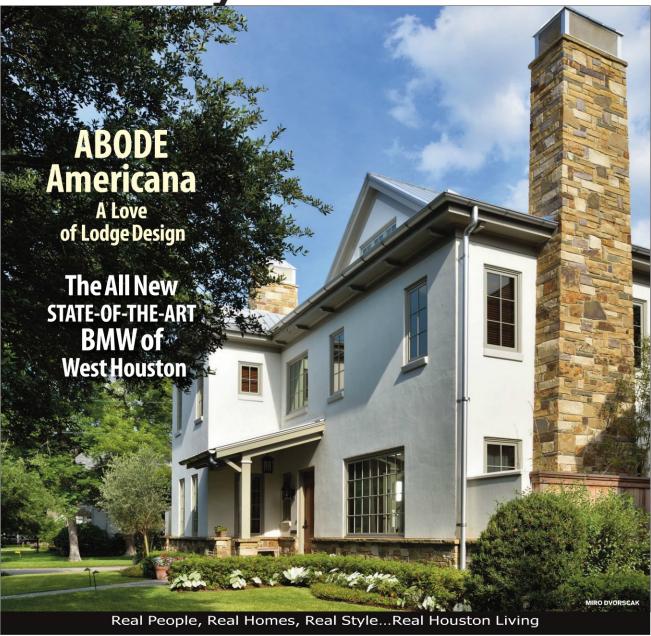
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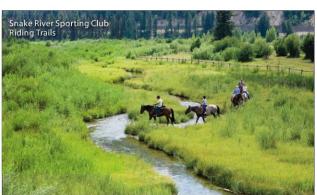
ackson Hole, Wyoming, is a singularly beautiful, special place – unlike any destination in the world. Located along the border of Wyoming and Idaho, Jackson Hole is the valley floor between the Teton Mountain Range and the Snake River. The name "hole" was used by early trappers or mountain men, who primarily entered the valley from the north and east and had to descend along relatively steep slopes, giving the sensation of entering a hole. These lowlying valleys are surrounded by mountains and contain rivers and streams, which

were good habitat for beaver and other fur-bearing animals.

Though many tourists love to ski the area during winter months, summer in Jackson Hole offers unbeatable weather and endless opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. For climbers, hikers and nature lovers, the nearby Grand Teton National Park is an absolute nirvana. The towering mountains of the Teton Range stretch 40 miles and include eight mountains over 12,000 feet. Keep in mind, too, that Yellowstone National Park's South Entrance is only 90 minutes away, and another 45 minutes or so to reach

Old Faithful. Whitewater rafting, golfing, kayaking, hang gliding, hot air ballooning, mountain biking, stagecoach rides and horseback riding provide some of the nearly limitless summer entertainment possibilities.

Fly fishing in Jackson Hole is described by the area's most seasoned guides as a truly magical experience. In fact, few locations worldwide compare to Jackson Hole's combination of breathtaking scenery, legendary fishing, and accessibility for all skill levels. Whether you're an expert angler on a Jackson Hole fly fishing pilgrimage or wanting to cast a fly rod for the first time, you'll share





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Clubhouse Dining Room

in the magic of the valley and surrounding waterways, enjoy exploring the numerous world-renowned fishing options and pursue the revered fine spotted cutthroat trout in its only native habitat, the majestic centerpiece, Snake River.

Snake River Sporting Club, Jackson Hole's premier private club and residential community, offers such opportunity. Opening doors to non-residents and non-members for the first time, the Club is partnering with Orvis and Jackson Hole Fly Fishing School to host the newly launched Orvis Fly Fishing School - Jackson Hole, the renowned outfitter's first such school in Wyoming. Orvis, a U.S. company founded in 1856, provides authentic products, knowledge and experiences that define and enhance distinctive country lifestyle and sporting traditions, with unsurpassed innovation and expertise in fly fishing. Now the industry leader, along with its friends in Jackson Hole, is offering a series of 10 two-day intensive classes, combining classroom programming and "on-stream" instruction led by Orvis Fly Fishing Instructor Spencer Morton and open to fly fishing enthusiasts from around the globe.

# ORVIS FLY FISHING SCHOOL – JACKSON HOLE

Starting in July, the two-day courses run throughout Summer and Fall 2015. They offer an in-depth exploration of fly fishing fundamentals and techniques, including tying essential knots, choosing gear and tackle, proper fly selection, reading water and currents and general entomology. Taking

advantage of the Club's premier and private access to six miles of Blue-Ribbon fishing on the Snake River, each student will receive an exclusive hands-on lesson with personalized attention from an expert instructor, for both beginner and expert levels. Pricing is \$489 per student and includes use of top-notch fly fishing equipment and meals at the Snake River Sporting Club's Clubhouse.

"Jackson Hole is a hot-bed for fly fishing," says Scott McEnaney, Orvis' Eastern endorsed operations director. "This is Orvis' first foray into Wyoming and we identified two great partners in Jackson Hole Fly Fishing School and Snake River Sporting Club. We are excited to host the schools at the Sporting Club—it's the ideal location for our newest outlet."

# SNAKE RIVER SPORTING CLUB

Located just south of the confluence of the Snake and Hoback rivers in Jackson Hole, Snake River Sporting Club is a private club and residential community for families and outdoor enthusiasts seeking the spirit and lifestyle of the American West. The Club is a 20-minute drive from the town square and 30 minutes from the Jackson Hole Airport, the only airport located within a national park – making travel to the area as unique and awe-inspiring as the destination.

