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the mountain west

NEVER SEEN A MOOSE crash a party? It could happen if you marry in the still-wild West. Couples celebrate the Rocky Mountains' cowboy culture with rehearsal-dinner hay rides, followed by rustic-chic ranch receptions. But in this neck of the woods, the party doesn't start till the bluegrass band moseys in.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE AT A WEDDING IN THE MOUNTAIN WEST WHEN...

- the tables are named after iconic U.S. wildlife (grizzly!)
- the local brew is cooled in an ice-filled fishing boat
- the main meat is bison, elk, buffalo, venison, or lamb
- huckleberries are in the pie and the signature cocktail
- the elevation is high, and the mountain views rock

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FOCUS ON BOULDER, CO

You can count on three things in this Colorado college town: craft brews (the state is known as the Napa of beers), incredible food (restaurant-hopping is a sport here), and jaw-dropping vistas of the Flatiron mountain range. Yummy (really!) gluten-free and vegan fare is often a menu option, and sweet snacks rule: Expect favors with local flavor (Chocolate bars) and late-night cocoa and s'mores.



FOCUS ON MONTANA

Elk antlers line the aisle. Just-caught trout is on the menu. And pitchers of Montana mule (ginger beer, whiskey, and lime) cover the bar. In Big Sky country, every wedding is an ode to the Great-with-a-capital-G Outdoors. No sky-high floral sculptures here; instead, you'll see twigs, wildflowers, and acorns on the tables. The site? A lodge with enough horse and hiking trails to keep your peeps busy all weekend long.