out to your deck and gaze at the Blackfoot River just below.

And what else can we do for you?

Sunrise coffees, impromptu champagne toasts, evening bonfires spent snuggling under toasty blankets and fascinating Montana trivia—your camping butler will fill in every blank, elevating your stay from simply good to over-the-top. With all these creature comforts, you'll never feel more grateful to be this close to nature.



White meat, dark meat and baby back ribs

To hear Atlanta pit master legend Chef Sam Huff tell it, he never intended to have a barbecue empire. “My original aim was simply to have a place to stage my unique brand of BBQ for a growing number of family, friends and small groups in between competitions,” Huff said. But success has a way of changing things up, and boy, are we glad it did.

For Thanksgiving this year, Huff will be joining forces with Executive Chef Sunny Jin to bring guests at The Resort at Paws Up a feast like no other. While he can’t divulge every last detail (a true BBQ genius holds his secrets close), what can be expected is nothing but the freshest farm-to-table ingredients, flavorful wines and we’re betting at least a little bit of the smoky magic that has made Sam’s BBQ-1 so very famous.



A GOURMET FEAST WITHIN AN ACTIVITY-FILLED WEEKEND WITHIN THE ACTION-PACKED OUTDOORS. THIS MAY BE THE TURDUCKEN OF FAMILY GATHERINGS.

Every Thanksgiving, it’s inevitable: just as sure as pumpkins sprout from their patches, countless health professionals will caution against stuffing ourselves. But what if overindulgence were actually a virtue? At The Resort at Paws Up, it is.

Allow us to explain. Yes, our Thanksgiving feast, so meticulously designed and prepared by Executive Chef Sunny Jin and BBQ legend Chef Sam Huff, is one you’ll remember long after you leave the table. From traditional holiday classics to craft beers and award-winning wines and (if you still have room) stunning desserts, it’s a spread for which the term “seconds” seems to have been invented.

Surprisingly though, it’s all the other festivities we encourage guests to devour until you have room for no more. And with a list of activities as long as the Montana sky is wide, there are plenty of ways to indulge, no matter your age or spirit for adventure.

When you’re perfectly situated among pastures, mountains and towering pines, simply taking in the majestic beauty is an activity that can fill your senses. Sprinkle in a few family members and it gets even better. Imagine snuggling beneath a fur-lined blanket, and all you hear is the clop-clop-clop of horses’ hooves as your hayride wagon transports you into a wilderness of autumn perfection. Or maybe an ATV ride is more your group’s speed. With over 37,000 acres of wilderness to discover, it’s safe to say the modern explorer in you will be hungry for more.

But like any good Thanksgiving Day host, we wouldn’t be doing our job if we didn’t go out of our way to make it a holiday for everyone, whether you’re outdoorsy or not. That’s why we’ve stuffed the entire weekend with all kinds of fun things in which guests of all ages can participate. From roasting s’mores on an open fire to wine tastings to crafts-making to that old standby, the football watching party, there truly is something for everyone. And so, if indeed, that second helping of pumpkin of pie is too good to pass up, well, it’s nice to know that with all the activities that came before, you most certainly will have earned it.

There’s plenty here of everything. Watch the video at pawsup.com/thanksgiving.



Tell them they're
special with
something unique.

There's no holiday headquarters quite like the Wilderness Outpost, and you don't need to visit here to shop here. Paws Up's retail boutique is your source for pairing a Resort gift certificate with a signature item or for helping you choose a single present with extra flair. You'll find a highly curated collection of handmade jewelry, one-of-a-kind art, fashion from local artisans and the best Western clothing and accessories brands on earth. Here are just a few options.



Cozy Nomad Bunny Throw
\$365



Goertzen Scout Bag
\$250



Filson Chronograph Watch
\$450



Zia Diamondback Earrings
\$200

Behring Made
Paws Up Scapel Hatchet
\$1,250



Personal shoppers are available to assist by phone at 406-244-7367 or via email at retail@pawsup.com. Friends in foreign countries? They can even ship your package internationally.

HERE'S YOUR LIST. WE'VE CHECKED IT TWICE.

The catalogs are coming, and they'll be filled with tempting gift ideas. You could spend the next couple of months painstakingly choosing the right present for each member of your family. Or you could go big—with quality time together doing the things that make life itself grand. A Paws Up gift certificate can be designed to suit your interests and theirs, and there's nothing like unwrapping a future trip filled with possibility.

Let our reservations specialists
get you started. Contact us at
800-473-0601 or
theresort@pawsup.com.
In no time at all, you'll be
packaging up adventures
yet to come with the people
you love most.



For your wine-sipping sister

Winter Wine Weekend with Opus One

January 17–19, 2020

How many oenophiles get the opportunity to meet and mingle with Napa Valley's illustrious Opus One winemaker, Michael Silacci? Spend three days sipping and sampling world-renowned wines paired perfectly with Executive Chef Sunny Jin's masterful cooking.



For your main squeeze

WinterFest

February 14–17, 2020

With everything from wintry outdoor adventures and curling matches to cooking demonstrations and wine and spirits tastings, there's plenty to keep you busy over Valentine's weekend. Just don't forget to curl up by the fire and watch the snowflakes fall.



For your music-loving mom

Songwriter Weekend

March 6–8, 2020

Our ranch resort is a pretty inspiring place, but we've upped the ante with award-winning musicians on this noteworthy three-day weekend. They're here to jam, help you write lyrics and guide you along on your creative path. It's a rocking-good time.



For the kids in your life

Spring Break, Montana-Style

March 13–23 and April 6–19, 2020

Trade in that sand shovel for a saddle this year and give your family a spring break they've never expected. Not only is it a fun time of year to take on all sorts of outdoor adventures, we'll have creative workshops for young and old alike.



For your best friend, the foodie

The Wonder Women of Food and Wine

May 1–3, 2020

Grab a front-row seat to witness the top talent in food, wine and music as they join forces for an incredible culinary celebration. Experience bite after bite of out-of-this-world cuisine all weekend long, punctuated by thrilling outdoor adventures. Taste buds, activate!



FALL 2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



SEPT
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Nature, Abstracted
a Wilderness Workshop
with abstract painter
Danielle LaGoy



The Canine Classic
the eleventh-annual
two-mile walk/five-mile
run/half-marathon
with man's best friend

OCT
06



Montana Master Chefs®: SEPT
New York City
featuring the
Big Apple's hottest
chefs, wine and spirits
experts and musicians



OCT
16



Nature, Abstracted
a Wilderness Workshop
with abstract painter
Danielle LaGoy



SEPT
26-29



Cookbook Live®
Presents *Punch*
featuring James Beard
Award winner,
author and spirits
expert David Wondrich



Cookbook Live®
Presents *Korean BBQ*
featuring Chef Bill Kim,
award-winning
Chicago-based chef
and author

OCT
18-20



Paint 'n' Pour
a Wilderness Workshop
with talented Montana
artist Linds Sanders

SEPT
29



NOV
08-10



Fall Wine Weekend
with Chappellet
featuring Amy and
Dominic Chappellet
and wine seminars,
tastings and pairings
with fine cuisine



OCT
05



Wine & Bitch Dinner
our annual
canine-friendly
gourmet Humane
Society fundraiser



**Thanksgiving
Weekend**
a feast for
all five senses, with
special guest, BBQ
legend Chef Sam Huff

11/27
to
12/01



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