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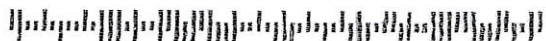
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Big Bear, California

□ **SoCal's Winter Playground**
by Crista Videriksen Worthy & Frank Beer
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Big Bear is Southern California's closest alpine playground. It's refreshing to get out of the city's hustle and relax in the mountains any time of year, and with plenty of winter sports like skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and fat-tire cycling, Big Bear really shines as a winter destination. The area records over 300 days of sunshine per year, so that fresh pine fragrance is usually accompanied by a vibrant blue sky. In case the skies are blue too often, the ski areas are equipped with snow-making equipment, which makes Big

Bear one of the more reliable ski areas you can fly to, both in terms of good weather and plenty of snow.

Flying There

Big Bear is just a short flight from the balmy Los Angeles Basin, though you'll be climbing most of the way. Despite the SoCal adjacent location, Big Bear's elevation can subject it to serious winter weather; be prepared for alpine conditions. Expect frost in early mornings or evenings, as well as potentially low ceilings or visibility. However,

flying in the crisp winter air can also afford clear views of canyons and mountaintops slipping beneath your aircraft while speck-sized skiers carve turns down slopes at local ski resorts.

Big Bear City Airport (L35) sits at 6,752 feet on the east side of Big Bear Lake, in a rather narrow east-west valley. Peaks rise to nearly 10,000 feet within five miles of the airport; just ten miles south, Mount San Geronio towers over all of southern California at 11,499 ft. MSL. However, in good VFR weather, approaches to L35 can be



made from either the east or west without climbing much above 7,000 ft. MSL. From the west, it's a good idea to contact SoCal Approach for flight following. Stay out of the Los Angeles (LAX) Class B airspace, remain just north of the Ontario (ONT) Class C, and then continue northeast to the dam at the west end of Big Bear Lake. Fly east along the south shore of the lake and enter the traffic pattern. From the east, you'll fly over the high desert until reaching Baldwin Lake, just east of the airport. Enter the traffic pattern on the south side of the airport.

Unless you're at a higher altitude, you may not get the AWOS (135.925 MHz) until you've got the airport in sight. Self-announce on Unicom at 122.725 MHz. Watch for jets parked perpendicular to the runway; a Falcon jet with engines running nearly blew us off the runway just after touchdown a few years ago. On departure to the west, use caution for a small hill just west of the airport (there is an Obstacle Departure Procedure). If you don't fly the ODP, make a 10-degree left turn after take-off from either runway to avoid the hill and

homes, and then remain over the lake for noise abatement.

The airport office is in the main terminal and has great prices for 100LL and Jet-A. Tiedowns are available, but not heated hangars, 7 a.m.–6 p.m., 909-585-3219, www.BigBearCityAirport.com. The terminal also houses the **Barnstorm Café**, a small restaurant with great views of the runway that serves pancakes, eggs, and the like at breakfast, and sandwiches, salads, burgers, and even rack of lamb or surf and turf at dinner, open daily 7 a.m.–3 p.m. and Sat–Sun 5–9 p.m., live music Sat evenings, 909-585-9339, www.BarnstormRestaurant.com.

History

The Serrano Indians inhabited the region for more than 2,000 years. In the mid-1800s, Benjamin D. Wilson explored the area and named it “Bear Valley” due to the large numbers of both grizzly and black bears. In 1860, William Holcomb’s discovery of gold touched off a gold rush that lasted from 1861 to about 1912. The influx of miners and others unfortunately led to the extermination of the local grizzly bears by the early 1900s. They were hunted or simply shot on sight and are now extinct in California.

After the world’s second bus line replaced horse-drawn coaches in 1912, southern Californians began flocking to Big Bear Lake, making it a recreational destination. The Pan Hot Springs Inn built beside a natural hot spring drew early Hollywood celebrities, including Ginger Rogers and Cecil B. DeMille. Numerous classic films and television shows including *Paint Your Wagon*, *Gone With the Wind*, *Daniel Boone*, *Bonanza*, *Dr. Doolittle*, and the original *Last of the Mohicans* have been filmed at various Big Bear locations. The inn burned down in 1933 and was never rebuilt.

Big Bear’s first ski jump was built in 1929. After more jumps were built, the Viking Ski Club of Los Angeles began holding competitions and events. The Snow Summit ski resort first opened in 1952, prompting many Angelenos to take up the winter sport. Bear Mountain, a second resort, opened up in 1988 just two miles away; it was purchased in 2002 by Snow Summit. In 2013, both resorts were purchased by the owners of Mammoth Mountain, a huge ski area in the eastern Sierra Nevada, but retained their original names.

