



Sawtooth Hotel Stanley, Idaho

Overview: Idaho miners first drained a pint, ate a hearty meal, and put their head down for the night at the Sawtooth Hotel in 1931. It was the center of Stanley life until it closed to the public in the early 90s. Last April, the historic lodge reopened. Nestled against the jagged, awe-inspiring Sawtooth Mountains, the hotel welcomes skiers, climbers, fishermen, and anyone else who wanders into downtown Stanley (population 100) looking for a comfortable bed in an old-fashioned log cabin mountain lodge.

Notable: Breakfast is included. Dinner (open to the public) is served on hand-hewn wooden benches around big picnic tables in the great room, where the soapstone wood stove is always blazing. Dine on local fare with international flair while watching the crimson sunset reflect off snowy peaks through the lodge's picture windows.

Our take: The accommodations are as good as the backcountry skiing and fishing in Stanley, which is smack in the middle of the Sawtooth, Boulder, and White Cloud mountains. Head out on a ski tour or cast a fly with Sawtooth Mountain Guides. You can also use the Hotel as pre- and post- for a winter hut trip or just hit the ice rink across the street for pickup hockey.

Stay Here If: You prefer homey to hotel-y. Antiques and artifacts from the hippie globetrotter owners' personal collections fill the rooms. Unmatched quilts, duvets, and blankets adorn the beds, and there are no tiny shampoo bottles in the baths—but some have hand-tiled showers. Visit in March to hit the Sawtooth Ski Club's Annual Ski Festival.

Information: All six king and queen main lodge rooms (private and shared baths) and three kitchenette doubles have mountain views for \$65–\$95 per night. Don't expect phones or TVs in the rooms—enjoy the Milky Way late show out your window. sawtoothhotel.com —**B.B.**

Callahan's Siskiyou Lodge Ashland, Oregon

Overview: Nestled in southern Oregon's Siskiyou Mountains, 10 minutes south of Ashland, the lodge underwent a complete rebuild two years ago after a kitchen fire razed the place. The rebuild more than doubled the lodge's size, bringing the total number of guest rooms up to 19.

Notable: The spacious guest rooms feature floor-to-ceiling stone hearths, romantic Jacuzzi tubs built for two, and a \$25 dining certificate. Locals frequent the rustic dining room featuring live acoustic music and a robust menu of gourmet home-cooked fare ranging from rabbit to rib eye.

Our take: This is country-style mountain living at its finest: elegant, yet down-home. Expect a significantly relaxed pace here, which means slow, albeit friendly, service in the dining room.

Stay Here If: You're traveling without children and looking for a scenic home base for your Ashland and Rogue Valley activities with the same down-to-earth vibe as the neighboring community, and you don't mind a spotty Wi-Fi connection.

Information: Rates: \$155–\$250. callahanslodge.com —**Jayme Otto**

