



*Authentic Experiences.*

*Real Hospitality.*

*It all starts here.*





*Experiential  
Travel...*

*pursuing slow, immersed, &  
authentic experiences.*



## WHAT TO EXPECT

Flathead Lake Lodge has been owned by the Averill family for three generations and counting. When you stay with us, you become part of our family, too. We pride ourselves on a special way of life—an informal approach that emphasizes friendship and warm hospitality, no matter what. The property itself combines the comfort of a luxury resort with the grit of a working ranch, the wilderness of the American West and the conveniences of any modern city.

Once you arrive, the experience here is all-inclusive, which means you don't have to worry about anything at all. We'll set you up with our horses. We'll book your on-site activities. We'll prepare your snacks and meals. We'll even lend you wheels if you want them, to explore. We aim to take care of everything so you and your traveling companions can relax and soak up the Western Montana vibe.

*We welcome you to our  
ranch and home...*

*We hope you enjoy your stay.*



## ROOTS IN RANCHING

The ranch is the heart of the operation at Flathead Lake Lodge. We have about 120 quarter horses—most of which come from Montana. These are horses that can be ridden by anybody, from the most hardened cowboys to the most anxious city slickers, grandparents to grandkids ages 6 and up.

Our horse program revolves around trail rides. These daily excursions offer the opportunity to explore Montana's beautiful mountain country; miles of scenic and private trails take you through majestic and remote areas overlooking Flathead Lake and the Swan Mountain Range. Each ride is guided by a wrangler familiar with both the horses and terrain. Rides vary in distance and length throughout the week. Horses can walk, trot, or lope—whatever makes you comfortable.

Other ranching opportunities include roping, team penning, and barrel racing. For guests who'd rather not saddle up, we can arrange feeding and brushing sessions to foster different kinds of connections with our horses.



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## ON-SITE ACTIVITIES

There is no shortage of things to do at Flathead Lake Lodge. In addition to our ranch activities, we offer a number of land-based diversions for guests of all ages.

Hiking is by far the most popular activity, with more than 100 miles of trails spanning the property. Longer tromps head up into the Swan Mountains and look out onto the Jewel Basin and the Bob Marshall Wilderness, one of the largest wilderness areas in the country. Shorter trails hug the shores of Flathead Lake, providing a different perspective on the beauty of the region.

Guests love mountain biking on our land, and we have a pond on property stocked with Rainbow trout, so we offer fly-fishing lessons every Monday. Other activities include tennis, beach volleyball, and lawn games such as horseshoes, cornhole, and ladder ball. We have a heated pool, and we organize nighttime bonfires with music and s'mores. Of course you can always just spread a blanket on the lawn and read a book.

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## ENJOY THE LAKE

Our name says it all—the Lodge sits on the shores of Flathead Lake, the largest natural U.S. freshwater lake west of the Mississippi. This means you can take full advantage of a host of water sports at any time during your stay.

Number 1 on this list: Sailing. We have four, 27-foot Olympic soling sloops guests can sail solo, and two historic 51-foot Q-class racing sloops you can sail with a skipper. The racing sloops were built in 1928 and 1929 as prototypes for America's Cup boats, and our craftsmen have spent 15 years restoring the vessels. Our fleet also includes two vintage powerboats for motorized boat cruises; small fishing boats that are perfect for catching trout, pike, and char; and canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddle boards.

For more adrenaline-pumping fun, we also pull wake surfers, wakeboarders, water-skiers, and knee-boarders from a speedboat every afternoon. Guests are welcome to ride along in the ski boat or strap in themselves.



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## EXPLORE THE PROPERTY

With just under 2,000 acres, our property runs from the shores of Flathead Lake all the way to the tops of the Mission Mountains. Because this expanse is private, our guests have it all to themselves.

