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For a Wild West Adventure, Head to These 10 Family-Friendly Ranches and Lodges

These are the 10 best ranches and lodges for families in the American West.



Evergreen Lodge is right outside Yosemite National Park. Courtesy of the Evergreen Lodge

9. Evergreen Lodge

- Location: Groveland, California
- Book now

Nightly s'mores by the campfire. Zip lines built into a ponderosa pine forest. A saltwater swimming pool and hot tub. Sweet log cabins with modern conveniences. These are a few reasons why families of all ages return to the Evergreen Lodge, a mountain resort just outside the west gate to California's Yosemite National Park.

With a history that dates back more than 100 years, the Evergreen is now stewarded by two Stanford Business School grads who put social responsibility initiatives at the core of their hospitality. A youth employment program brings in high-potential young adults from cities as paid seasonal interns focused on job skills, life skills, one-on-one support, and outdoor adventures. And the lodge, a certified B Corp, has Tuolumne County's first commercial graywater system.