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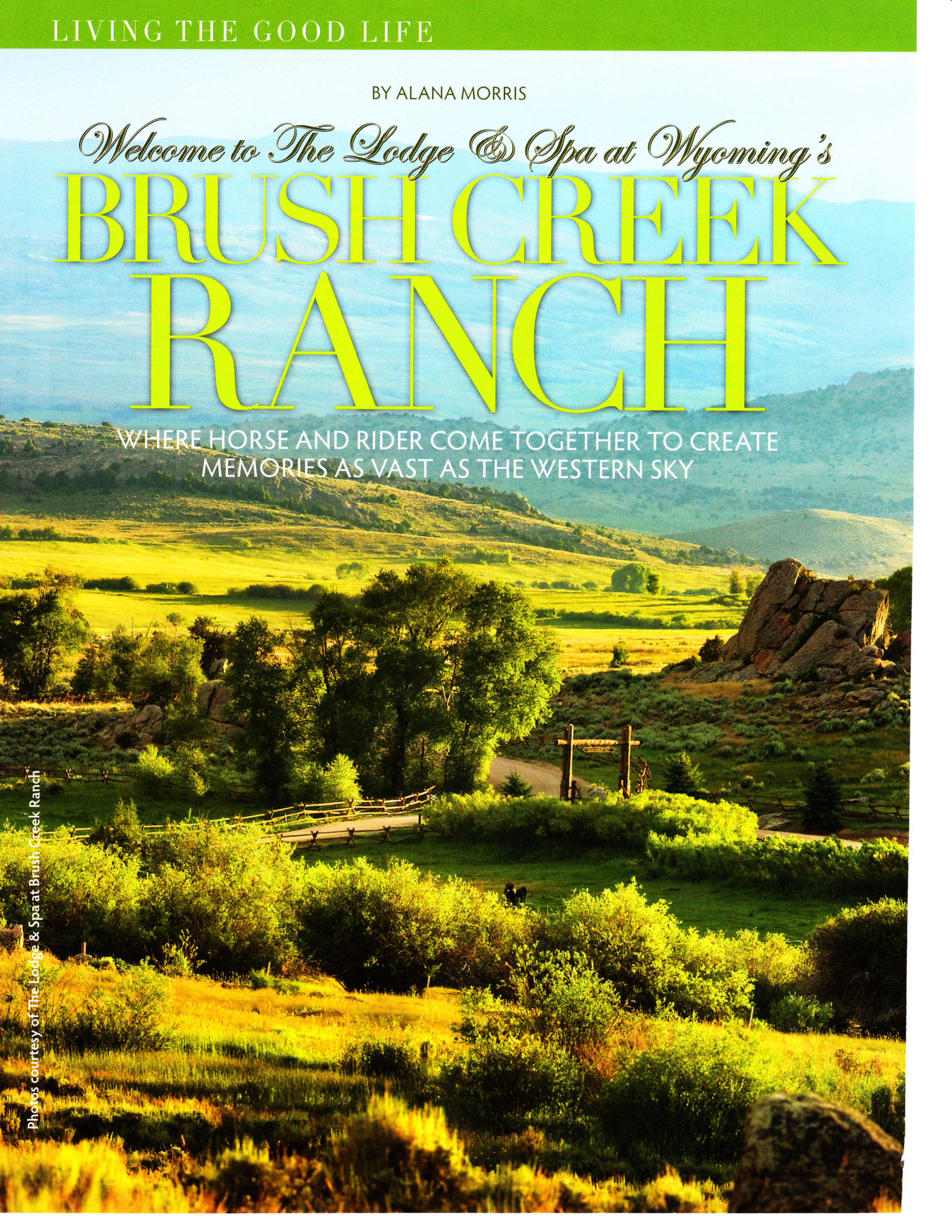
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*Welcome to The Lodge & Spa at Wyoming's*  
**BRUSH CREEK  
RANCH**

WHERE HORSE AND RIDER COME TOGETHER TO CREATE  
MEMORIES AS VAST AS THE WESTERN SKY

Photos courtesy of The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch





Step through the gates of The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch in Saratoga, Wyoming, and this 13,000-acre vacation getaway unfolds as the adventure of a lifetime. Recently opened, this new icon in Western destinations is an exclusive, independent boutique retreat where nearly everything—accommodations, five-star meals and an endless array of activities, adventure and experiences—is included in the stay. With its grand lodge, spa, equestrian center, incredible recreation and array of accommodations, The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch is a perfect destination for family escapes as well as weddings and events.

