



BASS PRO SHOPS®

BIG CEDAR® LODGE

✦ AMERICA'S PREMIER WILDERNESS RESORT ✦

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OPENING DATE: 1988

OWNER: Johnny Morris, noted conservationist and founder and CEO of Bass Pro Shops, is often referred to as "the Walt Disney of the Outdoors." In 1972, Johnny started selling fishing tackle out of the back of his father's liquor store. Since then, Johnny has earned a reputation as one of the most visionary and influential retailers of the last 50 years. Johnny purchased Big Cedar Lodge in 1987, originally envisioning it as a fishing camp for Bass Pro Shops employees and Tracker Boat customers. Morris, an avid outdoorsman, was inspired by the majestic beauty of Table Rock Lake and his own childhood memories of family fishing trips. He later decided to create a place for all families to reconnect with nature and established the wilderness resort as a place where preservation, conservation, and family traditions come together.

WHITETAIL
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LOCATION:

Big Cedar Lodge is located 40 miles south of Springfield, Missouri, which is home to the Bass Pro Shops flagship “granddaddy” store and headquarters as well as Johnny Morris’ Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium. The resort is surrounded by thousands of acres of unspoiled Ozark Mountain wilderness just eight miles south of Branson, Mo.

OVERVIEW:

Located in the heart of Missouri’s Ozark Mountains, Big Cedar Lodge is America’s premier wilderness resort. A passion of Bass Pro Shops founder Johnny Morris, the 4,600-acre lakeside retreat connects guests to the outdoors with a variety of nature-based experiences including fishing, boating, hiking, spa and wellness offerings. Signature attractions include Top of the Rock, home to world-class golf, dining, and entertainment; Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, a 10,000-acre nonprofit wildlife preserve; and a world-class golf portfolio that includes the Mountain Top Course by Gary Player and Buffalo Ridge Springs in addition to a Jack Nicklaus-designed 9-hole course at Top of the Rock. Big Cedar Lodge offers genuine Ozarks hospitality and a convenient location just south of Branson.

HISTORY:

The resort was originally developed in the early 1920s as a luxurious country retreat for two prominent Missourians, business entrepreneur Jude Simmons and Frisco Railroad executive Harry Worman, before being converted in 1947 to Devil’s Pool Guest Ranch and then Big Cedar Lodge in 1988.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Big Cedar Lodge offers 262 spacious and well-appointed guest rooms across a collection of lodges, cozy cottages and private log cabins. Accommodations are outfitted with plush, cabin-style décor and offer privacy for an ideal vacation retreat.

Falls Lodge

Falls Lodge offers 65 guest rooms with balconies affording treetop views of the resort and lake. Many guest rooms include a whirlpool bath and gas fireplace.

Spring View Lodge

This intimate three-story lodge received a full update in 2016, including all new furniture. It features 17 guest rooms, with deluxe rooms including a whirlpool bath, balcony and fireplace. This lodge was built in the 1940s and exudes all the charm of a by-gone era, with a convenient location next to the fitness center, restaurants, pools, and more.



LARGEMOUTH BASS



ACCOMMODATIONS: Valley View Lodge

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With scenic views of the valley and resort grounds, this three-story limestone and cedar lodge offers 57 guest rooms.

Log Cabins

Tucked in the woods or situated on Table Rock Lake, the resort's 83 private cabins offer the ultimate in seclusion and include a fully equipped kitchen, gas grill, deck, fireplace and whirlpool bath.

Knotty Pine Cottages

Eight cozy cottages exude the old-world charm dating to the resort's early dude ranch beginnings and are decorated in earth tone fabrics and native woods.



CHIPMUNK

Lakeside Cottages

These lakeside cottages are a cozy retreat, just steps from Table Rock Lake. Cottages feature spacious and open floor plans with vaulted ceilings, contemporary rustic-inspired furnishings, stone wood burning fireplaces and covered porches with gas grills.

Spa Cottage

Connected by a bridge to the resort's nature-inspired Cedar Creek Spa, the one-of-a-kind Spa Cottage is a charming and secluded hideaway nestled among leafy trees. The cottage offers an open-concept suite with vaulted wood-beam ceilings, rustic elegant furnishings, a wood-burning fireplace, king bed, heated wood floors, luxurious spa-like bathroom, and sliding glass doors that fully open out to a balcony that perches above the stream below.

