

Montana Treasures

Mountain Lake Lodge

A Montana Romantic Getaway

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Infinite surprises await guests at Mountain Lake Lodge in the tiny village of Woods Bay just outside Bigfork...

This hidden gem is destined to become a perpetual work towards perfection with its massive two-story lodge, 30 suites with in-room gas fireplaces and wet bars, Jest Art Gallery, two year-around 24-hour outdoor hot tubs, outdoor infinity swimming pool (summer and fall), in-room jacuzzi bath tubs, gym, individual and couples massage by an on-call masseuse, two first-class restaurants (Schafer's and Riley's Pub & Sports Bar), and a general manager, Kim Abrahamson, who is determined to turn Mountain Lake Lodge into the top destination resort in the Flathead Valley.

"If you want to escape "winter fever," this is the place," Kim said. "There are not many lodges in the area where you can hot tub in the snow or under the stars year around, enjoy stunning views of the Rocky Mountains and Flathead Lake, have a massage and intimate dinner all in one place."

Words like "picturesque" and "charming" and phrases like "rustic charm" hardly do it justice when describing Mountain Lake Lodge. It is also elegant, welcoming and captivating from its ranch style architecture, gorgeous hand-crafted wood details and décor to its spectacular grounds and grand lobby with its river rock fireplace. Everything about the lodge honors Montana and the state's timeless traditions, pioneering spirit and reputation for hospitality.

Kim's aunt and uncle, Joe and Patti Pastor built and own the lodge. And while it cannot take credit for "being" a

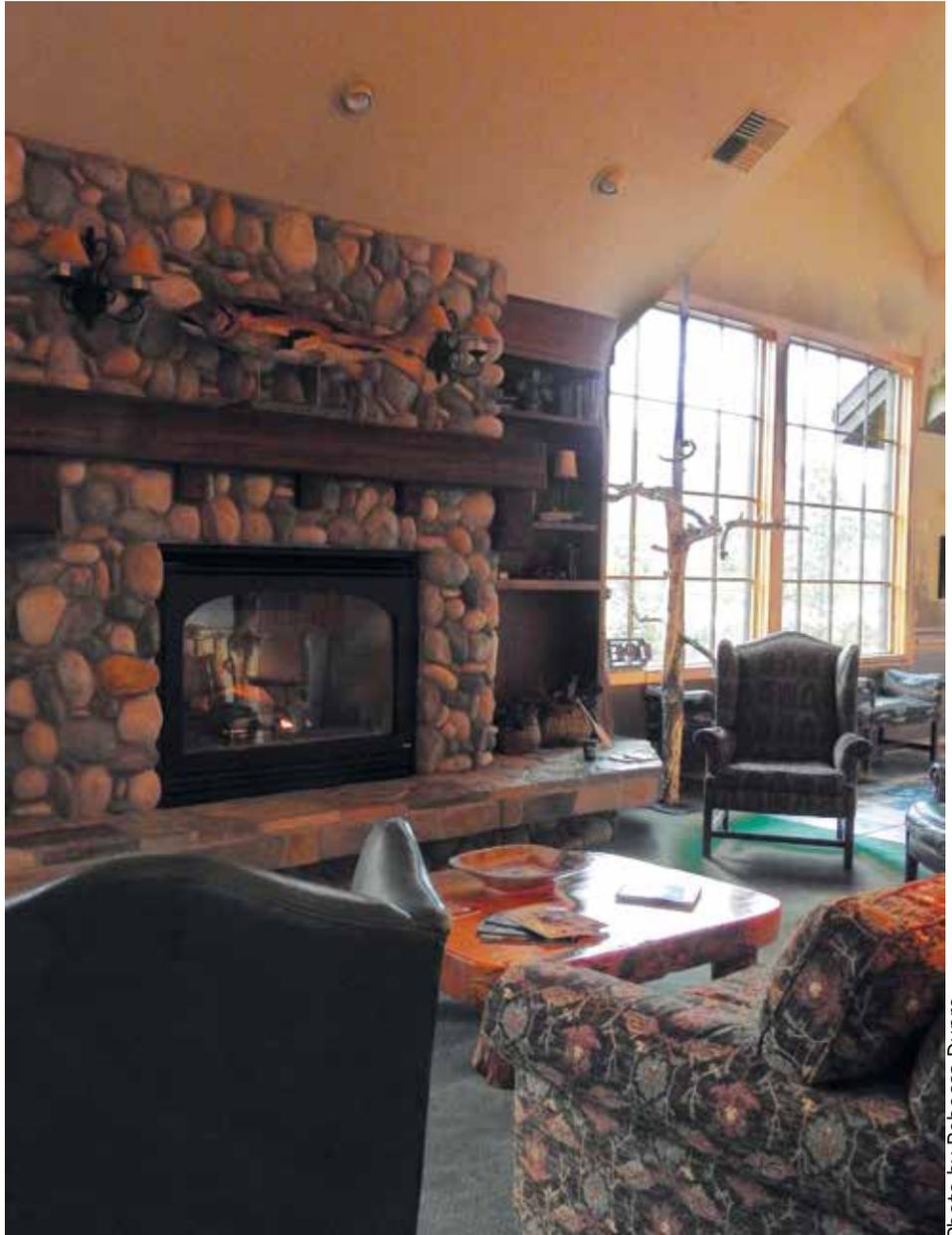


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historic place, it is located in the heart of Flathead Lake's historic Native American influence and legacy to the area, only 40 minutes away from the West Entrance of Glacier National Park and minutes from downtown Kalispell, Eagle Bend (a Jack Nicklaus designed golf course), nearby casinos and the quaint and beautiful town of Bigfork.

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