

Ski Resorts

off-peak prices. | By ALISSON B. CLARK



high-flying ride. Guests at the 1,200-acre **Smugglers' Notch** resort have access to eight pools and four waterslides. The resort's popular Via Ferrata—a sport combining climbing, hiking, and scrambling over boulders—lets parents and kids climb waterfalls and navigate a high-ropes course with a guide.

CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, WA

When the snow recedes, wildflowers cover Crystal Mountain, as do mountain bike trails: Beginner routes wind past lakes and an old mining camp. The Mount Rainier gondola runs daily with lofty views of the surrounding peaks, and at Mount Rainier National Park, just six miles away, even the youngest travelers can hit one of the stroller-friendly trails. No roads traverse the alpine meadows of the Norse Peak Wilderness, but with **Crystal Mountain Outfitters**, families (including kids five years and older) can explore the area on horseback.



ball game at one of these minor league parks, which offer family-friendly activities. **Portland** hosts weekly giveaways, a Boy Scout sleepover, theme nights (*Harry Potter* night is a team's free kids' club and get free admission to Sunday home games. **Maine's Portland** offers fans four tickets, hot dogs, sodas, and popcorn for \$44. —Jeannette Kimmel



Snoopy love.

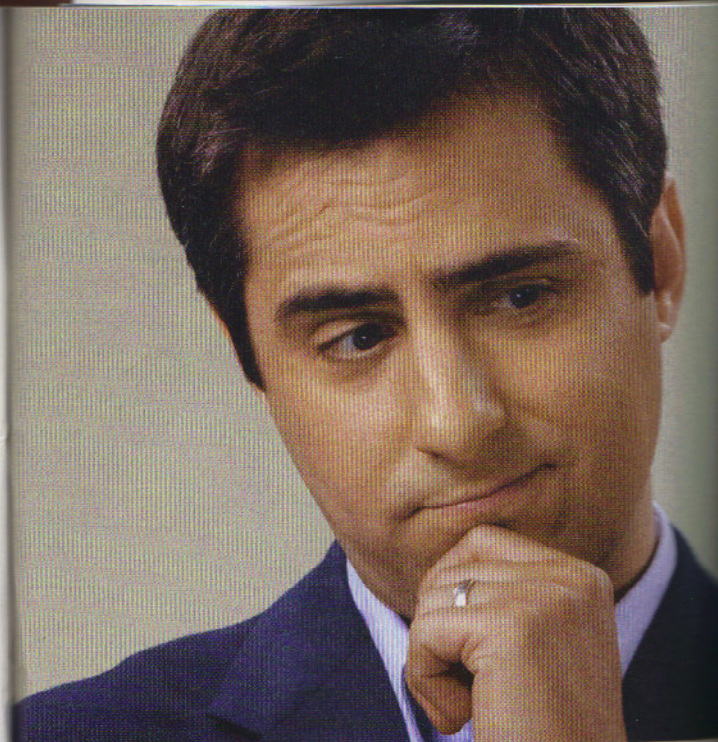
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CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

EXPLORE **Winery Park** at the Francis Ford Coppola Winery in Geyserville is perfect for whiling away hot summer days. Swim in an expansive pool, play bocce, or recline on a chaise lounge. On the south end of Sonoma County, in Petaluma, experience farm life during a 90-minute tour of **McClelland's Dairy**. Visit calves in the nursery, witness the milking parlor in action, and sample organic butter. With endless cartoons, Santa Rosa's **Charles M. Schulz Museum** pays homage to the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip.

EAT On the coast, in Bodega Bay, the **Tides Wharf Restaurant** specializes in seafood. Peer out the window and watch as fishermen unload their daily catch, then enjoy crab cakes made with Dungeness crab fresh off those very boats. In downtown Sonoma, visit **Basque Boulangerie Café** on the square for kid favorites such as grilled cheese and PB&J.

STAY Wake up to the guttural calls of flamingos at **Safari West**, a privately owned animal park in the hills east of Santa Rosa. All 30 luxury safari tents have private outdoor patios that overlook a spacious giraffe habitat. —Matt Villano



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