Carriage House Cottage

As the resort's newest accommodation that opened in Summer 2016, this historic cottage was built in the early 1920's as the caretaker's cottage for the original property. Located in the heart of the resort, it offers easy access to resort amenities and is within walking distance to Cedar Creek Spa. Newly remodeled, the cottage offers an open floor plan with a king bed, living area with a wood burning fireplace, second sitting area with surround sound and full cinematic screen, a wet bar with microwave and refrigerator and dining table for four. The bathroom features a luxury jetted tub and separate double shower with a waterfall edge.



BEAVER



ACCOMMODATIONS: The Governor's Suite

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Rustic charm and luxury meet in this regal space ideal for families and large groups. The two-story suite has a full kitchen, oversized billiards room and a large balcony with outstanding views of the resort and lake. The primary bedroom boasts a balcony and private bathroom featuring a luxury tub, with an additional two queen bedrooms, each with a private bathroom with a tub and shower. There is an additional open loft with two queen-size beds and a bathroom.

Jack's Cabin

Jack's Cabin is the exclusive overnight accommodation at the world-class Top of the Rock property. It was repurposed by local Ozark and Amish craftsmen and now includes unique rustic amenities such as two grand porches that overlook the golf course and an outdoor shower with a view of Table Rock Lake.

The Villa at Integrity Hills

As the largest of the property's largest accommodations, this remarkable villa is great for large family trips and wedding parties. Located three miles from Big Cedar Lodge, this space is sure to impress, complete with a luxurious interior, spectacular amenities, beautiful lake views and a private pool and spa.

Camp Long Creek

Open since Memorial Day weekend 2019, Camp Long Creek at Big Cedar Lodge is located adjacent to the Bass Pro Shops Long Creek Marina on the shores of the sparkling Table Rock Lake. Guests have access to a variety of amenities including an outdoor infinity pool with picnic pavilion, two dining options, a dog park, lake "beach" access, boat rentals at the full-service Long Creek Marina, fishing and hiking, and special touches including s'mores kits upon arrival. Camp Long Creek at Big Cedar offers 57 custom retreats that combine the rustic appeal of the great outdoors with the relaxing comfort of today's modern amenities. Outfitted with contemporary rustic décor, accommodations offer simple, relaxing and inviting spaces that allow families, couples and friends of all ages to unwind and connect to the great outdoors and one another. Guests can choose from Glamping Units, Cabin Huts, One Bedroom or One Room Camp Cabins, and Two Bedroom Family Units. Each accommodation includes a pillow top mattress, down-filled mattress cover and a down-filled duvet cover. Kitchens are fully stocked with dishes, pots and pans.



ARMADILLO



ACCOMMODATIONS: Veterans Tower Suites

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Experience the great outdoors and a world-class concert venue at these two-story suites, providing an elevated overnight experience for guests at Thunder Ridge Nature Arena. Suites offer four king bedrooms, private balconies, full kitchens, outdoor decks and lounge areas.

Sunset Ridge Suites

These design-forward accommodations are located at Thunder Ridge Nature Arena, the world-class concert venue. Offering king Murphy beds, kitchenettes and large outdoor lawns overlooking the venue.

DINING:

Big Cedar Lodge's dining outlets offer inspired heartland cuisine for every palate, in historic settings surrounded by nature's rustic elegance, including:

The Worman House

The Worman House, which originally served as the 1920s country retreat for Frisco Railroad executive Harry Worman, is available as a private event rental. It offers breathtaking views and a charming patio area with a fountain. This fine dining restaurant offers views of Table Rock Lake, an extensive cocktail menu and upscale dishes including Lobster Thermidor, perfectly cooked steaks, and Pan Seared Chilean Sea Bass.

Harry's Cocktail Lounge & Bar

Set on the lower level of the historic Worman House, the warm woods and dim lit atmosphere transports guests back in time to when Harry and Dorothy Worman entertained their friends with hand-crafted cocktails and chef prepared shareable plates. This lounge provides an upscale experience for guests featuring live jazz, fine cigars, craft cocktails and breathtaking sunsets over Table Rock Lake.