What to Do

Big Bear’s year-round popularity, especially with southern Californians, has everything to do with its elevation. At 6,752 feet, Big Bear’s temperatures run 20 to 40 degrees cooler than the lands below. January days are usually between the mid-30s and the mid-40s and nights are well below freezing, so pack comfortable layers of insulating

Matt Liknaitzky and Monika Szekely fly east of Big Bear Lake, the town, and the airport in Matt’s Christen Eagle.



Clockwise: Winter or summer, the Alpine Slide is lots of fun for riders big and small; Big Bear Solar Observatory, one of the world's finest, juts out into Big Bear Lake and is open for tours spring through fall; Most of the furry friends at the Big Bear Zoo are indigenous to the local area, and many are rescue animals; The Action Zipline is a great way to feel like a bird as you whisk between the pines.

and breathable winter wear. Big Bear's two ski resorts, Snow Summit and Bear Mountain, are each less than five miles from the airport. Lift tickets are good at both resorts. And even kids who don't know how to ski love the **Grizzly Ridge Tube Park** with a lift, groomed lanes, and complimentary hot cocoa, tubing \$30–\$35, one website for all, www.BigBearMountainResort.com.

Snow Summit offers 14 lifts, including two high-speed quad chairs that provide access to 31 trails and 240 skiable acres, all covered by snowmaking equipment in case nature doesn't provide. Terrain is suitable for all skill levels and ranges from 7,000 to 8,200 feet in elevation. Snowboarding is big here, and the resort offer classes, a kids' camp, and regular ski lessons. Seven restaurants offer breakfast, lunch, and après-ski entertainment; options range from American grill to smokehouse specialties, a coffee house, and full bar. **Bear Mountain** has 12 lifts and 198 developed acres, including two half pipes and a beginner pipe; 550 additional acres are undeveloped and provide natural terrain. Although it's not as big as its neighbor, Bear Mountain offers six res-

taurants for everything from a full meal to a quick hot chocolate or cappuccino and has a 13,000-square-foot sun deck where you can listen to live music in the late afternoon. Lift tickets are limited so reservations on the weekends are a must, day lift tickets \$20–\$79, Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–4 p.m., weekends & holiday 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., selected dates offer night skiing 3:30–8:30 p.m., reservations 844-GO2-BEAR, 24-hour snow report 800-BEAR-MTN.

Big Bear Snow Play has a **snow tubing hill and go-karts** (the Big Bear Speedway for go-karts is only open Apr–Nov). For tubing, a covered lift called the "Magic Carpet" takes you to the top of the tubing hill. Children ages 2–6 can ride free on the same tube with a paying adult, all-day pass \$30, night tubing \$25, cash only, open daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. & Fri–Sat 5–9 p.m., 42825 Big Bear Blvd., 909-585-0075, www.BigBearSnowPlay.com.

West of the village, Magic Mountain is a giant fun zone, with a **water slide** (\$2–\$15) for summer fun, and an **alpine slide** (\$6, five rides \$25), **miniature golf** (\$4–\$5), **go-karts** (\$6–\$8), and an **arcade** that

operate year-round. The alpine slide is like a bobsled on wheels, and you'll get to the top via a chairlift, winter hours Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat–Sun 10 a.m.–dusk, 800 Wildrose Lane, 909-866-4626, www.AlpineSlideBigBear.com.

Make your own fun riding **fat-tire mountain bikes** in the snow. Two shops rent many styles, including fat-tire snow bikes. Just west of the alpine slide, you'll find Bear Valley Bikes, founded in 1995 and now owned by Derek Hermon, who is heavily involved in competitive cycling. Fat-tire bikes run \$15 per hour, \$45 for four hours, or \$60 for eight hours, and staff members are happy to help you with trail and riding information. Winter hours Wed–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., 40298 Big Bear Blvd., 909-866-8000, www.BVBikes.com. Chains Required bike shop is located at the base of Snow Summit. Fat-tire bikes run \$13 per hour, \$39 for half-day, or \$52 for full day, Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.–5 p.m., 41869 Big Bear Blvd., 909-878-3280, www.ChainsRequiredBikeShop.com.

