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*"Remember the landscape in
green velvet and gold
The valleys and
the Autumn breeze
The tint lake in its beautiful fold
Of sloping hills and
whispering trees."
C.G. "BONDIEU" DORN, 1907*



(left) The Big House is the centerpiece of the estate. Built in 1929, the all-redwood structure has four luxuriously appointed bedrooms, a lovely dining area, and recreation facilities.

(lower left) Cozy, yet elegant, the alcove beds in the Forest Hideout make it the perfect getaway destination.

(lower right) The spectacular two-story sandstone fireplace in the cathedral-ceilinged great hall of The Big House burns four-foot logs.

In the early part of the 20th century, in the area around Bradford, Pennsylvania, a businessman named Glenville (C.G.) Dorn and his son, Forest, invented a process to extract oil from abandoned oil fields. As their company, Forest Oil Company, grew, so too did their close-knit family. By 1927, C.G., fondly nicknamed "Bondieu," decided that his clan, now spanning three generations, needed a special place to gather. Purchasing more than 1,000 acres of a private mountainside surrounded by forest, C.G., an avid outdoorsman and nature lover, had found the perfect location for the secluded family compound of which he dreamed. Completed in 1929 and set into Pennsylvania's spectacular Allegheny Forest, Glendorn was a peaceful paradise—the lodging, dining, and

recreational facilities were hallmarks of grand family "camps" of the day.

Sixth generation descendants of C.G. opened the 1,280-acre estate for public lodging in 1995. Comfort and privacy, with a touch of fun, are paramount. Romantic weekend getaways for couples, gatherings among small groups of friends, or family reunions can all be accommodated at Glendorn. The entire estate is available for rental for meetings and retreats, and seasonally-inspired special events and packages are offered as well. A one-and-one-half mile private road leads to the main compound which is surrounded by the serenity of spectacular forests, clear-running trout streams, and a number of small lakes.

Fly fishing lessons with ORVIS-endorsed instructors, hiking on more than 17 miles of marked trails, rounds of trap and skeet, drift boat trips, canoeing, and paddle boating, swimming in the original 60-foot outdoor, spring fed, porcelain tile pool, mountain biking, observing bald eagles and other forest creatures, working out in the gymnasium, or playing tennis on Rubico clay-surfaced courts at "Wimble-Dorn" are daytime activities. Breakfast

and lunch are served in the living room of The Big House, the centerpiece of the resort with its two-story sandstone fireplace, on the terrace, or around the pool. Continental breakfasts can be taken privately in rooms and "backpack lunches" are prepared for those wishing to spend the day exploring the surrounding acreage.

As is Dorn-family tradition, dinner is a most important event. Cocktails are served at 7 p.m. Seatings begin at 7:30 with a selection of fine wines and a four-course menu. Dinner is served in The Big House, on the terrace, poolside under the stars, or on the screened porch. Special evening events include champagne and s'mores around the bonfire at Skipper Lake, snuggling up with blankets and popcorn watching classic movies on the lawn of The Big House, or relaxing with a glass of good port and playing board games, darts, or pool.

The accommodations are the epitome of comfortable elegance. The 1929 Big House features a variety of luxurious rooms and suites. For those looking for a more private getaway, vintage cabins and hideouts dot the property, with capacities of two to eight people. Glendorn boasts a total of 41 wood-burning fire-

places, so each suite or cabin has at least one. Antique furnishings, wood paneling, fine linens, towels, and bath products, hair dryers and CD players, twice-daily housekeeping services, bottled mineral water and fresh fruit, and continually-stocked signature Glendorn cookie jars, are featured in all lodging accommodations.

As Dan Abrashoff, Glendorn General Manager remarks, "Glendorn is a unique property with nearly 1,300 pristine acres. There is a sense of family here—the Dorn family still owns it. They use it and love that other families use it too. It is a gathering place for good friends and family—the staff, food, and accommodations are all top-rate." **HG**



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