Devil's Pool Restaurant

Once the home of Jude Simmons, the original 1920s land owner of Big Cedar Lodge, Devil's Pool Restaurant offers scrumptious Southern home-style dishes in a rustic log structure with hand-wrought metal chandeliers, antique furnishings, a stone fireplace and a 100-year-old mahogany bar. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, this casual dining experience offers the best of Southern cuisine including hickory-smoked prime rib, smoked trout and other local Ozarks favorites.





DINING: (continued)

Buzzard Bar

Downstairs from Devil's Pool Restaurant is the warm and welcoming Buzzard Bar that offers a tasty selection of sandwiches, salads including the famous blueberry poppy seed dressing, and house-made soups in addition to many entrees from Devil's Pool. Guests can choose from indoor and outdoor seating and enjoy nightly live entertainment, including appearances from Clay Self, the resort's Singin' Cowboy who has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry.

Osage Restaurant

With sweeping views of the Ozark Mountains, Osage Restaurant offers upscale regional cuisine, an inviting atmosphere and top-tier service.

Buffalo Bar

This cozy spot located on the lower level of Osage Restaurant is the perfect place to relax after a game of golf, celebrate a special event or simply enjoy a drink. Step out onto the stone patio for breathtaking views and watch the sunset ceremony (offered seasonally), complete with a bagpipe performance and the firing of a Civil War cannon.

End of the Trail Wine Cellar

Follow the stone-lined stairwell from Osage Restaurant down to the expansive End of the Trail All-American Wine Cellar. Guests will find a full wine bar of unique and fine wines offered by the glass, a whiskey room and a cigar humidor.

Arnie's Barn

Arnie's Barn offers Mexican inspired cuisine paired with magnificent views of the Cathedral of Nature below. To honor Arnold Palmer, the barn was transported from his hometown of Latrobe, Pennsylvania to its location today at Top of the Rock, where it was carefully reassembled by local Amish craftsmen.

Truman Café and Custard

As one of the original structures at Big Cedar Lodge, Truman Café and Custard pairs its preserved 1920s Tudor-style charm with a dramatically refreshed interior and exterior space. This dining option serves a variety of delectable desserts including homestyle apple pie, dark chocolate cake and fresh fruit tart.



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DINING: (continued)

Uncle Buck's Fish Bowl & Grill

Fun Mountain's signature restaurant Uncle Buck's Fish Bowl & Grill serves lunch and dinner plus nostalgic soda fountain treats including shakes, floats and banana splits.

The Bunker Bar

Located on the lower level of Fun Mountain at Big Cedar Lodge, The Bunker Bar serves specialty cocktails, snacks, and pizzas in a lively setting.

Blue Fin Lounge

Fun Mountain may be for the kid in all of us, but the Blue Fin Lounge offers a place for adults to relax with appetizers or their favorite drink or enjoy any of the tasty favorites from Uncle Buck's Fish Bowl & Grill menu. Children are welcome to accompany adults.

Swimmin' Hole Bar & Grill

This poolside cabana restaurant is a delightful spot to unwind and indulge in delicious food. The menu boasts an array of mouth-watering options including crisp salads, juicy burgers, cheesy pizza, satisfying sandwiches and more. The ambiance is perfect for a lazy afternoon by the pool.

Canteen at Long Creek

Located at Camp Long Green, this walk-up window of the beautiful onsite vintage Airstream offers delicious treats and refreshing beverages for guests on their way to the water.

Mountain Top Grill

Perched high in the hills with panoramic views of both the Mountain Top Course and Payne's Valley Course, this lodgestyle clubhouse restaurant is the perfect setting to unwind after a round of golf or enjoy a memorable date night. Guests can savor a delicious meal while taking in some of the most stunning views in the Ozarks. Available for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Tall Tales Bar & Grill

Tall Tales Bar & Grill is just footsteps away from the entrance of the Bass Pro Angler's Lodge in Hollister, MO. This full-service, walk-in restaurant offers an over-the-top sports bar theme while serving up a taste of the Ozarks with plenty of fun to be had. Open to the public, guests are able to enjoy delicious cuisine, arcade games, billiards, and multiple large-screen TVs.

