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## MONTANA WINTER ESCAPE: THE RESORT AT PAWS UP REVIEW



As we made the drive from Missoula, Montana, the scenic mountains towered over us. Expansive valleys and snow-topped trees held promise for the road we were turning off to — a large sign saying "The Resort at Paws Up." Arriving onto the 37,000-acre ranch in the Blackfoot Valley, we were greeted in a rustic luxurious building. A bit of this and that, and we were handed the keys to what would be an unforgettable winter Montana adventure.



The resident bison at the ranch.

Making our way straight to the dining area for lunch, I was smitten as we walked in. On the left was Trough, where we would come for breakfast and lunch every day, decorated as if you were inside a large tent. On the right was Tank, a dreamy bar doubling as an intimate dining area aside a blistering fire. The attention to detail was what caught my attention immediately — every corner was considered, and in a way that elegantly brought together Western flare and chic materials.

As part of staying at The Resort at Paws Up, three meals a day are included with your nightly rate. Each meal was spectacular — fresh ingredients, beautifully designed plates, and their huckleberry pancakes are out of this world. For dinner, we dined at Pomp where every night the menu changed, offering a refined meal.



After fueling up, we headed to our Wilderness Estates home. We pulled up to the luxury ranch-style home that opened up to expanding views over open wilderness — it was breathtaking.

Stepping into the three bedroom home, the large fireplace and cozy couches awaited for time to rest. The Wilderness Estates home had every amenity needed for a comfortable stay — a loft game room, a mud room with laundry, an outdoor hot tub, and a desk with a view. I felt at home, as no detail was overlooked. A glass of wine and snacks helped to unwind the day.

The three master suites with en-suite bathrooms were perfectly decorated, offering plush beds, full closets to unpack, and a large bathroom. Every night you could choose from a soak in the spa tub or a rinse in the slate shower, with large robes to sink into afterwards. With the bed set to go and the house buttoned up from a nightly turndown service, a good night's sleep was in tow.





Waking up to a Montana sunrise is unlike any other, the sweeping sky feels exciting.  
We were headed out on a full day of adventure.

Booked in for a snowmobiling adventure, I was thrilled to get one-on-one with the outdoors. We headed out into the ranch where we wended through trees and stopped at vistas, keeping our eyes peeled for wildlife like deer, elk, and birds of prey. It was an adventure that gave you an opportunity to get personal with what makes Montana great: nature. That afternoon we headed out for what would be my first trail ride in the snow. Our guide described it as exploring Narnia, and I couldn't agree more. As we made our way through the snow, our horses guided us on a picturesque trail.

Our final morning was spent at the spa, one of the best ways to end a stay at The Resort at Paws Up. During the winter months, Spa Town nestles inside the intimate Morris Ranch Home. A one hour Swedish massage did just the trick to sooth tired muscles and rejuvenate for the journey home.

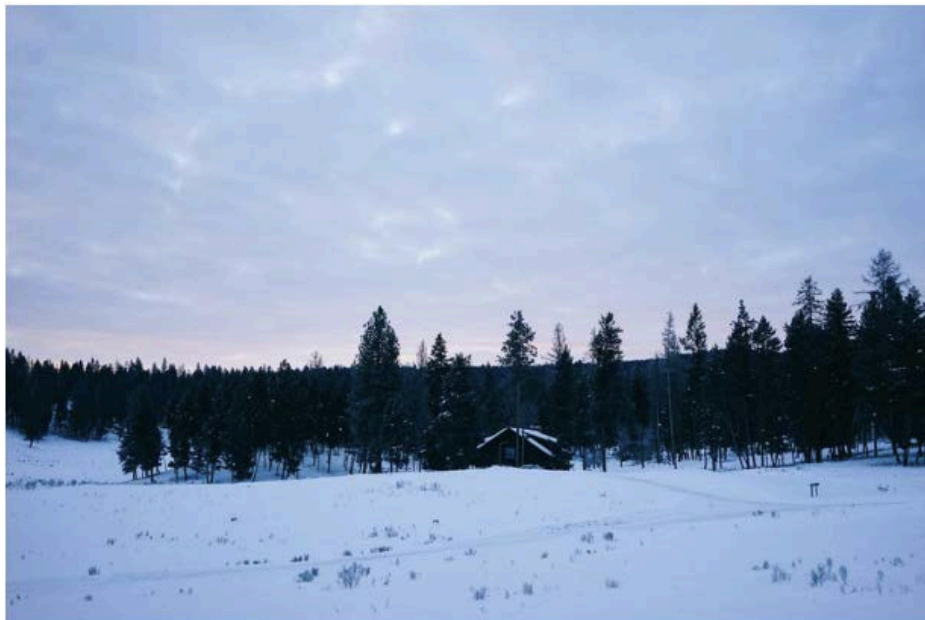
(Staying at the Resort at Paws Up includes an array of [included winter experiences](#) like unguided snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, ice skating, snowmobile tubing, archery and more. [Other winter activities](#) to do are skijoring (skiing behind a horse), dogsledding, sleigh rides, guided tours, and more.)





The time was memorable. Experiencing winter at The Resort at Paws Up felt cozy with fireside moments with a hot cocoa in hand inside a dreamy ranch home. I felt like a kid again, chasing down snowy adventures coupled with luxurious amenities. It's a true winter wonderland that offers an intimate journey in the great outdoors of Montana.

The Resort at Paws Up provides an opportunity to have a tailored experience that will give you memories that will indeed have you coming back for more.



**Bon Traveler's Tips:**

- + Be sure to book your activities in advance through a helpful concierge that will tailor your itinerary to you.
  - + With included airport transfers, once your on property each home includes a 5-person car to use or the resort offers transportation at all times making it easy to get around!
- + Try something new! Snowmobile, dogsled, be pampered at the spa, or give a go at cross-country skiing — there is so much to experience!

**The Resort at Paws Up**

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\*Bon Traveler was welcomed as a guest of The Resort at Paws Up. As always, all opinions are own.