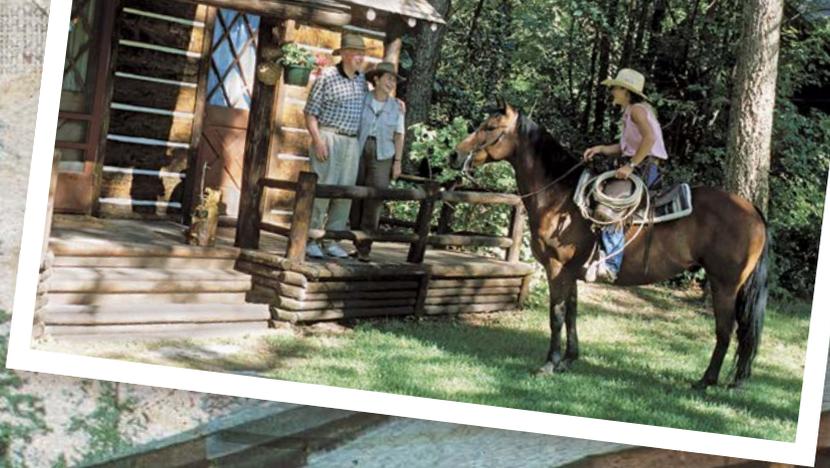
The vast majority of our land—about 1,500 acres in all—is open for horseback riding and exploration on foot or by bike. Trails climb steep ridges and drop into lush valleys as they wind back from the lake. Alpine lakes abound. You also might find old homesteader cabins stocked with artifacts from another century. One of the cabins overlooks the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Swan Valley. The views from this spot are mind-bendingly gorgeous.

Our land also includes a 500-acre elk preserve. Depending on the time of year, we'll have anywhere from 15 to 30 Rocky Mountain Elk, roaming as they wish, free from poachers and outside threats. Our wranglers lead regular rides up and into the preserve; it's also the site of our weekly steak fry cookout.

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## SPEND THE NIGHT

Overnight accommodations at Flathead Lake Lodge are what we like to call luxury rustic. They're cozy. They're comfy. All rooms come standard with hand-hewn log furniture and handmade quilts. In terms of technology, there's Wi-Fi, but that's it—no televisions, no telephones. We like it that way.

Accommodations are spread along the lakeshore across three lodge buildings and a variety of standalone log cabins. One of the lodge buildings dates back to 1932 and has been modernized over time. The cabins vary in size—1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom—and feature fireplaces and porches.

We give guests keys to their rooms upon arrival, but we like to think of the keys as optional. Our ranch is so private, so safe, that you don't really have to lock your doors at all.





## TASTE OF MONTANA

All of the food we serve at Flathead Lake Lodge is homemade in our kitchen on-site. We try to incorporate as many local ingredients as we can. Sometimes we'll even forage huckleberries or mushrooms from the woods around us.

We prepare three meals in the main dining room each day, and serve them family-style at long communal tables. The idea behind this setup is simple: We want our guests to get to know each other and become friends. Between meals, we stock an abundance of fresh-baked pastries and snacks near the kitchen—these goodies always are available.

Every week we offer a handful of “Destination Meals” around the property. One day this might be a breakfast camp up the mountain; another day it might be a lunch ride to a remote cabin. Our open-pit steak fry cookout is a guest-favorite; if riding up to the cookout on horseback or vintage fire trucks doesn't blow your mind, the live music and family bean recipes most certainly will.



