



Snowmobiling in Paulina Lake.

Extreme Dining

DINNER AND ADVENTURE ALL IN ONE AT PAULINA LAKE

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Paulina Lake Lodge has been a popular family resort for visitors of the Newberry National Volcanic Monument since 1929. In addition to the stunning setting, Paulina Lake Lodge offers a notable service for "extreme" diners—food lovers who go to extremes for a unique dining experience. During winter months, Paulina Lake Lodge can only be reached by Sno-Cats and snowmobiles. Consequently, adventure seeking dinner guests are shuttled to and from the lodge, combining a splendid meal with an adventure.

In 1999 owners Todd and Karen Brown took over the 14 log cabins, general store and rustic lodge that had been providing great food and friendly service for decades. They made Paulina Lake Lodge more accessible to the public during the winter season (mid December through mid March) by offering a shuttle

service to guests who simply want to dine and enjoy the beautiful setting that is only 40 miles from Bend. The adventure begins at the 10-mile car park from which the snowmobiles and Sno-Cats, which hold up to 10 people, shuttle guests to and from the lodge for \$25.00 round trip per person.

Prior to arrival at the cozy lodge, the smell of wood fires and the enticing aroma of a kitchen busy at work, fill the air. The rustic log cabin lodge is small and intimate with local memorabilia and trophies on the wall. The menu consists of American home cooking including an impressive choice of complete dinners such as salmon, smoked pork loin and Cornish game hen, fresh Ling cod fish and chips, vegetable lasagna and a variety of salads. All of which are served with complimentary sides. Their signature dish, "Giant" BBQ, is added to the menu each Friday and on Saturdays the lodge serves another house specialty >>

of prime rib. An assortment of savory appetizers is also available in addition to the popular homemade cobbler for dessert. These hearty meals are all about satisfying the appetite yet are reasonably priced from \$8.50 to \$22.00. Dinner/shuttle reservations are required.

Upstairs from the dining area is a lively bar that certainly has atmosphere. Travelers gather here to recount stories of the days' adventures and picturesque discoveries. A coffee barista and full service bar with ample supply of local beer brews, wines and cocktails are available to compliment any meal or humor.

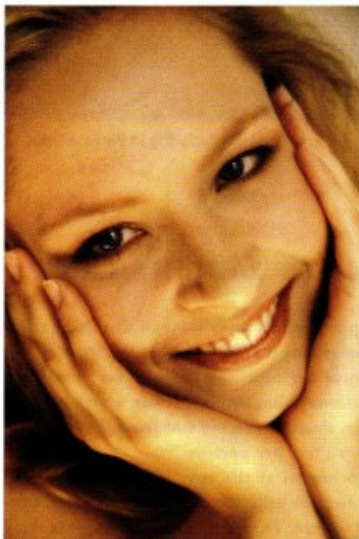
The Newberry National Volcanic Monument sits inside the world famous Newberry Crater which contains extraordinary natural wonders including Paulina and East Lake, the Obsidian Flow and many more. During the winter season the area surrounding Paulina Lake is transformed into an exciting playground for outdoor enthusiasts- a recreational paradise for snowshoeing, snowmobiling, sled dog training and cross-country skiing on the elaborate network of picturesque trails.

"Winter offers much more freedom in getting out of bounds to places like the North Play Area because

you can easily travel over snow covered terrain with snowshoes, skis and snowmobiles to places that are typically only accessible by horse," says owner Todd Brown. With the assistance of hired Snowmobiles and Sno-Cats, adventure seeking skiers and snowboarders can ski down the face of Paulina Peak. This is one way to get the adrenalin going and work up a good appetite before heading back to the lodge!

To take full advantage of all that Paulina Lake Lodge has to offer visitors can rent charming cabins that are gradually being restoring while also providing them with modern conveniences, making Paulina Lake Lodge a comfortable and prized escape. Cabins range from \$120 to \$250 per night. Overnight or dining, lunch or dinner, guests can also rent snowmobiles, guided or unguided, to tour the area.

Imagine traveling at night through the snow covered trees to arrive at the quaint log cabin lodge set on the shores of Paulina Lake for an enjoyable meal and experience. This adventurous ride through the forest to Paulina Lake Lodge is special in every way. The scenery is inspiring, the meal worth repeating and the service is attentive and unfailingly friendly. This is "extreme" dining, going that extra mile for



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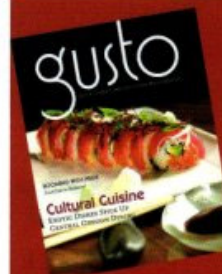
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a memorable meal. Consider that food is not simply nourishment, it is an experience.

Winter is a magical time of year, however, the season does not limit the appeal of Paulina Lake Lodge. Spring and summer supply plentiful fishing, hiking, camping and sightseeing excursions. Paulina Lake Lodge is open Thursday to Saturday for lunch and dinner and Sunday for lunch only. For reservations and detailed information on restaurant hours, shuttle and rentals call (541) 536-2240 or visit the website at www.paulinalakelodge.com. §



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