Weather permitting, Action **Zipline** runs three-hour tours with nine high-speed zip



North Shore Café



Big Bear Mountain Resort



Clockwise: Take the 64-foot paddlewheeler *Miss Liberty* on a 90-minute cruise around Big Bear Lake; The English Beat performs at The Cave, a popular Big Bear supper club; Snow Summit's Grizzly Ridge Tubing offers a high-speed snow tubing experience with a lift to the top, groomed lanes, and complimentary hot cocoa; North Shore serves up delectable meals such as this spinach salad.

lines and a fun suspension bridge. To get to the zip lines, you'll start with a two-mile off-road excursion in a Pinzgauer (a four-wheeled safari Jeep-type vehicle) to the scenic launch deck on a mountain. Zip lines range from 120–860 feet; in between, you'll learn about local history and lore, \$125, 909-866-0390, www.ActionZiplineTours.com.

The Cave is a state-of-the-art, yet intimate, **rock concert and entertainment venue** in the heart of Big Bear. Laser light shows and great sound make the most of great music from classic bands like Los Lobos, Jefferson Starship, English Beat, and Marshall Tucker Band, to name a few. Excellent tribute bands run the gamut from Led Zeppelin USA to bands that pay tribute to The Doors, The Police, Van Halen, Rush, Eric Clapton, Journey, and more. Enjoy gourmet sandwiches and local craft brews on tap while you tap your feet to the music. Other events include art nights, ski films, Friday-night bands, and classic movie screenings, free–\$10. General admission for concerts is limited to seating on a first-come, first-served basis and not guaranteed; mezzanine or balcony tickets guarantee you


a seat, tickets \$15–\$70, schedule on website, box office open Wed–Fri & Sun noon–5 p.m., Sat 11 a.m.–9 p.m., 40789 Village Dr., 909-878-0204, www.TheCaveBigBear.com.

Up Moonridge Road just south of town, you'll find the **Big Bear Alpine Zoo**, which got its start in 1959 with an orphaned black bear and two bobcats injured by a forest fire. Most animals at the zoo are “rescue” cases of some kind. You'll see (often up very close) mostly animals native to the local area, including gray foxes, mountain lions, and black bears, but also grizzlies, snow leopards, and wolves. The rehabilitation center receives over 100 animals annually that require intervention to survive; over 90 percent are eventually returned to the wild. Admission \$9–\$12, under 3 free, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (until 5 p.m. Memorial Day–Labor Day), 43285 Goldmine Dr., 909-584-1299, www.BigBearZoo.org.

Speaking of wildlife, scan the trees around Big Bear Lake for **wintering bald eagles**, which can number in the several dozens; they hang out around the lake where they feast on trout all winter. Learn more about the surrounding San Bernardino National

Forest and its wildlife at the U.S. Forest Service's **Big Bear Discovery Center** on the north side of Big Bear Lake, near Fawnskin. Just drive a few minutes north on the Stanfield Cut-Off across the lake and take a left onto Highway 38 (North Shore Dr.) Open Fri–Mon 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., 40971 North Shore Dr., Fawnskin, 909-382-2790, www.FS.USDA.gov/detail/sbnf/about-forest/districts/?cid=fsbdev7_007796.

A mile west of the Discovery Center, the **Big Bear Solar Observatory** is one of the world's preeminent facilities that studies the Sun. Built by the California Institute of Technology in 1969, it's now run by the New Jersey Institute of Technology and funded by NASA, the National Science Foundation, U.S. Air Force, and other agencies. Its location on Big Bear Lake is ideal for two reasons: at a 6,750-foot elevation, it sits above much of earth's lower atmosphere, and the surrounding water helps eliminate ground heat radiation waves that would otherwise cause optical aberrations. Free tours (reserve by phone) are offered 2–3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (spring–Thanksgiving), 909-866-5791 ext. 210, www.BBSO.NJIT.edu.



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Above: Snow Summit has been a favorite of SoCal skiers for generations.
 Right: Competitive cyclist Derek Hermon fatbikes a quiet, snow-covered hillside.

Boat rentals are generally only available April–November, but you can **cruise Big Bear Lake** on the 64-foot paddlewheel-er *Miss Liberty* year-round. The 90-minute tours include plenty of Big Bear history and folklore; it departs at noon and 2 p.m. Fri–Mon, weather permitting and if at least 15 passengers have signed up, \$13–\$20, under five free, 439 Pine Knot Ave., 909-866-8129, www.PineKnotMarina.com.