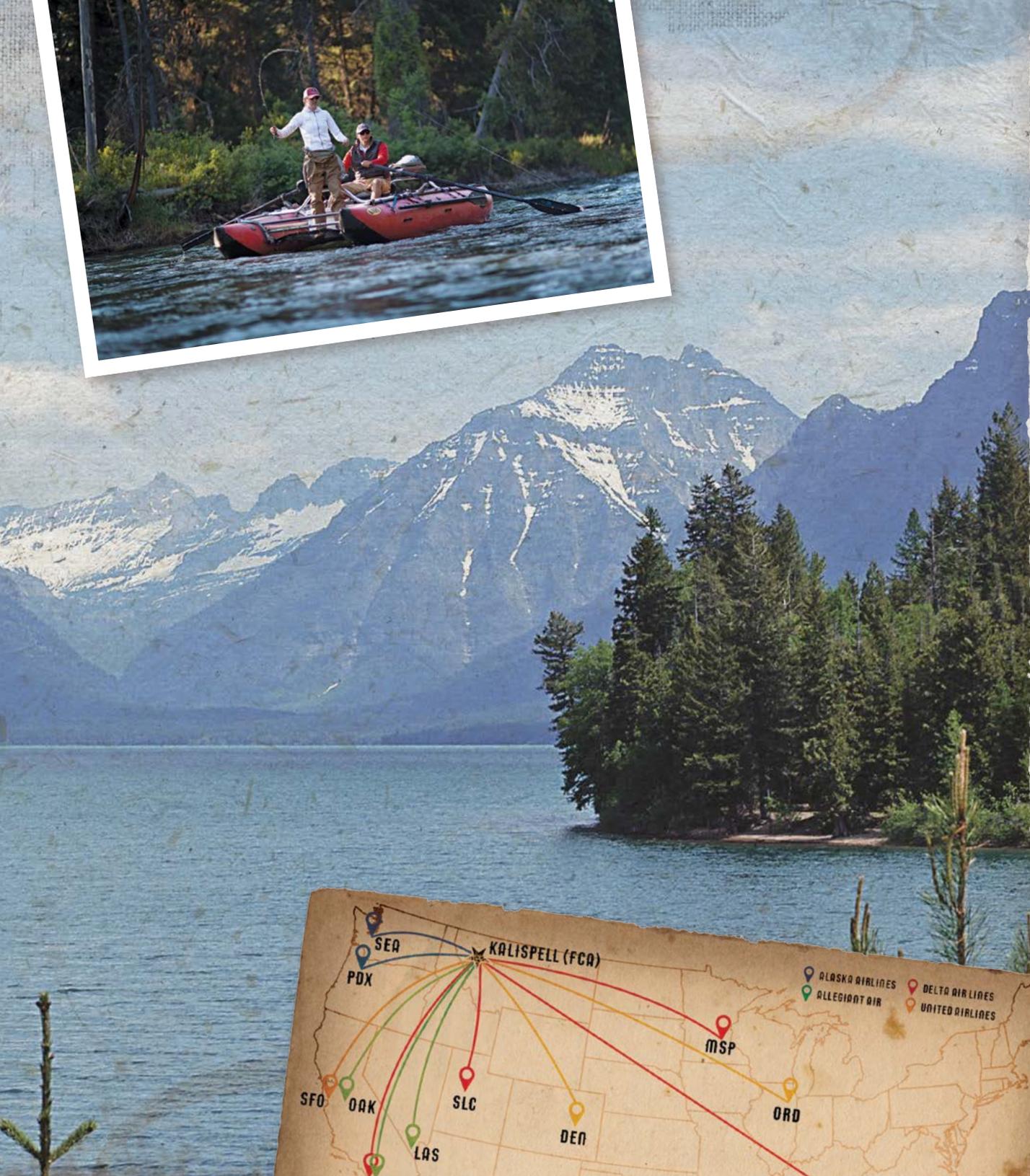
## SPECIAL EVENTS

Every week at Flathead Lake Lodge is highlighted by special events designed to create camaraderie among guests. Some of these activities involve horses; others do not.

On the ranch, some of these unique opportunities include steer roping, during which everyone can watch cowboys and cowgirls demonstrate some of the skills needed on a ranch; team cattle penning, when guests can organize teams to rustle cattle together; and a guest rodeo that enables guests of all ages to engage in a fun morning of games at the barn.

Other special events throughout the week include mouse races, during which guests can wager on the mouse of their choice; a barn dance; and a beach bonfire that includes games, s'mores, and live music. There's also a sunset boat cruise on Flathead Lake—this all-ages excursion offers a great vantage point to watch the kaleidoscope of colors that emerge as the sun dips below the horizon for the night.





