



Balsam Mountain Preserve Unveils Newly Expanded Equestrian Center
Western North Carolina Community Continues to Feature Enhanced Amenities

Sylva, NC, Feb. 13, 2020 — [Balsam Mountain Preserve](#), a private, conservation-oriented community in the Blue Ridge Mountains, is excited to announce new improvements to its Equestrian Center. Previously named the “Best Equestrian Community” in the Southeast U.S. by Real Estate Scorecard, Balsam is continuing to enhance its program with four all-weather paddocks, a larger all-purpose training arena and a year-round boarding program for members.

Improvements include the expanded arena with approximately 70 ft by 150 ft of riding space that can now accommodate competition level movements. In addition, the new all-weather paddocks will reduce the load on the community’s existing pasture space by providing more efficient drainage and footing. These new paddocks will allow for a more suitable year-round equestrian and boarding program.

The new equine facilities at Balsam Mountain Preserve are designed to welcome novice riders to the sport with expert lessons in the riding arena, while more advanced equestrians can explore the Preserve’s trail system, which connects to the Nantahala National Forest’s 500,000 acres.

Expanding the equestrian program is part of Balsam’s ongoing commitment to making the area’s natural beauty more accessible to its residents. With a comprehensive trail system connecting much of the

property, riders can tour the streams and waterfalls of the picturesque area and even hitch their horse to rest at the community's onsite Dark Ridge Creek campground for the evening.

"We are thrilled to share our new Equestrian Center with residents," says Balsam Mountain Preserve chief operating officer Joe Dellinger. "The new state-of-the-art facilities will allow Balsam to continue to establish itself as a premier mountain equestrian community for families interested in engaging and interactive amenities that align with our central ethos of land stewardship."

Following the Equestrian Center renovations, Balsam Mountain Preserve will continue construction on the highly anticipated [Doubletop Village](#). Set in a prime location within the 4,400-acre preserve overlooking its Arnold Palmer Signature golf course and Plott Balsam Mountain Range, Doubletop Village is a mountain hamlet of dining, recreational amenities and residential cottages scheduled to open in spring 2020. The new village will consist of a grouping of stunning club facilities featuring a new grille, the Summit House, with a private dining room and an expansive terrace for outdoor dining. Across the courtyard, the Mine Tavern will offer casual indoor and outdoor restaurant service. The Village will also include a General Store and Pro Shop, as well as the organic Ruby City Farm and two great lawns for bocce, croquet, badminton, putting green and other sports.

Additional community amenities include an 18-hole Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course, Palmer Practice Park, Nature Center with onsite naturalists, Ruby Valley Fitness & Wellness Pavilion and just under 50 miles of groomed trails bordering the Nantahala National Forest, as well as an authentic community ethos of conservation.

Links to renderings and video:

- Cottage renderings: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/2ZJVg8gIFd>
- Doubletop Village & Cottages video: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/danvwJPOxH>
- Balsam Mountain Preserve Images: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/Bh54G1Sip4>

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Balsam Mountain Preserve is a low-density, conservation-orientated private residential community set on 4,400 acres in the North Carolina Blue Ridge Mountains near Asheville. Refined amenities of the community include an Arnold Palmer Signature golf course, Equestrian Center, Ruby Valley Fitness & Wellness Pavilion, pool, Nature Center, tennis courts, guided hiking, fishing and camping opportunities, the Boarding House and Outpost for gathering and food & beverage offerings. The new Doubletop Village, currently under construction, will consist of a grouping of stunning club facilities featuring a new grille, the Summit House, with a private dining room and an expansive terrace for outdoor dining. The Summit House will overlook the Palmer Practice Park, the Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course, valleys and mountains beyond. Across the courtyard, the Mine Tavern will offer casual indoor and outdoor restaurant service. The Village will also include a village store and golf shop in the main building, as well as the organic Ruby City Farm, two great lawns for bocce, croquet, badminton, putting green and other sports. For more information or to inquire about homes, homesites or membership opportunities, visit www.balsammountainpreserve.com or follow us @BalsamMountainPreserve on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or @BMPCCommunity on [Twitter](#).

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