GRAY
SQUIRREL





SPA & FITNESS:

Cedar Creek Spa

Blending cottage-style charm with the rustic elegance of Big Cedar Lodge, the 18,000-square-foot destination spa features nature-inspired spaces, 12 luxurious treatment rooms with cozy in-room fireplaces, and unique features including a candle-lit grotto pool and ice room, open-air showers, a full-service salon and indoor-outdoor suite for celebrations. A charming Spa Cottage for overnight stays is also connected to the spa by a bridge walkway.

Fitness Center

The fully-equipped fitness center offers a premier workout experience with a 15-station Star Trac training circuit with elliptical machines, treadmills, bikes and more, plus Olympic-style free weights and dumbbells. John Bennett, the resort's certified personal trainer, designs efficient and effective fitness programs for guests of all ages, fitness levels and health goals. The resort also offers a host of fitness classes, ranging from yoga hikes to Ozark Indoor Cycling and paddle board fitness classes on Table Rock Lake.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Big Cedar Lodge is one of the largest meeting resorts in the region, featuring more than 20,000 square feet of flexible space across more than 20 meeting venues with sophisticated, mountain-inspired settings ideal for family gatherings, corporate retreats, conferences and incentive trips. Fun group activities include Chuckwagon dinners at a rustic campsite, group photos courtesy of our on-site photographer and team building adventures ranging from Ozark Olympics to casino nights.

Grandview Conference Center

The Grandview Conference Center blends rustic luxury and expansive window walls that offer panoramic views of Table Rock Lake with the latest technologies and more than 20,000 square feet of flexible event space including a serene Grandview Lawn setting. It can accommodate groups of 10 to 1,000.





LAND & WATER ACTIVITIES:

Marinas

The resort's **Bent Hook Marina & Market** serves as a gateway to water fun on Table Rock Lake, which is considered one of the country's top bass fishing & recreational lakes and offers 43,000 acres of sparkling blue-green water, along with postcard-worthy lakefront scenery. Bass and large bluegill are abundant here, along with catfish of all sizes.

The marina offers professional bass fishing and bowfishing guides and 100 covered slips. Rental options include fully-equipped White River Marine bass boats, ski boats, pontoons, party barges, pull tubes, kneeboards, wakeboards, water skis, paddleboards and fishing equipment. Kayaks, canoes, and paddle-boats are complimentary. Bent Hook Market offers a variety of grocery items and lake essentials from Bass Pro Shops. Guests can also enjoy the market's box lunch and room service menus. **The Bass Pro Shops Long Creek Marina** on Table Rock Lake near the resort offers boat and personal watercraft rentals, fishing services, and a ski school.

Lady Liberty

Lady Liberty is a custom-built 65-foot luxury yacht that captures the beauty of a by-gone era while employing the modern amenities of today. Docked at the Long Creek Marina, this distinctive yacht has a beautifully appointed main cabin, unique fantail veranda and a spacious, open-air upper deck. Groups and events are able to book Lady Liberty for a private cocktail cruise.

Fun Mountain

A 50,000-square-foot adventure wonderland, Fun Mountain at Big Cedar Lodge celebrates the young at heart and offers countless ways for families to connect to the great outdoors. From an underwater-themed ocean bowling experience, golf simulator and high-tech climbing wall to a wilderness fort laser tag arena, Fun Mountain has something for everyone. The one-stop playground also offers an arcade of dreams with 60 of the most exciting new games and classic favorites. A Nature Discovery Center offers interactive activities for kids ages 4-12. It also serves as a childcare facility for parents who would like to enjoy a date night while the kids are having fun with features such as a treehouse with rope bridge and slide, reading caves and hand painted murals depicting Ozarks wildlife. An expansion of Fun Mountain recently added a 4-story, Timber Ridge Ropes Course and Thunder Alley, NASCAR-themed go-carts set on two thrilling tracks.

RACCOON





WEDDINGS:

Big Cedar Lodge offers breathtaking settings for weddings, rehearsal dinners and receptions for up to 500 guests. Banquet rooms are fashioned in an elegant Adirondack design theme and feature large windows, with outdoor spaces including intimate terraces and the spacious Grandview Lawn. Along with countless stunning outdoor venues, Big Cedar and its sister properties offer three uniquely different wedding chapels.

