



Clockwise from top left: The surface of Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille is carved by a wakeboarder. Kids make snow angels at California's Mammoth Mountain. A couple launches a canoe on Sparks Lake in Oregon. A family hikes on Crystal Mountain in Washington. Swinging from the fairway at Montana's Yellowstone Club.

FAMILY



CLOCKWISE: AURORA PHOTOS / ALAMY; COURTESY MAMMOTH VILLAGE PROPERTIES; D. HURST / ALAMY; CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN RESORT; TONY DEMIN



RETREATS



SECOND HOMES ENHANCE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BY M. SHARON BAKER

David is a 40-something Portland, Oregon, business owner with five children, ages 14 years to several months old. So when it came time to choose a second-home location, he wanted something that worked for the whole family, including their dog.

“The more my wife and I began to look at our needs, Tetherow [outside Bend, Oregon] was a great fit. It’s close; we get the sun and four seasons; and it has great golfing,” he says, pausing between nines during an early-afternoon round at Tetherow’s 7,298-yard, Scottish links-style championship course. “And we can bring the family dog every time we come.”

BIG SKY, MT

Yellowstone Club, a 13,600-acre private residential community in the Big Sky, Montana, area in the Rocky Mountains has approximately 625 member families who include captains of industry, professional athletes and actors.

In addition to 2,200 acres of powder-topped skiing from 15 chairlifts that typically have no lines, and an 18-hole Tom Weiskopf-designed mountain golf course, the Yellowstone Club has a full Outdoor Pursuits program with a multitude of family-focused activities, such as challenge courses, kayaking and fly-fishing. The club also has several lodges that offer different dining options; small specialty retail shops; and a fitness center with a 75-foot heated pool, an outdoor hot tub, regulation-size tennis courts and a smoothie bar.

The ski-in, ski-out homes are typically more than 4,000 square feet, but other housing options include condos and town houses. Bill Collins, director of sales, says about 240 memberships are

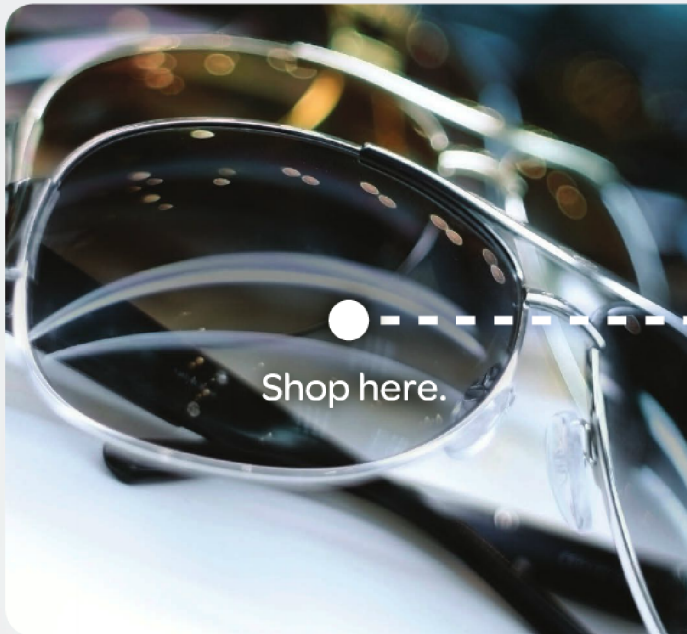


still available. There are no public vacation rentals at the Yellowstone Club, and prospects have to be approved before they can visit and buy.

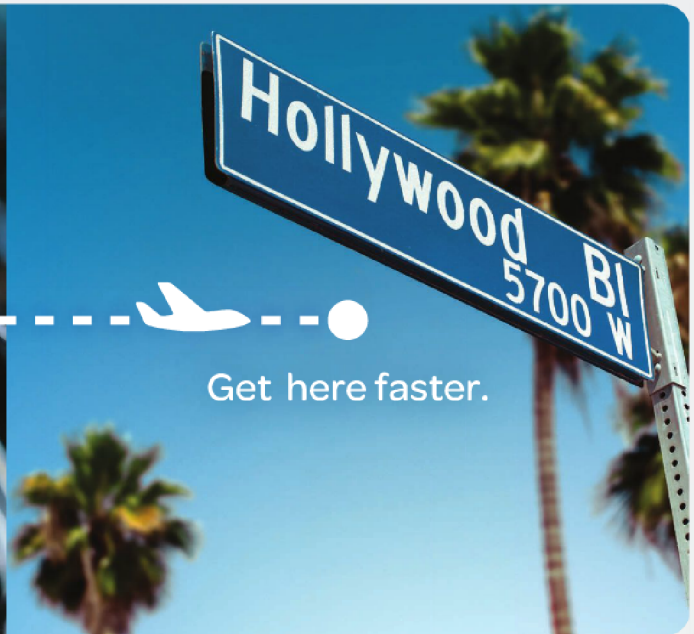
While world-class private skiing is definitely the draw at the Yellowstone Club, owners such as Connecticut commodities trader Jamie and his family have found they love the summer experience just as much. Activities include guided horseback riding, fly-fishing, rock climbing and visiting Yellowstone National Park, which is only about 60 miles away.

“My son is an avid golfer, and my daughter likes

Yellowstone Club in Montana has 13,600 private acres of skiing, golfing and Rocky Mountain views. Families can enjoy everything from horseback riding to rock climbing.



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to ride horses,” says Jamie, who enjoys fly-fishing in the Yellowstone and Madison rivers. “The kids make friends at the summer programs and look forward to new adventures with their new friends every time we return.”

SANDPOINT, ID

Dover Bay is a residential resort and waterfront community with 500 planned homes and condos on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille in North Idaho. Located near spectacular skiing at Schweitzer Mountain Resort and just minutes from downtown Sandpoint, Dover Bay’s 285 acres offer 9 miles of

hiking trails, a 274-slip marina, and a mix of housing and rental options. The resort’s Marina Village features a store, cafe and fitness facility.

Fifty to 70 percent of the buyers in Dover Bay are purchasing second homes, says John Sletager, a sales-team member, adding that the community is roughly half built. Retired business owners Philip and Susan, and their three college-age children, are among the latest condo buyers.

The avid snow skiers, whose primary residence is near Gig Harbor, Washington, are looking forward to their first summer of wakeboarding from their 21-foot Sea Ray. They’re also excited to walk their dog on the community’s many trails,

Homeowners at Dover Bay in North Idaho are treated to scenic views of Lake Pend Oreille and have great access to boating and hiking.

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