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Summer is Winding Down



Summer is winding down, the kids are heading back to school and the evening temperatures are getting cooler. But it is not time to hang up the waders just yet. With low and clear water conditions, fall is an excellent time for fly fishing in Southwest Montana. Mix in the fabulous fall colors that line the riverbank and you have a fly fishing retreat of "River Runs Through It" proportions.

For those of you who will be traveling this fall, please note our adjusted off-season hours. The restaurant will close for the summer season on October 14 and re-open for the winter season on December 14. This short break allows Chef Donohoe and his staff a chance to catch their breath after a busy summer season plus time to prepare for the upcoming winter season. The lodge will remain open throughout the fall, but front desk hours will be limited to 7 am to 5 pm. Please don't hesitate to [contact us](#) with any questions. We hope to see you this fall!

Big Sky Installs New Lift on Lone Peak

Big Sky Resort



Big Sky Resort continues to prove itself as an industry leader in providing the most lift-accessible terrain and uncrowded slopes with the introduction of the triple-chair Dakota Lift. The new lift improves access to

Bavarian Forest and the recently opened 212 acres of Dakota Territories adding more capacity to the biggest skiing in America.

Big Sky has long focused on keeping lift capacity comfortably higher than the demand, now boasting an uphill lift capacity of 25,000 riders per hour with an average of 2,000 skiers and riders per day. Big Sky will offer 3,812 acres of skiable terrain accessed by 21 lifts and Lone Peak Passholders have access to over 5,500 acres.

The Dakota lift is located on the south face of Lone Mountain below Liberty Bowl. The fixed-grip lift loads below the Hippy Highway and the top station is located near Gate 2 of Bavarian Forest. The Dakota lift is 3,100 feet long and has a vertical rise of 1,210 feet. The lift ride time is eight minutes.

Dakota Territories is primarily open bowl skiing at an intermediate angle. The run-out includes well-spaced, natural glades that border Bavarian Forest, which offers endless variations of black diamond glades through the trees that are both natural and thinned. Both runs contain plenty of natural rollers and kickers before reaching the bottom.

The lift is the first half of a two-lift system providing a second access point to terrain on Lone Peak, currently being serviced by the Lone Peak Tram. The second lift, planned for construction next year, will take skiers up to the Yeti Traverse accessing Big Sky's famous wide-open, steep, above tree-line runs like Marx, Lenin and the Dictator Chutes.

"This is a skier's mountain first and foremost," said Big Sky Resort General Manager, Taylor Middleton. "Skiers have flocked from across the world for the massive terrain off the Lone Peak Tram. Our new Dakota lift just makes America's Biggest Skiing even bigger."

-RR Featurred in Upcoming Harlequin Novel



A few months ago I got a call from an author interested in using the Rainbow Ranch Lodge as a location in a novel she was working on. I have had a lot of calls from journalists writing articles over the years, but this was the first time an author called about using –RR in a book. It sounded like a novel idea (pun intended) so I ran it by Patrick and he agreed. Now, several months later, Elaine Grant’s novel “Make-Believe Mom,” a Harlequin Super Romance, is complete. You can read [an excerpt](#) from the book and find more about Elaine on [her website](#).

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