Where to Stay

There’s something about a winter trip to the mountains that makes a cabin sound delightful. Fortunately, Big Bear offers a huge variety of **rental cabins**, most of which are south or east of the lake. Big Bear Cabins has a full selection of forest and lakeside cabins with fully-stocked kitchens, linens, and towels, all shown on their website with extensive photos. Many are pet-friendly and some are at the base of the ski areas. Cabins range from one to 19 bedrooms, \$60–\$1,300, 877-473-5360, www.BigBearCabins.com. VRBO also has cabins from a two-bedroom for \$100 to a nine-bedroom mansion for \$2,136, www.VRBO.com. For more lodging and visitor information, visit www.BigBear.com.

Apples Bed and Breakfast is less than two miles from the ski resorts. Although under new ownership, this B&B’s reputation for outstanding food, service, and rooms hasn’t changed. The rose-colored 15,000-square-foot Country Victorian style home offers 19 private guestrooms (two of them are two-bed, two-bath), each uniquely decorated and named after a different variety of apple. All rooms have free Wi-Fi, down blankets, a gas fireplace, TV/DVD player, wingback recliner, and private bath with apple-scented shampoo. Four turret rooms have Jacuzzi whirlpool tubs big enough for two. The main house common area offers a wood-burning fireplace, baby grand piano, game table, and a selection of books, games, puzzles, and movies. This is where guests can enjoy early morning coffee, afternoon sparkling apple cider and cheese, and an evening offering of freshly-made dessert and coffee. Ice, soft drinks, hot teas, hot cider, and candies are available all day. And don’t forget the bag of freshly-baked cookies you’ll receive at check-in—the perfect fuel to bring along on the slopes. Breakfast, served daily 9–10 a.m., always includes a fruit course or fresh in-

season fruit, Muesli or homemade granola, fresh muffins, pastries like a white chocolate scone or apple tart, an egg dish such as Santa Fe-style baked eggs or vegetable quiche, and a meat course such as glazed turkey breakfast sausage, candied bacon, or maple glazed turkey ham, rooms \$198-\$356, 42430 Moonridge Rd., 909-866-0903, www.ApplesBedAndBreakfast.com.

Lagonita Lodge offers 91 one- and two-bedroom condo-style accommodations right on the south shore of Big Bear Lake. Guests enjoy full kitchens stocked with essentials, free Wi-Fi, heated indoor pool and spa, fitness center, outdoor heated spa overlooking the lake, BBQ areas, family rec room with pool table, and movie rentals and board games, \$119-\$329, 183 Lagunita Lane, 909-866-6531, www.LagonitaLodge.com.

The centrally-located **Bear Creek Resort** offers four motel-style rooms, two with queen and two with king beds, and wood-burning fireplaces. But they also have a variety of studio to three-bedroom cabins, most with wood-burning fireplaces and some with a full kitchen and a backyard deck. There's an outdoor hot tub for guest use (summer only), rooms \$139-\$169, cabins \$189-\$329, 40210 Big Bear Blvd., 877-428-9335, www.BearCreek-Resort.com.

Wolf Creek Resort also offers easy access to the lake, hiking trails, and the village. Plus, it's home to the 15-acre Stone Summit Vineyard that's claimed to be the highest-altitude vineyard in North America,



at 6,750 feet (they'll soon be opening a wine room in the village called The Black Cat). Wolf Creek offers 16 motel rooms with wood-burning fireplaces, \$99-\$189. They also have a couple of two-bedroom cabins with fireplaces and eight chalets (half with fireplaces) that sleep six or eight, \$219-\$309. The Wolf Den sleeps up to 34 in 11 bedrooms with 11 baths, a huge dining room, and private billiards room, \$1,950 & up, 41421 Big Bear Blvd., 909-866-2644 or 800-232-7754, www.WolfCreek-resort.com.

The Inn at Fawnskin on the lake's quiet north side gets our vote for coziest place to stay. Once a private home, the log inn offers four rooms (three are suites) with private baths and fireplaces, balconies, lake views, and plush robes. A book


in each room describes the antiques in that room. Innkeepers Nancy Walker and Bill Hazewinkel serve a complete breakfast at 9 a.m. in the stone fireplace-accented dining room and will happily assist you with activity plans, \$185-\$290, 800 Canyon Rd., 909-866-3200, www.FawnskinInn.com.

