

A New Leaf

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The cabin accommodations at Big Cedar Lodge

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The Ozarks are arguably the best spot in the Midwest for taking in nature's beauty, and the best resort destination in yonder hills is most certainly the 246-room Big Cedar Lodge, which, coincidentally, just launched an extension to its wilderness Disneyland. Perched on a cliff, the Top of the Rock extension overlooks the Ozarks and stunning Table Rock Lake, and features a wine cellar, bar, two restaurants and a beautiful "lost canyon" cave that rises four stories and incorporates a roaring waterfall. Back at the main lodge, carriage rides, trail rides, Segway tours, cooking and painting classes, and sunset cruises will keep you plenty busy. There is also a fully equipped spa to melt away any soreness associated with your chockablock activity schedule. For a truly Wild West experience, be sure to book yourself on one of the campfire wagon rides, where in-house cowboys will tell stories and sing to you as you roast marshmallows and sip sarsaparilla around the fire. Overnight rates from \$149 for standard rooms and \$305 for cabins, @bigcedarlodge