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CASUAL AND STEAKHOUSE-STYLE DINING OPTIONS WITH WATERFRONT SETTINGS

Offering menu options that satisfy sophisticated tastes as well as casual cravings, the two lakeside restaurants at The Pines Resort delight diners with good food, great views and gracious hospitality.

Ducey's on the Lake is the resort's signature restaurant offering steakhouse-style dining at affordable prices. Though it has changed hands and locations since it was founded in 1941, the welcoming ambiance of this popular gathering place remains the same. With all the warmth of a refined mountain lodge – including a stone fireplace, dark wood furniture and historic resort photos – the restaurant charms locals and guests alike. Enhancing the dining experience, every table at Ducey's boasts a view of Bass Lake.

The Ducey's on the Lake breakfast menu includes a mix of design-your-own three egg scrambles, apricot or blueberry-stuffed French toast, homemade quiche or classic eggs benedict plus lighter options such as yogurt, fresh fruit, muffins and assorted cereals.

The restaurant re-opens each evening for dinner. As the setting sun sparkles across Bass Lake, guests select from a dinner menu that showcases traditional mountain classics ranging from thick broiled USDA prime rib, steaks and chops to daily fresh seafood specials and seasonal pasta dishes incorporating California grown pure and fresh ingredients. Ducey's menus also reflect the wonderful range of locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs.

Following their meal, diners enjoy luscious desserts complemented by sparkling wines, dessert wines and cognacs. Some come from local Madera wine country standouts like Quady Winery and Westbrook Wine Farm; the extensive wine list also showcases California blends as well as red and white favorites from other regions.

For lunch and casual dinner fare, guests head upstairs to the Lakeside Grill, which debuted in 2008 with nature-inspired décor, refreshed menu option, a 22-seat cocktail lounge and indoor or outdoor lake view seating.

The Lakeside Grill menu ranges from sandwiches, burgers and fresh salads to fish and chips, shrimp scampi and rib eye steak. Specialty cocktails and non-alcoholic "mocktails," plus craft beers, wines, juices and sodas, quench guests' thirst. For dessert, diners savor classic desserts, including homemade cobblers, cakes and ice cream.

The restaurant's revitalized decor includes new paint and carpet, knotty pine trim and poster-sized, sepia-toned prints showcasing The Pines Resort of days past. Sports fans can keep up on the latest games on several plasma-screen televisions.

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