Where to Eat

Jayme and Tracy Nordine's **Grizzly Manor Café** has been Big Bear's most popular breakfast spot since its opening in 1992. There's almost always a line out front, a sure sign of a winner. You'll want their pancakes, whether the buttermilk with a smiley face on it, or buckwheat, blueberry, or chocolate chip. The Hog Boy is two cakes, two eggs, and two strips of bacon. Each pancake liter-

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ally covers an entire plate; enough carbs to make you think you could skip the chair lift and just muscle your way to the top of the slopes. They've got biscuits and gravy and omelets too, if you prefer. Lunch is served weekdays only after 11 a.m. and includes tacos, burgers, smoked sausage, and sandwiches. Entrées at this local favorite run \$4-\$13.50, daily 6 a.m.-2 p.m., 41268 Big Bear Blvd., 909-866-6226, www.GrizzlyManorCafe.com. The Nordine's also own **Grizzly's Bear Belly Deli & Cafe**, which is on the way to Bear Mountain Ski Resort and known for Big Bear's best sandwiches. They're the best because the ingredients are top notch, and you get to build your own. Choose your own meat, cheese, bread, and toppings and eat it in front of the fireplace, or take it with you to fuel a big day on the slopes. Doggie treats are provided in case you brought your best friend, \$6-\$10.50, daily 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 42530 Moonridge Rd., 909-585-4266, www.BearBellyDeli.com.

Fine dining and lakeside views make **Evergreen** Big Bear's favorite romantic restaurant. Sautéed button mushrooms and French onion soup are good ways to start, accompanied by your favorite spirits or a bottle from the extensive collection. We always seem to order the filet with peppercorn sauce, but other excellent choices are the rib eye or New York steak. Roasted rack of lamb or half duck, pasta, seafood, it's all here, even a kid's menu, entrées \$19-\$64, Mon-Tue 5-9 p.m., Fri 5-10 p.m., Sat-Sun noon-3 p.m. & 5-10 p.m., 40771 Big Bear Blvd., 909-878-5588, www.EvergreenBigBear.com.

Paoli's Italian Kitchen is the place for antipasto salad, deep-dish pizza, or chicken Marsala. It's small and cozy but not dark inside, and they've got a nice patio for summer meals. Don't forget their famous garlic bread slathered in butter, entrées \$10-\$25, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., 909-866-2020.

Established in 1994, the **North Shore Café** is less than a mile past the Inn at Fawn-skin. Once an old mining shack, this cozy café turns out entrées like fine charbroiled steaks, grilled salmon, steamed trout, ahi tuna, meatless portobello, and classic charbroiled burgers, as well as sandwiches and sides, all from scratch, \$10.75-\$24. They also do breakfast in grand style, with everything from oatmeal or hotcakes to steak, seafood, or Southwest specialties with eggs, \$6.25-\$24, Wed-Thu 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun 7 a.m.-6 p.m., 39226 North Shore Dr., Fawnskin, 909-866-5879, www.NorthShoreCafe.com.

Transportation

A **rental car** is your best bet for getting around. Call Dawn, and she will arrange a Hertz car for you. Prices vary greatly depending on car type and date, but typical compact car rates are \$25-\$32. They are open Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat 9-noon, closed Sun, 909-547-6900, www.Hertz.com. Big Bear **Cab** Company is at 909-866-8294.

Inn at Fawnskin



Inn at Fawnskin

Bear Creek



Bear Creek

Clockwise: A fresh snowfall gives The Inn at Fawnskin a magical look; A plush bear greets guests who stay in The Inn at Fawnskin's Garden Suite; Most rooms at the Bear Creek Resort have fireplaces and hand-painted murals; Bear Creek Resort is centrally located and offers 29 accommodation options ranging from motel-style rooms to three-bedroom cabins.

Big Bear is southern California's winter haven. Unlike the resort towns of Aspen, Vail, or Park City, you won't find ultra-luxe hotels, restaurants, and shops,

but you also won't get the high prices. Plus, the terrain, while high, doesn't approach that of the Rocky Mountains or the frequent cloud cover you get in

the Cascades. And after the snow melts in spring, you'll find plenty of places to hike, bike, ride, or just relax in the mountain atmosphere. ■

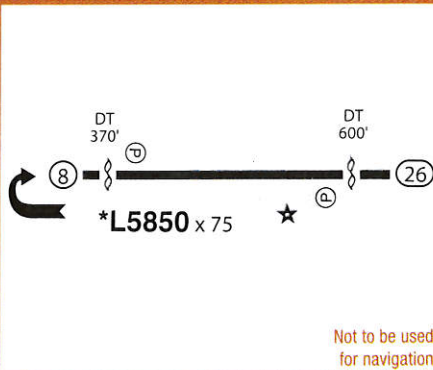
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Big Bear Airport

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Sectional Chart: Los Angeles

Pattern Altitude: 7,952 ft. MSL



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- PHONES:** Airport office: 909-585-3219, AWOS-3: 909-585-4033.