Chapel of the Ozarks at Top of the Rock

Resting at the highest point in Taney County, this enchanting, three-story chapel boasts incredible floor-to-ceiling views of Table Rock Lake through arched windows, native limestone detailing and a steeple with a bell tower. Beyond the antique pine wood entry doors, the chapel opens to soaring 23-foot vaulted ceilings and broad bay windows that perfectly frame the overlook of Table Rock Lake. Built by Ozark artisan craftsmen, the chapel seating area accommodates up to 200 guests with a balcony that is ideal for a string quartet or soloist.

The Garden Chapel

Set on a picturesque hillside with dramatic Ozark Mountain views at the heart of Big Cedar Lodge, the Garden Chapel reflects the resort's tradition of honoring the past with classic exterior whitewashed lap siding, floor-to-ceiling gothic windows with hand crafted operable shutters and custom screens. Inside, traditional church pews and lanterns add to the chapel's special ambiance. The chapel can host up to 80 guests.

Integrity Hills Chapel

Integrity Hills Chapel stands atop a hill, crowning a European-inspired estate overlooking Table Rock Lake. From its stone floor to iron chandeliers, each element of the chapel was custom crafted by local artisans. Couples marry in front of a 19-foot cedar cross flanked by picture windows and a panoramic view of Table Rock Lake and the Ozark Mountains while two sets of large double doors swing open to reveal the bride before she makes her entrance. The chapel seating area accommodates up to 200 guests.

COTTONTAIL
RABBIT





WEDDINGS:

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Hope Wilderness Chapel & Patio at Dogwood Canyon Nature Park

Modeled after historic churches from the 1800s, the Hope Wilderness Chapel at nearby Dogwood Canyon Nature Park was hand-crafted from local materials including native short-leaf pine logs, rough-sawn oak flooring and an eastern red cedar ceiling. Framing a striking view of a waterfall, the chapel's back wall frames a picturesque view with floor-to-ceiling windows and French doors leading to a private patio. The Wilderness Chapel seats 120 guests and is available for weddings, vow renewals, meetings and special services.

The Chapel Patio is located directly behind Hope Wilderness Chapel, allowing you to host your ceremony and reception in one breathtaking location. The waterfall serves as a beautiful backdrop for your ceremony with the option of hosting your reception at one of our other venue locations. The Chapel Patio accommodates up to 120 people and is available for weddings, elopements, vow renewals, meetings and special events.

TOP OF THE ROCK:

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Situated at the highest elevation in Taney County with uninterrupted views of the Ozark Mountains and Table Rock Lake, Top of the Rock is a nature-based heritage preserve nestled among Missouri's most breathtaking scenery. A majestic extension of the award-winning resort experience at Big Cedar Lodge, Top of the Rock is a landmark first for the region that offers a host of world-class recreational experiences and attractions. These include the **Lost Canyon Cave and Nature Trail, Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum, "End of the Trail" All-American Wine Cellar**, and three elegant dining options. It is also one of the most stunning mountain wedding venues in Missouri, with the spectacular Chapel of the Ozarks and Jack's Cabin, a Civil War-era accommodation that is ideal for couples. Rooted in rustic elegance and honoring the alluring landscape and spirit of southwest Missouri, Top of the Rock brings together locals, Big Cedar Lodge guests and visitors from around the region, nation and beyond in a wondrous setting that offers world-class recreation in the heart of the Ozarks.



TOP OF THE ROCK: (continued)

Cathedral of Nature

This natural geological wonder at Top of the Rock originally revealed itself in 2015 when the site opened up from a sinkhole beneath the Arnold Palmer-designed driving range. Since then, 82,000 dump truck loads of dirt have been removed to unveil dramatic 210-foot canyons and one of the greatest wonders of the Ozarks.

“End of the Trail” All-American Wine Cellar and Wine Event Room

A stone-lined stairwell leads from Buffalo Bar to the “End of the Trail” All-American Wine Cellar and Wine Event Room below. A full wine bar and whiskey room feature an expansive list of American wines and whiskeys. The Wine Event Room has a rounded ceiling with Amish hand-hewn beams and sliding glass doors that open to an infinity pool that appears to flow into Table Rock Lake in the distance. The pool features a magnificent “End of the Trail” bronze statue that pays tribute to Native American history.

