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## *Let it snow!*

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BY THE NUMBERS

**37,000**

Snow-covered acres

**300**

Resident elk on the property

**1806**

Year Captain Meriwether Lewis (of Lewis and Clark fame) climbed the property's Sentinel Rock

**100**

Miles of hiking, biking, horse, and ATV trails

**37**

Miles from Missoula International Airport

*Wanderlust*

## Not Your Average Snow Day!

Nowhere does winter like The Resort at Paws Up in Greenough, Montana. So we checked in on a blustery winter's day for a lesson in both recreation and hibernation. Inspired by the property, here's how to step up *your* winter game.





## GO ON A “SLEIGH” RIDE.

At Paws Up, you can hitch a holiday haul with a wrangler and Percheron draft horses Pete and Repeat (page 42). At home, swap your seen-better-days saucer with one of these joyrides.



**THE INFLATABLE**  
Durable Vinyl Reindeer  
\$49; [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)



**THE TUBE**  
“Sonic” Snow Tube  
from \$129; [llbean.com](http://llbean.com)



**THE SLED**  
Steel Runner Sled  
\$100; [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

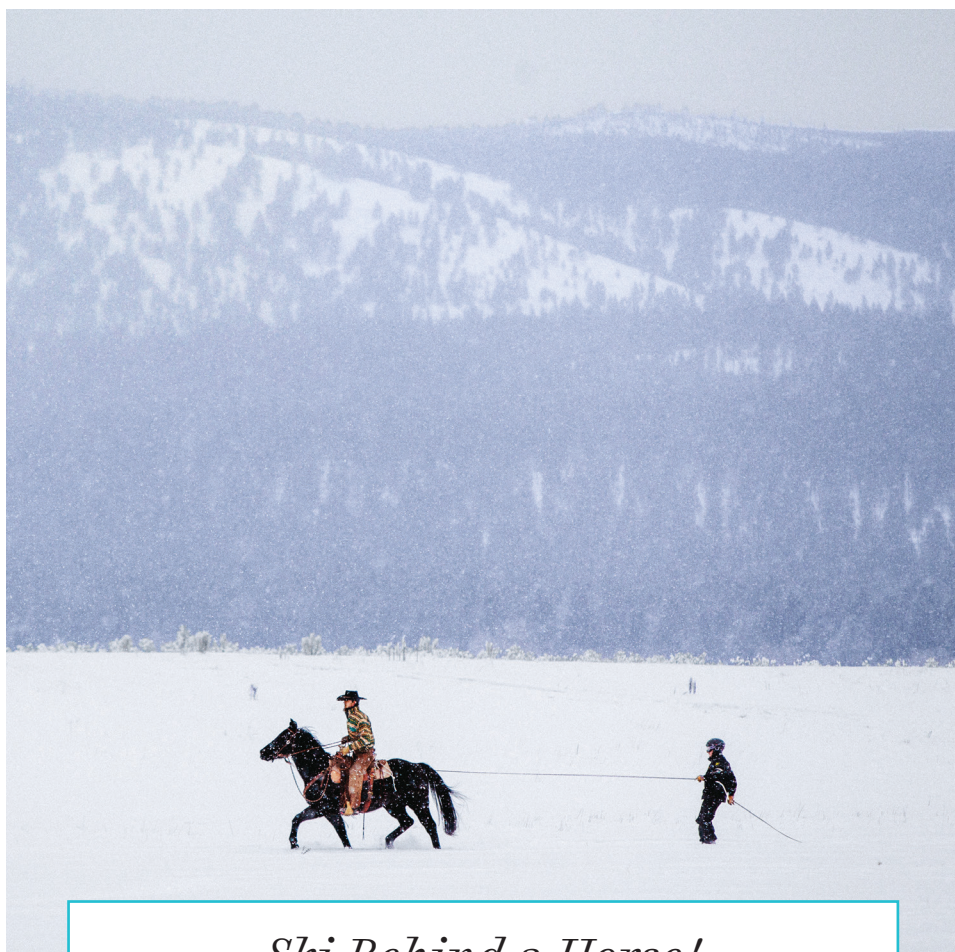


**THE SAUCER**  
Saucer Snow Sled  
\$24; [walmart.com](http://walmart.com)



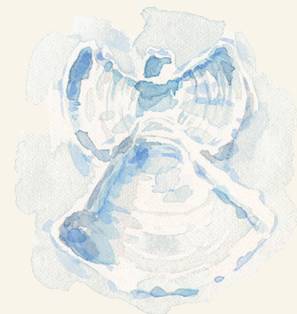
**THE WAGON**  
Convertible Wagon  
\$130; [kotulas.com](http://kotulas.com)

Replace the wheels with skis!