## THE DREAM

Located outside of the old West town of Saratoga in south central Wyoming's North Platte River Valley, The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch has been a homestead and ranch since the 1880s. The Ranch was acquired by Bruce White, Chairman and CEO of White Lodging, operator of award-winning hotel brands across the country, in late 2008 to serve as a family sanctuary and as a place to hold charity functions for the Bruce and Beth White Family Foundation. Over time, White realized that he wanted to share this land with those who would truly appreciate its culture and heritage as well as its ability to inspire.

Responsible conservation is the philosophical underpinning of the ranch. With a significant part of the Ranch preserved in a conservation easement, White and the ranch staff are committed to harmoniously balancing the needs of wildlife, livestock, the land and the watershed through an ongoing land, stream, pond and forestry restoration and management plan, ensuring that Brush Creek Ranch will flourish for generations to come. And thank goodness for it, because Brush Creek Ranch is truly a one-of-a-kind Western retreat.

## LOOKING FOR RELAXATION? THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

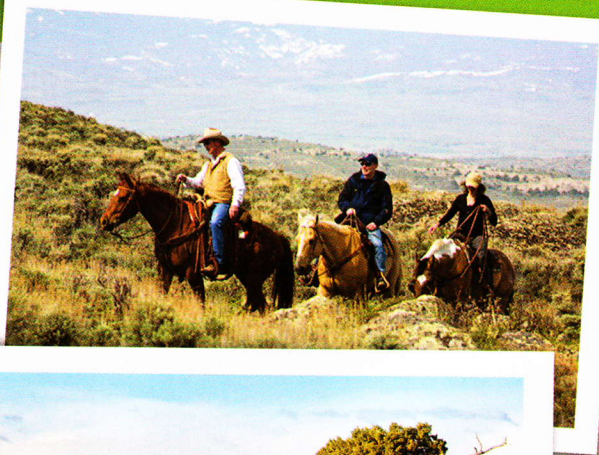
The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch is set amid a working cattle ranch and while the influence of ranching life is apparent, it's clear great care has been taken to create an exceptional level of service and diversity of amenities. The grand, old-growth timber Trailhead Lodge is spectacular with its great room and 28-foot ceilings, huge open hearth fire places,

full bar, culinary exhibition kitchen and a dining and lounge area with expansive views and windows looking towards Bennett Peak. The outdoor areas have expansive wrap around decks and patios perfect for lounging at day's end with a cold beer, and watching the sunset over the mountains and plains. For those interested in hosting events—including weddings—at Brush Creek Ranch, the Lodge has abundant meeting spaces from boardrooms to flexible indoor/outdoor private dining options to an elegant library.

Also in the lodge is The Spa at Brush Creek Ranch, which offers a multitude of treatments and therapies, as well as a steam room and sauna, outdoor hot tub, mini-salon, manicure and pedicure stations and an outdoor teepee for teepee massages. The Ranch boasts a number of signature spa treatments including the Wyoming River Stone Massage which uses hot basalt stones to relieve stress; the Spirit Journey Body Scrub which incorporates Native American poultice rituals and warm essential oils to reduce muscular tension; the End of the Trail Body Polish, which massages juniper, lavender and oils into the body and nourishes dehydrated skin; and the Sacagawea Signature facial which uses heat and light to help restore the skin after a long day outdoors.

Adjacent to the spa is a state-of-the-art fitness center featuring cardio equipment with built in LCD screens, free weights, a multi-station gym and state-of-the-art indoor cycling trainers with built-in video screens. Guests can also get a personal trainer during their stay or sign up for fitness hikes, yoga and other activities.