Sunset Ceremony

Beginning 10 minutes before sunset, Big Cedar Lodge pays homage to golf’s Scottish roots with the playing of bagpipes. Exactly as the sun disappears below the horizon, reenactors fire an authentic Civil War cannon in remembrance of our ancestors and the role the Ozarks region played in the Civil War. As the cannon fires, raise your Cannonball Cocktail to salute the day.



BOX TURTLE

BIG CEDAR NATURE GOLF:

Southwest Missouri and Big Cedar Lodge have become a world-class golfing destination, with acclaimed courses designed by the top names in golf: Tiger Woods, Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Tom Fazio. Along with these legendary names, Johnny Morris is changing and growing the game of golf while incorporating Missouri’s natural beauty into every shot.



**BIG CEDAR
NATURE GOLF:**
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Top of the Rock Golf Course

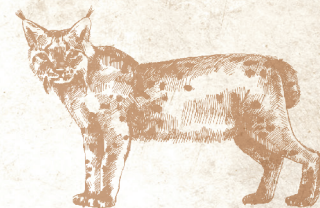
Top of the Rock Golf Course, the first-ever Par-3 course included in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event, features nature and golf at its finest. Perched high above Table Rock Lake, the peaceful waterfalls, wandering creeks, bass filled ponds and pristine lakes of Top of the Rock complete a true celebration of nature, the Ozarks and the game of golf. The 9-hole course offers an unrivaled golf experience with unparalleled panoramic views that highlight the work of the course architect, Jack Nicklaus.

Buffalo Ridge Springs Golf Course

Matching the beauty of Top of the Rock is the Tom Fazio-designed Buffalo Ridge Springs Course (formerly Branson Creek Golf Club). Acclaimed as the region's top golf course, Buffalo Ridge has been transformed by the guiding hands of visionary conservationist Johnny Morris and renowned golf course architect Tom Fazio. Adding new approaches, water features and bunkers, Morris and Fazio have redesigned the course layout to bring players in close contact with nature, native grasses and free-ranging bison from nearby Dogwood Canyon Nature Park. The course has been rated the #1 Public Course in Missouri by Golf Magazine and has been named one of the Top 10 Missouri Courses by Golf Digest since 2001. The course holds a Golf Digest rating of 4.5 stars out of 5.

Mountain Top by Gary Player

World Golf Hall of Famer Gary Player and Johnny Morris teamed up to create a world-class golf course for players of all skill levels that opened at Big Cedar Lodge in August 2017. The 13-hole course was designed to bring a more accessible experience to families, juniors and golfers who are learning the game as it routes through unforgettable rock formations and includes some of the best vistas in the region. Mountain Top also offers a Himalayan-style putting course designed by 5-time Open Champion Tom Watson.



BOBCAT





BIG CEDAR NATURE GOLF:

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Ozarks National by Coore and Crenshaw

Opened in April 2019, the golf course architect team of Coore & Crenshaw shares Johnny Morris' passion and appreciation for nature and conservation. The design of this course is a striking display for the senses and a fitting tribute to the Ozarks region. It tests avid players and golf travelers from around the country and provides the perfect complement to the existing 18-hole layout at Buffalo Ridge Springs, designed by Tom Fazio. This course serves as a gateway to the Ozarks National Forest and cement Big Cedar Lodge's place as America's next great golf destination.

Payne's Valley by TGR Design

Payne's Valley, a course by Tiger Woods' TGR Design and Johnny Morris, opened on September 22nd, 2020 and is named in honor of the late Payne Stewart. This is the first fully public-access course in America completed by Woods and his design firm. A partnership between Morris, Woods and the Stewart family, Payne's Valley showcases the region's natural beauty through a championship course featuring a 19th hole designed by Bass Pro Shops and Big Cedar Lodge founder, Johnny Morris, known as "The Big Rock at Payne's Valley", a par 3 bet-settling hole set against a 250 foot limestone cliff and roaring waterfall.



CARDINAL

THUNDER RIDGE NATURE ARENA:

Cliffhangers

This extraordinary par-3 course was created by Bass Pro Shops founder Johnny Morris and his son John Paul. Cliffhangers dangles on a steep hillside adjacent to Payne's Valley with 18 holes ranging from 60 to 170 yards. The adventure course features dramatic elevation changes, breathtaking views, and holes meticulously carved into the region's iconic limestone cliffs and flowing creeks.

