



The Resort at Paws Up GREENOUGH, MONT.

A two-Michelin Key property that's been ranked within the top 10 resorts in the world, Paws Up can provide the ultimate upscale family vacation. This working cattle ranch spans 37,000 acres, including 10 whole miles of the Blackfoot River. Spend the day in a raft or canoe—or, of course, riding on the back of a horse. Shoot an arrow, or ride an ATV into the backcountry. Then, take your pick of where to bed down for the night, whether in a luxury cabin or glamping tent.

5 *Best Farm and Ranch Stays in America*

By Tim Johnson

When you need to take a little time away from it all, pastoral peace and quiet are ideal. Whether you're looking for the mist-kissed hills of Tennessee or the wide-open skies of Montana, many farms and ranches now host visitors for placid, relaxing experiences. Plus, there's always the option to further your adventures out in the fields and meadows and forests. Here are five of the best locations for an activity-filled vacation stay. ⁴⁸



The Inn at Newport Ranch

FORT BRAGG, CALIF.

Below the ranch, the Pacific Ocean stretches out to the horizon, its mighty waves crashing into the sea cliffs girding the Mendocino Coast. Above, there's so much fun to fill your sun-drenched days. Guests can hike, bike, and horseback-ride along 25 miles of trails, or take guided bird-watching tours. But this place? It's mostly about the fine dining. Some 80 percent of the food served at the restaurant is sourced from on-site organic gardens. Tour the beehives, taste the edible flowers, and—perhaps the best part—put on a pair of gum boots to tromp through various microclimates in search of tasty wild mushrooms.



Wildflower Farms

GARDINER, N.Y.

Once you arrive at this former tree nursery in upstate New York, Manhattan will feel a million miles away. Just 90 minutes north of the city, Wildflower Farms has dozens of cabins and cottages sitting in the shadows of the Shawangunk Ridge. Visitors can enjoy the spa or sit by a crackling fire. But this place specializes in connecting its guests to the soil. Signature experiences include botanical baking and cooking classes, as well as an opportunity to help harvest some of the 14,000 pounds of fresh produce grown here every year. Then, consume it at Clay, the fabulous on-site restaurant.

Blackberry Farm

WALLAND, TENN.

Cradled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, this farm provides a kind of intimate hospitality that makes you feel like you're coming home. Now a premiere Relais & Châteaux property, it's still family-owned, and it maintains the charm of the original six-bedroom inn. You could just sit by the big, beautiful pool, but so many activities beckon across the farm's own private wilderness. There are also a number of national parks nearby. Fly-fish in pristine, rushing rivers, paddleboard on ponds and lakes, or hike and cycle the network of trails. And if you're not outdoorsy? Take part in an artisanal cooking demonstration, with local recipes and ingredients.

White Stallion Ranch

TUCSON, ARIZ.

Set amidst the saguaro cacti and red rocks of southern Arizona, this historic, family-owned dude ranch has been hosting guests since the 1940s. If you're a fan of Westerns and country music, you may even recognize the scenery that's been featured in hundreds of movies, TV shows, and music videos. Today, you can ramble across 3,000 acres on horseback (the ranch has more than 150 horses), or learn to wrangle cattle like a real cowboy or cowgirl. Then, return for a cookout dinner featuring fresh, sustainable, local ingredients.



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Quiz Answers

True or False

1. **False.** John Adams famously estimated the number of loyalists at one-third of the population. Though this is probably too high, historians estimate that at least 15 percent were loyal to the crown.

2. **False.** Although the Chief Justice has always administered the oath by tradition, the Constitution does not specify who must do this.

3. **True.** President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add this phrase in 1954, in response to the threat of communism.

4. **True.** The monument does not specifically mention him by name, merely referring to “the most brilliant soldier of the Continental Army.”

Fill-in-the-Blank

5. **Republicans.** Massachusetts senator George Cabot wrote that Jefferson’s speech was liked better by Federalists than members of his own party.

6. **Something.** The phrase was originally trademarked by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority to encourage citizens to report suspicious activity related to terrorism.

7. **Rag.** The public was outraged at the flag being called a “rag,” and Cohan continued to receive criticism for this long after he changed the lyrics.

Multiple Choice

8. **C.** Translating as “Always Faithful,” it is usually shortened to “Semper Paratus.” The others are, in order, the mottoes of the U.S. Coast Guard, the state of Virginia, and the U.S. Navy (unofficial).

9. **B.** Lee felt primary loyalty to his native state and resigned from the U.S. Army when Virginia seceded.

10. **D.** There were a number of personifications like Rosie the Riveter in use that were lesser-known, but Betty the Bookkeeper was not one of them.