The luxurious accommodations and re-



fined western decor at the Ranch have their own personality and thoughtful touches, inspired by the natural beauty of the Ranch and its Wyoming heritage. The refined spaces include Log Cabin Residences, Trailhead Lodge Rooms and Cabin Rooms & Suites, all of which include luxury amenities. Located off the great room in the main Lodge, the Trailhead Lodge Rooms feature panoramic views of the Medicine Bow and easy access to all Lodge amenities. The Log Cabin Residences range in size from two to three bedrooms and include a full kitchen with dining area, spacious living area with potbelly stove or fireplace, laundry facilities and two bathrooms.

One of the most spectacular log cabin residences is the Magee Homestead, a secluded collection of four historic restored cabins and a private lodge that offers the ultimate in privacy. The various Cabin Rooms & Suites offer unique, themed rooms that incorporate a Western vibe and décor. Finally, there is a family-style Bunkhouse that sleeps up to 26 people in comfortable twin beds and includes shared bathrooms, perfect for a multi-family getaway or a large, close-knit group.

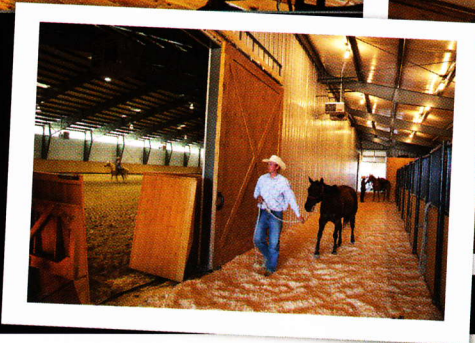
## MOVIN' AND SHAKIN'

The Lodge is perhaps the grandest, but certainly not the only amenity. The Ranch's original hayloft has been restored and transformed into the Cowboy Chapel and Dance Hall, providing an indoor western chapel and dance hall as well as an entertainer's stage and plenty of 'boot scootin' boogie' space. The tranquil





**ABOVE :** You can dust off the trail at the Lodge Saloon. **LEFT:** Whether guests are avid riders or new to the saddle, the Equestrian Center offers something for everyone, and boasts 28,500 square feet, including a spacious indoor arena, boardroom and private viewing space and stables. **RIGHT:** The Log Cabin Residences range in size from two to three bedrooms and include a full kitchen with dining area, spacious living area with potbelly stove or fireplace, laundry facilities and two bathrooms.



wedding and event gardens are a completely restored outdoor venue that is rich in history and offers sweeping views. Originally built by German POWs during the World War II internment under the supervision of a Japanese gardener, the gardens is a meditation space of sorts with beautiful landscape architecture including water, plants and terraces as well as built-in stone seating.

Then there is the magnificent Falcon Peak Overlook, a log structure deck that juts out over the edge of a cliff and has spectacular views of Brush Creek, Francis and Small's Draws, Bennett and Blackhall Peaks and the Sierra Madre mountain range. There's no doubt that the overlook provides the best view of the 13,000 acres that make up the Ranch, and is a favorite locale for guests to practice sunrise yoga.

## SADDLE UP AND RIDE

The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch touts its U-Line Equestrian Center as one of the cornerstones of the resort. Whether guests are avid riders or new to the saddle, the Equestrian Center offers something for everyone, and boasts 28,500 square feet, including a spacious indoor arena, boardroom and private viewing space and stables. Outside is the Mustang Arena, an impressive outdoor

arena and round pen suitable for training, cowboy games, round-ups and the ranch's annual brandings. Guests will meet and greet their horses at the stables before they hit the trail for the guided trail rides. The Equestrian Center hosts numerous events each year including rodeo and riding competitions. The stables house 60 Quarter Horses and recently welcomed a new foal to the family.

Experts and amateurs can tune up their riding skills with lessons from the equine experts at the Ranch. Ron Hawkins, Ranch Manager, directs the equine program, and has more than 30 years of ranch and livestock management experience. Jake Keller, a lifelong horseback rider and rodeo trainer who conducts lessons for guests, assists Mr. Hawkins. His instruction covers the fundamentals of horsemanship, from basic to advanced riding skills and challenge course instruction. For advanced riders, sessions progress to cattle cutting.

