

## MAGIC MOUNTAIN

PARK CITY PROJECTS REACH THEIR PEAK

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January 31, 2008 -- Sundance might be what put Park City, Utah, on the map, but there's plenty going on in this former mining town the other 51 weeks of the year. And while Sundance has evolved from a small showcase for indie films into a major celebrity- and industry-saturated festival, Park City real estate has gotten glitzy, too. The town once made up of modest wood-frame houses now has architects like Robert A.M. Stern working on luxurious developments with amenities such as equestrian centers, golf courses and, of course, private ski lifts.

**Promontory** Promontory's location in the foothills of Deer Valley, with spectacular views of Park City and the Wasatch Mountains, makes for truly serene living. (Think Brooklyn Heights looking out on bustling Manhattan.) And while the posh development is set on 7,000 acres, more than 60 percent of the land will remain undeveloped, ensuring that the sanctuary-like feel remains.

If your interests lean toward golf or horses, Promontory offers the best of both worlds, with three signature courses - one designed by Jack Nicklaus, another by Pete Dye - and an enormous equestrian center with indoor/outdoor arenas and heated stalls. There are plenty of other activities as well: At the Outfitter's Cabin, you can get decked out for fishing, hiking and boating. The Ranch Clubhouse features a pool, spa, fitness center and four tennis courts that are converted to an ice-skating rink in the winter. And skiers have access to two private ski lodges, including one steps from Park City's Main Street.

Both home sites and finished residences are offered: Sites range from half an acre to 10 acres and start around \$500,000; homes begin at about \$1.7 million (for a three-bedroom, three-plus-bath house) and go to \$5.5 million. You can bring in your own architect (the owner of P.F. Chang's did) or opt for one of the development's featured builders or architects.

The emphasis at Promontory is definitely on family: There's a kids-only clubhouse complete with waterslide and adventure trail, and several lodges and most clubhouses feature game rooms, billiards and multiple flat-screen TVs.

But you can expect very grown-up cuisine at Hearth, Promontory's fine-dining restaurant, with a menu from acclaimed California chef Rosanne Ruiz that features seasonal ingredients in dishes such as wild boar ribs and grilled wild salmon and an excellent selection of California wines. (888) 458-6600; [promontoryclub.com](http://promontoryclub.com)

### **Talisker**

The upscale Talisker project boasts three residential communities spread out across 10,000 acres. There are multiple clubhouses as well as a resort and spa, an on-mountain restaurant, a Mark O'Meara-designed golf course, private ski lifts and a watersports area on the Jordanelle Reservoir.

At the priciest end is Red Cloud, a collection of 30 home sites set on 1 to 2½ acres at Deer Valley Resort (one of three major skiing areas around Park City). The privilege of living so high on the mountain, and so close to multiple ski lifts is apparent in the steep prices: The least expensive of the eight remaining sites is \$4.3 million. A range of residences - from condos to townhouses to single-family homes - are offered. At Empire Pass, a ski-in, ski-out community located slightly down the mountain, condos range from about \$1.7 million to \$5 million, while single-family homes average \$5.6 million and lots are around \$4.5 million. Near these two mountain communities is Talisker Tower, a large yet cozy clubhouse offering dining, a game and relax in front of the fire ski. Talisker Club Park, designed by Stern, you can dine swim in one of the two pools, exercise, take in a spa treatment and put the kiddies in good hands at the Wildstar Rangers Cabin. The development offers myriad adventures no matter the season. Talisker has its own speedboat for water-skiing and wake surfing (if you don't know what the latter is, there are handsome pros on hand to teach you). Horseback riding is also big: A resident guide will saddle you up and take you through the mountain wilderness, where

## **More Properties**

The Sky Lodge: This was one of the hottest places to party at this year's Sundance festival, so why not own a piece of it? Fractional (deeded) ownership at the five-star resort on Main Street starts at \$259,900 for a two bedroom, \$399,900 for a three-bedroom "SkyHome" and \$1 million for a penthouse. You'll get 35 days out of every year; better buy and book now for Sundance 2009. [theskylodge.com](http://theskylodge.com)