Envisioned by Bass Pro Shops founder, Johnny Morris, this 20,000 seat, nature-amphitheater is located in the heart of the Missouri Ozark Mountains, overlooking Table Rock Lake. Part of the Big Cedar Lodge footprint, this one-of-a-kind venue immerses guests in the Great Outdoors while entertaining them with some of the biggest names and events in the country.



DOGWOOD CANYON NATURE PARK:

Dogwood Canyon Nature Park is a 10,000-acre wilderness paradise centered in the Ozarks region of southwest Missouri. In 2016 Dogwood Canyon underwent a thoughtful re-imagination led by Johnny Morris, the founder of Bass Pro Shops and nearby Big Cedar Lodge. Morris, who still calls the region home, is driven by his longstanding commitment to environmental conservation that led him to acquire the first parcels of the park in 1990. The park is managed by the Dogwood Canyon Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes environmental conservation by maintaining the park and providing the public with an unspoiled setting for exploration and enjoyment. Following an expansion guided by a deep ethos of conservation, Dogwood Canyon Nature Park is open to the public with a mission to conserve, preserve and educate. The natural beauty of the park includes towering bluffs, waterfalls, creek beds, hand-crafted bridges and wildlife such as bison, elk and Texas longhorn cattle.

Adventures and amenities include:

- Dogwood Mill
- Canyon Grill Restaurant
- Education Center
- Treehouse built by the Treehouse Masters
- Little Indian Stables
- General Store & Outfitters
- Horseback Riding
- Tram Tours
- 3D archery
- Biking
- Trout fishing
- Walking/hiking
- Hope Wilderness Chapel





ADDITIONAL RESORT AMENITIES & ACTIVITIES:

- Arcade
- Big Cedar Beach
- Board Games
- Canoes
- DVD Checkout
- Fitness Center
- Horseshoes
- Hot Tubs
- Kayaks
- Mini Golf Course
- Paddleboats
- Paved Jogging & Walking Trails
- Playground
- Sand Volleyball
- Scenic Hiking Trails
- Shuffleboard
- Five Swimming Pools
- Ice Skating Rink (seasonal)

AREA ATTRACTIONS:

Attractions near Big Cedar Lodge include:

- Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World – “The Granddaddy Store”
- Bass Pro Shops Outpost at the Branson Landing
- Dogwood Canyon Nature Park
- Finley Farms and The Ozark Mill Restaurant
- Johnny Morris’ Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium
- Table Rock Lake State Park





2026 AWARDS:

Big Cedar Lodge Award Highlights

- 2026 *U.S. News & World Report* Best Hotels Rankings, #1 in Best Missouri Resorts, #1 Best Golf Hotel in Missouri
- *Midwest Living* Best of the Midwest Awards, Best Resort, Best Golf Course
- *USA Today* 10Best, Best Golf Resorts in the U.S., #2 Big Cedar Lodge
- *USA Today* 10Best, Best Public Golf Courses in the U.S., #1 Payne's Valley at Big Cedar Lodge
- Reviewed 2026 Readers' Choice Awards - Best Family Resorts of 2026 - #4

2025 AWARDS:

- 2025 *U.S. News & World Report* Best Hotels Rankings, #2 in Best Missouri Hotels
- *Midwest Living* Best of the Midwest Awards: Thunder Ridge Nature Arena, Arts and Culture
- *USA Today*, 17 Best Lake Resorts and Hotels in the U.S. for Families: #9 Big Cedar Lodge
- *USA Today* 10Best 10 Best Golf Resorts in the U.S., #2 Big Cedar Lodge, Best Hotel for the Holidays #1 Big Cedar Lodge
- *Travel + Leisure* 2025 World's Best Awards, Big Cedar Lodge #4 Favorite Resorts in the Midwest
- *Scary Mommy* 2025 Readers' Choice Awards Best Family-Friendly U.S. Resorts #7 Big Cedar Lodge
- *Conde Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards 2025 Top 5 Resorts in Midwest, Big Cedar Lodge
- *Convention South* 2025 Readers' Choice Award Winners, Best of the Best Big Cedar Lodge

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