With more than six miles of private access to the "Wild and Scenic" designated Snake River and 3.5 million acres of the Bridger-Teton National Forest bordering the Club, it is Wyoming's foremost outdoor adventure playground. A plethora of pursuits can be

enjoyed throughout all four seasons — from blue-ribbon fly fishing, trail rides on horseback, canoeing and championship golf the majority of the year to snowshoeing, crosscountry skiing, skating and Heli-Skiing in the winter months. Snake River Sporting Club's 800 acres of diverse Western terrain provide members and owners a comprehensive Jackson Hole experience right in their own backyard.

#### **Club Amenities**

Snake River Sporting Club offers a variety of membership options catering to local residents, second homeowners and infrequent but regular visitors from across the U.S. who enjoy indoor and outdoor amenities for all ages.

Tom Weiskopf Golf Course: Snake River Sporting Club's beautiful setting at the base of the mountains is matched by an expansive Tom Weiskopf-designed masterpiece, which offers multiple sets of tees for all levels of play. The award-winning golf experience at Snake River Sporting Club blends the natural landscape with a varietal design that weaves through native pines, cottonwoods and willows just yards from the Snake River.

Water Activities: Fly fishing, canoeing and kayaking — With private access of up to six miles of the Snake River and personal guide services, a first class fly fishing experience awaits at Snake River Sporting Club. Flies, fishing gear, apparel and additional sporting equipment are available for sale and rent at the member Sport Shop







Snow King Resort Pool

inside the Clubhouse. The Club also features a beautiful lake as well as ponds that can be used for kayaking, canoeing and even paddle boarding.

Land Activities: Equestrian, mountain biking, hiking, and more - Endless hiking opportunities and mountain bike trails are accessible on property and throughout the bordering Bridger-Teton National Forest. Snake River Sporting Club's eastern boundary is shared with 3.5 million acres of the protected land with the Martin Creek trailhead sitting just across from the member Clubhouse. Members of Snake River Sporting Club also have access to Snake River Bend Ranch, which shares the Club's north boundary. Lush ranch land leads to groomed riding trails running throughout the property and into the surrounding forest. Hourly and full day guided trail rides are offered throughout the property, and the Club's 440-acre equestrian facility offers premier boarding opportunities for the avid rider. A 3-D archery course weaves throughout the ranch property, as does an 18-hole Frisbee golf course located on a club-owned island in the Snake River.

Clubhouse: Located in the heart of Snake River Sporting Club, the member Clubhouse provides unparalleled views of the Snake River and surrounding mountains. This expansive 26,000-square-foot gathering center entertains a contemporary western decor designed by acclaimed local firm, WRJ Interiors, and includes a Sports Shop, restaurant and grill room, exercise facility, locker room facilities and a furnished outdoor deck

for dining and relaxing amongst the beautiful scenery and native wildlife. Adjacent lawns can be utilized for small or large events and Club administration and concierge services are available to members.

## **LODGING**

Participants of the Orvis Fly Fishing School - Jackson Hole can take advantage of special rates offered by Snow King Resort. Located in the heart of Jackson Hole, Snow King Resort is the town's largest full service, year-round resort offering comfortable Western lodging at the Snow King Hotel and luxurious accommodations at the Grand View Lodge condominiums. Snow King provides a variety of amenities and extensive conference and catering facilities. Six blocks from Jackson Hole's Historic Town Square, Snow King sits adjacent to the Bridger-Teton National Forest with spectacular mountain views and the hotel's own Snow King Ski Area, which opened in 1939 as Wyoming's first ski resort. Snow King is also gateway to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and provides easy access to the area's many recreational opportunities. Guests enjoy western hospitality and "Tip of the Hat" service at the newly renovated Snow King Hotel.

# **Dining Options**

Taking cues from its surroundings and inspired by local traditions of ranching and game hunting, Haydens Post offers a sophisticated yet approachable menu of Mountain West regional cuisine served in a lively atmosphere with scenic, 280-degree views of the

surrounding mountains. Signature dinner entrees include Coffee-Rubbed Elk with huckleberry juniper jus and fingerling-cauliflower purée; Dutch Oven Bison Brisket, stout-braised and served with sweet potato mash and tobacco onions; and Rustic Vegetable Pot Pie featuring seasonal local vegetables, mushrooms, fresh herbs in a flaky pastry. A vast offering of hand-crafted cocktails, local craft beer selections and numerous beers on tap, as well as a vast selection of wines by the glass round out the Wyoming-focused experience. Haydens Post serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, as well as a Happy Hour menu.

#### Spa Services

Relax, rejuvenate, and recreate at the Snow King Resort's top notch spa services. Comprised of the Clip Joint, a full service hair salon; Olga's Day Spa, offering a multitude of body and skin services to soothe and indulge; a state-of-the-art fitness center; and an outdoor hot tub and pool.

Learn to fly fish, hone your skills with the world's best fly fishing instructors or simply enjoy the scenery in an outdoor lover's paradise. With Orvis and the Snake River Sporting Club, you can take your outdoor experience and knowledge to the next level.

To enroll in the Orvis Fly Fishing School–Jackson Hole, visit *orvis.com/schools* or call 866-531-6213.

For more information on Snake River Sporting Club, call 307-200-3114 or visit snakeriversportingclub.com.

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