



First Look: The Green O



Springtime in Montana

On my recent trip to the [Resort at Paws Up](#), I got a sneak peek at what is sure to be this summer's most talked-about new U.S. property. The family that introduced glamping to the [American West](#) is raising the bar for fabulous outdoor experiences with the country's first treehouse accommodations in western Montana's Blackfoot River Valley. The Lipsons, the owners of the Resort at Paws Up, have added **The Green O**, a special adults-only property to their 37,000-acre cattle and bison ranch, which doubles as an outdoor playground for their guests.

Tucked into a towering forest of pine trees are 12 one-bedroom "haus" accommodations, or sleek glass box retreats. Four are raised 15 feet above ground in multi-level treehouses; and the others are nestled into the wooded area, but each one features a fireplace, eco-kitchen, floor-to-ceiling glass walls for deep woods immersion and hot tubs and open-air decks for full forest bathing. A Lexus SUV comes with each haus, so when guests can pull themselves away from their retreat in the woods, they can explore all of Paws Up's offerings, including its many dining venues, spa and sporting activities, which range from white-water rafting or fly-fishing on the legendary

Blackfoot River to clay shooting, archery, mountain biking, hiking and ATV touring on more than 100 miles of trails. With a world-class equestrian center, the Resort's equine activities include, among other options, horse whispering, cattle drives, arena lessons, trail rides and wagon driving.

At the heart of The Green O, which was named after early Montana rancher Paul Greenough, sits the Social Haus, a restaurant that is exclusive to Green O guests, and where the culinary focus is on healthy seasonal dishes cooked over an open fire. In keeping with The Green O's celebration of its natural surroundings, the resort was constructed with sustainable principles, including living roofs. I told the owner on my tour that I will have to come back to sleep in a treehaus and a greenhaus as I couldn't decide which is my favorite, and now I think that the best way to decide will be trying a different haus in each season, because winter may be equally as magical as summer in the Montana woods.

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- Melissa Biggs Bradley on May 6, 2021

