

Get Your Glamp On in Montana

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As a lover of both Mother Nature and the finer things in life, I've always held a fascination with the "glamping" trend. The Resort at Paws Up, located 35 minutes northeast of Missoula, Montana, was one of the first luxury resorts to embrace the idea of outdoor living. It's also the perfect place to hold a family-friendly wedding for the nature lovers in your life. If you want to host your event at this glamezon of a rural resort, be aware that Paws Up only hosts elopements or small weddings (20 or less) June through August.

Take over your own piece of luxe camping real estate May through September at one of five camps. Each camp boasts six safaristyle tents and a dedicated chef and butter. If you prefer a traditional roof over your head, there are 28 expansive private homes. If little ones want to sleep under the stars, eight of the homes also come with fully outfitted "backyard" tents. The rates include all meals, airport transfers and even a Kia Soul for use during your stay. When it comes to activities, Paws Up offers all the ranch staples, plus unique options like a petting zoo in the summer and an ice skating rink in the winter.

The Resort at Paws Up hosts the majority of their weddings in the off-season, but this doesn't mean you're missing out. In fact, the staff will roll out the red carpet for you and your entire wedding party. The 37,000-acre ranch is your oyster and the Big Sky is the limit. Paws Up has gone so far as to transport a grand piano into the wilderness and marry a couple on a sandbar in the middle of the Blackfoot River.

The Resort at Paws Up is a special place, where abundance meets adventure, and the Meriwether Lewis quote displayed in the Lewis and Clark Reception Barn says it best. You and your guests will be "...much pleased at having arrived at this long wished for spot."

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