### *Ski Behind a Horse!*

It's called skijoring—derived from the Norwegian word for “ski driving”—and it's a high-adrenaline Paws Up pastime. (Nearby Whitefish, MT, hosts the skijoring World Championships, and there's a campaign to include the sport in the Winter Olympics.) To see it in action, check out [skijoringamerica.com](http://skijoringamerica.com) for events near you.



#### FIELD NOTES

### Make a Better Snow Angel.

Whether you “wing it” on the property's 37,000 snowy acres or in your backyard, know that you'll leave the crispest silhouette in the wee morning before the sun softens the snow. After completing the standard jumping jack motion, swing your legs (together, as one unit) from left to right to eliminate a middle pileup. Hug your legs toward your chest, then stand. (Psst: Montana's neighbor, North Dakota, holds the Guinness World Record for the most simultaneous snow angels: 8,962 on the Bismarck State Capitol grounds!)





### *Consult a S'moreologist.*

At the Paws Up fire pit, s'more-making is serious business. The property's butlers and culinary staff go through culinary training to become Certified S'moreologists, inspiring guests to infuse their graham cracker concoctions with beyond-the-bar ingredients such as sea salt caramels, maple-bourbon candied bacon, or candied oranges with spicy pepper-infused chocolate. Guests can also attain one of three levels of S'more Certification, which comes with a pin and a Paws Up Certificate of Advanced S'moreology.

## PULL ON A BOBBLE HAT.

Pom-poms can be traced to Vikings and, later, military uniforms. (Some say they helped seamen avoid hitting their heads!)



**Fair Isle**  
\$39; [bodenusa.com](http://bodenusa.com)



**Monochrome**  
\$30; [buffusa.com](http://buffusa.com)



**Kids' Stripe**  
\$30; [jcrew.com](http://jcrew.com)



**Multicolor**  
\$44; [pistildesigns.com](http://pistildesigns.com)





## WARM UP ON THE INSIDE.

Step aside, snow cream! This rum-based refreshment from the Paws Up bar menu will warm you from the inside out.

### The Driven Snow

Dip the rim of a glass in water, then in finely crushed candy canes. Combine 1½ oz. white chocolate liqueur, 1 oz. blackstrap rum, ½ oz. ginger liqueur, and ice in a cocktail shaker. Shake vigorously, then strain into prepared glass. Serve garnished with a bite-size gingerbread cookie, if desired. *Makes 1 serving.*



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## Play Reindeer Games.

Ice hockey may reign at Paws Up, but you can try your mittened hand at one of these powdery pastimes.



### Ice-Castle Contest

Pack snow tightly in Bundt pans and see who can create the most epic winter retreat (or ice igloo!).



### Snowball Practice

Place an archery target (\$40; [cabelas.com](http://cabelas.com))—or any designated target—at shoulder height and...go!



### Tic-Tac-Snow

Draw lines in the snow, then use sticks for Xs and pine cones for Os.



### Ice Balloon "Egg" Hunt

Freeze balloons (or food-colored ice cubes) and hide in the yard. Try an ice bucket as a collecting caddy.

## FIELD NOTES

### Make a Rancher Snowman.

*At a working cattle ranch with hundreds of Black Angus cows roaming the property, a plain old snowman simply won't do. Instead, consider fashioning ol' Frosty in the spirit of a wrangler, complete with work gloves, a red bandanna, a cowboy hat, and a wheat stem in lieu of a cornucob pipe.*







Brussels Sprouts with Pickled Shallots and Hazelnuts

Hasselback Potato Gratin

Cranberry Tart

Roasted Squash with Goat Cheese and poached Cranberries

Pork Chops with a Bourbon-Molasses Glaze

## FEAST ON SOMETHING HEARTY.

Paws Up's executive chef, Sunny Jin, has a serious food-world pedigree (Napa Valley's French Laundry, Spain's El Bulli). His latest endeavor: perfecting come-in-from-the-cold cuisine with dishes like **Glazed Pork Chops** and **Hasselback Potato Gratin** (see recipes, page 101).

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