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In Utah, Sundance Mountain Resort Opens a New Inn

Left: The Inn at Sundance Mountain Resort comprises two buildings bisected by the North Fork Provo River. Right: the Living Room, where the hotel serves breakfast and snacks. Credit: Pablo Enriquez

When Robert Redford purchased about 3,000 acres in Utah's Provo Canyon in 1969, his guiding philosophy was "Develop a little, preserve a lot." The land already had two basic lifts and a lodge, which Redford gradually modernized and renamed Sundance Mountain Resort. Though he sold the property in 2020, the mission of careful development has remained. This week, a hotel joins the resort's cottages and mountain homes as an accommodation option. The 3,343 acres of land around it — Redford bought more over the years — remain preserved. Situated at the base of the ski slope, the Inn at Sundance Mountain Resort is made up of two wings connected by a wooden footbridge that spans the North Fork Provo River. The interiors pay homage to Redford and nature: The reception area, which features a stone fireplace and reclaimed timber flooring, is adorned with Tartan plaids and family crests that reference the actor's Scottish roots. The 63 rooms are wood paneled, with leather headboards and Pendleton throws. Artwork around the hotel includes cyanotypes featuring native Utah plants and portraits of owls (many from the Sundance-supported Great Basin Wildlife Rescue) by the Salt Lake City photographer Claire Rosen. Guests will get access to the existing spa, inside a free-standing wood cabin, and the resort's pool area, which includes hot tubs and barrel saunas. *From $980 a night, sundanceresort.com.*

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