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Channel your inner cowgirl—or boy—at The Resort at Paws Up in Montana, specializing in authentic and often thrilling ranching, adventure, and glamping activities to suit everyone from the city to the town.

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THE RESORT AT PAWS UP

Mierweiler Lewis and William Clark stumbled onto something when they entered what is now called Montana on April 27, 1805. Yes, the very same Lewis and Clark who led the first expedition to cross the western part of the United States and stood upon “Louseboot Rock” to take in the sheer expanse and breathtaking beauty of Montana. It’s no coincidence that The Resort at Paws Up settled in this same place to establish its ranch on 37,000 acres of the very same unspoiled Montana wilderness that captivated Lewis and Clark.

So, if you’ve ever dreamed of wrangling cattle, rappelling down a cliff, glamping along a riverbank, or simply soaking in the breathtaking beauty of Montana’s “Big Sky” from the front
porch of your own log cabin, Paws Up will not disappoint. Now is the perfect time to book with nonstop flights from Chicago to Missoula beginning in June. While The Resort at Paws Up may have coined the term "glamping," it is also known for its extensive ranching and adventure activities, and lodging in luxurious homes in addition to luxury tents. The term "Paws Up" came from a family friend who thought that when dogs are happy, they jump up and show their paws. Hence the saying "Paws Up!"

You'll be happy, too, and find it hard to leave. One of the first things you receive at check-in—which takes place at the aptly named Lewis & Clark Reception Barn—is a set of keys to your own car to use around the ranch property. Remember, the ranch is a sprawling 37,000 acres, so most activities and venues are not within walking distance to one another. You'll be glad they're not because it only enhances the opportunity to connect with the vast and beautiful Montana sky.

You'll also receive instructions on downloading the Paws Up app for smartphones. Despite the resort's decidedly rustic aesthetic, it offers advanced technology to assist guests. This handy "concierge" at your fingertips, includes itineraries, appointments, messages, maps, menus, and a lot more. Once checked in, you'll drive to your selected lodging, at one of the two vastly different options in accommodation options:

Luxury Homes—aka huge log cabins, named after some aspect of the Lewis and Clark expedition, such as Sage Thrasher and Cackling Goose. Each home offers all the creature comforts of a five-star hotel (think 300-thread-count sheets and symphonious hot tubs under the stars) in a rugged and refined luxury home. Nestled in a forest of tall timbers that overlook rolling meadows, majestic rivers, pastoral creeks, and panoramic mountain expanses.

Safari-style Tents—a la glamping and The Americans Safari™, allow you to get close to nature in your perfectly appointed tent (think hardwood floors, fine linens, air conditioning, and heat, plus a private en-suite bath with heated slate floors, stylish vanities, and Montana-size showers). Revel in a serene and authentic experience with the sound of the river rushing by and an open-air dining pavilion complete with roaring fireplace and a bonfire pit for stargazing after dinner. Camps span different areas of the resort, from Creekside Camp, along a creek; Moonlight Camp, at the foot of the Lewis and Clark's famous Lookout Rock; and River Camp, on the banks of the Blackfoot River.

Once checked in, you'll be tempted to stay put and relax in your private oasis, but you'll want to check your app to see what's next on your itinerary. The resort's carefully planned activities range from horseback riding to fly-fishing. You'll be able to explore the area's abundant wildlife, including deer, elk, and bison, or simply enjoy the natural beauty of the surrounding mountains.

The resort also offers a wide range of dining options, from casual poolside snacks to fine dining in the main lodge. You'll find a variety of restaurants and bars to suit your taste, from gourmet cuisine to casual fare. The resort's spa offers a range of treatments to relax and rejuvenate, while the fitness center provides equipment and classes to keep you active.

As you embark on your adventure, remember to take in the beauty of the surrounding landscape and the rich history of the land. The Lewis and Clark Expedition left an enduring legacy, and the resort is proud to honor that history with its carefully crafted experiences. Whether you prefer the comfort of a luxury home or the allure of a safari-style tent, you're sure to find a home away from home at Paws Up.
For children, supervised, age-appropriate activities include everything from biking and horseback riding to fishing and mountain biking, as well as nature education, wildlife appreciation, and wilderness activities. There are so many adventure activities to choose from. Here are a few that our group experienced and recommends:

Equestrian Adventure—Saddle up to experience the ultimate western experience of a Cattle Drive, where you’ll set out to gather the cattle and trail them to the working corrals, sort some cattle, then trail them back to the home pasture. It’s the real deal, and both skilled and novice riders can join experienced ranch hands in driving a herd of cattle for an experience of a lifetime. Or perhaps you’re more in the mood for guided horseback riding along pristine meadows and along trails forested with ancient ponderosa pines as you ride to a ridge overlooking Paws Up ranch.

Fly Fishing—The Resort at Paws Up is an angler’s retreat that’s located within the golden triangle of western trout fishing. It boasts a crest-full of legendary rivers on property or near-by—including the Blackfoot, Bitterroot, Missouri, and Clark Fork.

River Trips—Choose from three types of river trips for all levels of adventure. For a leisurely, calm trek, the Clearwater River Canoe Trip offers fun for all ages. Those wanting a bit more excitement can float down the Blackfoot River and its class I and II rapids in a raft or inflatable kayak. And for those wanting the ultimate thrill, opt for the Alberton Gorge Whitewater Rafting, a full day adventure featuring class III+ rapids.

Beach Rafting—You’ll begin your Montana rafting asrap the famed Lookout Rock, where Meriwether Lewis once stood. After posing for a moment to admire the stunning views, including the majestic Blackfoot River below, you’ll lower yourself by rope down the sheer 167-foot rock face. Of course, the resort has all the gear necessary to make your descent as safe and scenic as it is thrilling, with well-trained Paws Up guides attending to your every need.

ATV Trail—Mount your own motor-powered all-terrain vehicle, and then scale mountains, slide through streams, power through brush, and even cruise through a ghost town. The backcountry is gorgeous, the pace is moderate, and the exhilaration is unforgettable.

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Island Lodge at Salmon Lake—Just Unveiled! New for 2018, guests at Paws Up will be thrilled to discover the Island Lodge at Salmon Lake, a private retreat nestled among pines. It serves as the central gathering spot for a whole host of sumptuous lake activities. Just a 15-minute drive from The Resort at Paws Up, you’ll discover the Island Lodge at Salmon Lake like having your own private island where you can enjoy water sports, fine cuisine, and breathtaking scenery. Full-day plus three- hour morning, afternoon, and evening excursions are available. It’s the ultimate idyllic setting for full-day excursions, corporate retreats, and weddings.

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