

Sky's the limit for Valentine Cupids

Sky's the limit—literally—when it comes to celebrating Valentine's Day in Big Bear.

Get whisked off your feet or let your love soar above the clouds. Or cool off a hot romance on the slopes with two-for-one ski or snowboard rentals. Romantic dinners and cozy lodges with in-room spas and roaring fireplaces are other places where Cupid's arrows will be flying.

There's no more unique way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with a 20-minute sightseeing flight with **Helicopter Big Bear**. See the lake, high desert and surrounding mountains in climate controlled comfort aboard a Robinson R44 helicopter with longtime pilot Roy Harding at the controls. The helicopter seats up to three passengers but are especially popular for couples sharing a unique experience while taking in spectacular aerial views.

Live band, Italian buffet at cancer fundraiser

A great live band and Italian buffet are part of a fundraiser at Diamond Lil's Saloon on Saturday, February 4.

Dinner gets underway at 6 p.m. with an authentic Italian buffet. Then there's live music by Big Bear's own Band of Brothers, three-piece rock band with large local following. Two twin brothers on guitar are joined by their brother-in-law on drums to form a tight band playing danceable rock and roll cover songs from the 1960's and 70's to the modern era.

Band of Brothers also plays a few original songs including the recently recorded tune "Strangle."

Proceeds go to a 25-year-old Big Bear woman diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer. Minimum \$5 donation is requested with a goal of raising \$4,500 to cover chemotherapy treatments.

Diamond Lil's Saloon is at 501 Valley Blvd. in Big Bear City; (909) 585-2005.

To celebrate Valentine's Day Helicopter Big Bear makes the flight even more romantic by including a linen-lined picnic basket compete with champagne or Perrier sparkling water. Plus a box of fine chocolate, stuffed Teddy Bear and a single rose. Enough to make Don Juan out of any man.

Each 20-minute Big Bear Loop flight costs just \$95 per person (two passenger minimum), making the tour an affordable way to knock "helicopter flight" off one's bucket list. The special is available on Bravo or Charlie tours for \$125 per person from February 11-18; call Helicopter Big Bear at (909) 585-1200.

A little closer to Earth there's ziplining through the trees up high on Onyx Summit. "Get Some Action on Valentine's" packages from **Action Zipline Tours** whisk lovers off their feet for cable rides above the snow-covered trees with saving of \$40 per couple.

Nine different ziplines let fliers experience the thrill of soaring through the sky like a bird, at over 8,500 ft. elevation. Riders start on the shorter lines, 120-250 feet, to get their wings under them, before eventually zipping 850 feet through the trees—nearly three football fields—at speeds of up to 45 mph. Action also offers **Segway Tours**, electrical two-wheeled stand-up chariots, for more unique mountain adventure, again with a \$40 per couple discount. Discounts are valid Feb. 11-14. For zipline tour reservations call 909-866-0390. For Segway tours call 909-366-0890.

Hit the slopes with "Couples Rentals" from **Goldsmith's Boardhouse** (909-866-2728) can rent one ski or snowboard package and get the second of equal or lesser value for free from Feb. 10-15.

Valentine's Day romance continues into the night at **Barnstorm Restaurant**, which is open Tuesday, Feb. 14 with a special menu and music by pianist Mike Cross, who'll play old favorites and some of his newest arrangements.



Show your Valentine how your love soars during Helicopter Big Bear tours

Start with a glass of house wine and appetizer before moving on to main courses that include chicken marsala (\$22.95), salmon filet with onion crunch lemon dill sauce (\$25.95), or filet mignon and lobster tail (or two lobster tails) for \$49.95. Included is a special Valentine's surprise dessert. Regular menu is also available at the quaint cafe at the airport; (909) 585-9339.

Sunsets over beautiful Big Bear Lake always make for romantic times at water's edge at **B's Backyard Bar-B-Que**. The restaurant celebrates Valentine's Day with dinner-for-two specials and a flower for the ladies. Call (909) 866-5400.

Old Country Inn is always popular

with the couples with warm mountain lodge decor. Enjoy steaks, prime rib, German, Italian, seafood and other items from Big Bear's largest menu. (909) 866-5600.

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While the frozen lake may look inviting, it is EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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