## CAMPFIRE COOKING AND CULINARY DELIGHTS

One cannot talk about Brush Creek Ranch without talking about the food. The Ranch has a variety of dining options from casual to sophisticated and can be customized based on dietary restrictions, special events and more.

## THE LODGE & SPA AT BRUSH CREEK RANCH

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From cookouts along Brush Creek, to picnic lunches and sundowner cocktails, guests enjoy a variety of inspired culinary experiences courtesy of the Ranch staff. Meals are served in a several different locales, depending on the time of day and the season. There is a dining and lounge area located in the Lodge and then the Chuck Wagon, a spectacular three-season log structure with a full kitchen, barbeque and open fire pit for breakfast, lunch and dinner served up as traditional family-style dining.

The Chuck Wagon is a great place to start the day with all the Ranch's guests and get geared up for the day's activities, and an equally great place to share tales of the day's adventures over dinner. For some old fashioned western fun, the Ranch's Saloon is a quintessential western gun slinging saloon, complete with a swinging door, cozy fireplace, billiards, piano, jukebox, 50-inch plasma TV and Karaoke.



## IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES

One of the most unique aspects of The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch is that every day offers the opportunity for an adventure. The Ranch sits on 13,000 acres of private land and borders the million-acre Medicine Bow National Forest, so the opportunities for recreation are as endless as the deep blue Wyoming sky, no matter the season.

The area is well known for its fly-fishing, and Brush Creek Ranch guests have access to six miles of private waters on the Ranch including 3.5 miles on Brush Creek itself, known for its incredible wade fishing. Pond fishing is available for beginners and float-fishing expeditions can be scheduled as well. Brush Creek Ranch also offers big game hunting on their private land including antelope, deer, elk, moose, buffalo and mountain lion. The Ranch's 30-mile trail system includes challenge courses, hiking, cross country skiing, geo caching, mountain biking, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, just to name a few. Brush Creek Ranch's own Bow and Gun Club is a competition-quality five stand and 10-station sporting clays course with a unique yurt clubhouse and hospitality center. Also offered is archery, both compound and crossbow, with a 3D range. Near the Lodge are a variety of lawn games including bocce ball, horseshoes, corn hole and a mini-rock climbing wall. Finally, for indoor activities, the Ranch's recreation center has a large indoor center court and cross court for basketball, volleyball, broomball as well as professional grade indoor simulated golf and shooting, shuffleboard, air hockey and foosball.

While you're at the Ranch, spend some time in Saratoga as well, which is home to the famous Saratoga natural hot springs, Old Baldy Golf & Fishing Club and world-class fly-fishing on the North Platte River. Saratoga and The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch are about 45 minutes from Laramie, 80 minutes from Cheyenne and 3.5 hours from Denver. If you are flying, there are commercial flights into Denver, Steamboat Springs and Laramie or private access is available in Saratoga.

The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch is all-inclusive and rates, which are per unit and based on full occupancy, include accommodations, food and beverage—including premium wine and spirits—and all activities on the ranch. Not included are spa services and some of the specialty guided excursions as well as taxes and service fees. Most packages are customized based on individual guests' needs and interests, particularly for weddings and events, but rates generally range from \$720 per night off-peak for single occupancy in one of the lodge rooms to up to \$6,600 per night for a cabin residence that sleeps six during peak times.

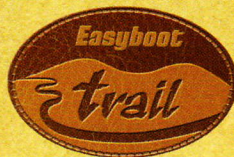


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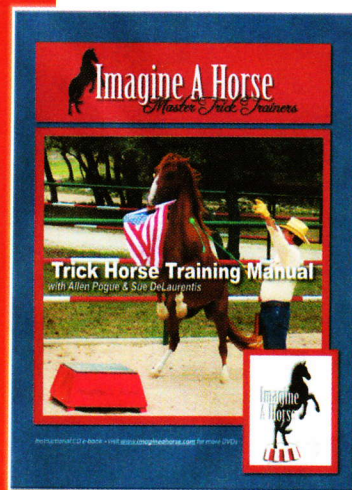


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