## WHAT'S NEARBY

Most guests come to Flathead Lake Lodge and don't leave for a week. Others are excited to take some time to explore the Flathead Valley and beyond. We welcome either approach.

Despite how isolated the lodge feels, the closest town, Bigfork, is just a 15-minute walk away. Bigfork is home to a craft brewery, a distillery, coffee shops, and art galleries. There's also the Bigfork Playhouse, a regionally renowned community theater.

Farther afield, of course, is Glacier National Park, one of the oldest national parks in the system. Guests love driving the 50-mile Going-to-the-Sun Road that winds up and over the part of the Rockies known as the "Crown of the Continent." Most stop at Logan Pass, the highest point along the journey. The picturesque Lake McDonald Valley is another popular place to stop on day trips in the park.

Flathead Lake Lodge is 35 minutes from Glacier Park International Airport in Kalispell, making travel days a cinch.

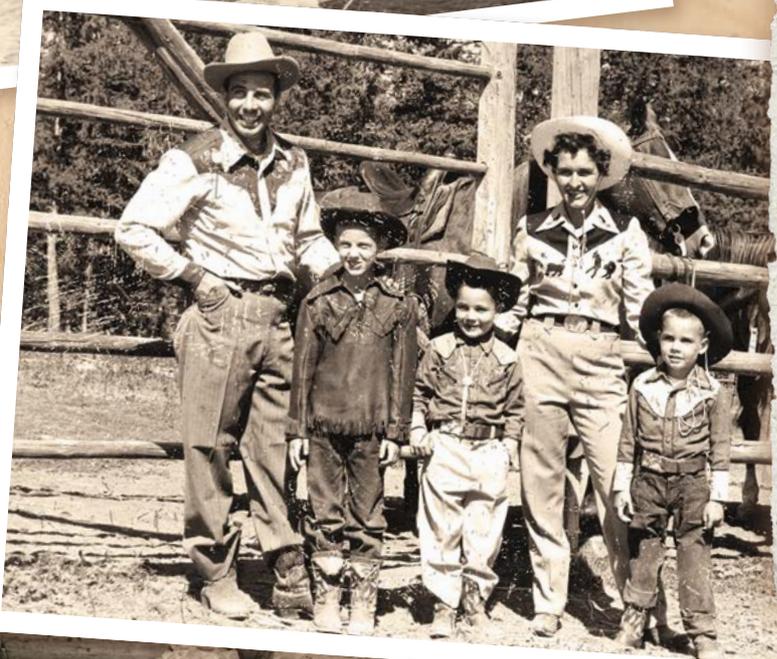


*The history of Flathead Lake Lodge spans  
the better part of a century and  
three generational chapters of the Averill family.*

The first chapter is all about Les Averill, who returned from World War II, toured the abandoned circa-1932 Flathead Recreation Ranch for Boys, and bought it on the spot. The property was dilapidated back then, but Les and his family worked around the clock to whip it into shape. In 1945 the property reopened as Flathead Lake Lodge. As visitors and political dignitaries came to the area to oversee construction of the nearby Hungry Horse Dam, the Lodge amassed a regular clientele.

Chapter 2 began in 1971, when Doug Averill, one of eight sons, took over. Together with his wife, Maureen, Doug added new buildings and new land, expanded the ranching program, and doubled-down on his father's commitment to hospitality. Doug established strong connections to the U.S. military, offering Flathead Lake Lodge as the setting for the International Fellows, a Department of Defense-sponsored gathering of leaders from 55 countries. He also launched a corporate retreat business that has made Flathead Lake Lodge one of the most desirable meeting centers in Montana.

The third and current chapter of the lodge's history started in 2016, when Doug and Maureen's sons, Chase and Laine, took over day-to-day operations. "The boys" have introduced modern touches such as Wi-Fi, a culinary program driven by local produce, and more. Still, after all these years, after three generations of leadership, the friendship and warm hospitality you'll experience while staying at Flathead Lake Lodge remains the same.





*For 3 generations,  
we've been making memories  
to last a lifetime.*



*We look forward  
to helping you make yours.*