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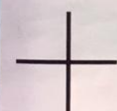
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Mealy Mountains National Park, Canada

Canada's western half has long dominated the dreams of adventure travelers, but this year all eyes are on Newfoundland and Labrador



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with the opening of 4,130-square-mile Mealy Mountains National Park. Officially titled the Akami-uapishku-KakKasuak-Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve, it will be the largest in eastern Canada and managed by Parks Canada and the Innu people, who will develop aboriginal cultural experiences for visitors. The terrain ranges from rivers full of wild Atlantic salmon, rugged mountains capped with snow, sub-arctic tundra, boreal forest, and sandy ocean beaches that marauding Vikings called the Wonderstrands when they sailed past 1,000 years ago. Wildlife highlights: caribou, wolves, black bears,



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and martens, just to name a few. Base at the Innu-owned Park Lake Lodge (from \$2,190 for three days; parklake lodge.com) or land a salmon at the fly-in fishing camp Riffelin Hitch Lodge (\$6,465 for three days; riffelinhitch lodge.com). —G.G.

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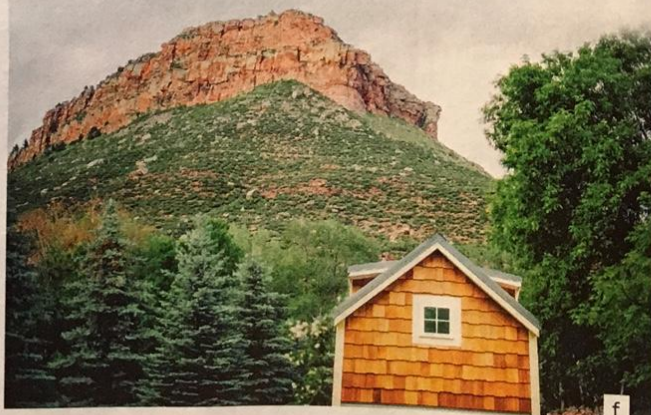
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- a. Cave Creature Lake, Mealy Mountains
 - b.-d. Havana playtime
 - e. Hotel Habana Riviera
 - f. WeeCasa cabin

WeeCasa, Lyons, Colorado

Test-drive living small at this tiny-home resort. There are 12 rentals on-hand, clustered along the banks of the North St. Vrain River in Lyons, 30 minutes from Rocky Mountain National Park and a quick bike ride from the Oskar Blues brewery. From \$189; weecasa.com —G.A.



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The Hotel Habana Riviera Bar, Havana, Cuba

Havana is a city of ghosts, of absent gods and buried criminals. Take a seat in the Riviera Hotel's lobby bar—a tiny black curve with just four or five stools—and listen for the sounds of the past: the roulette wheel, the clacking of poker chips, the murmuring crowds and celebrity high rollers. The principal owner at the time, Meyer Lansky, was the American Mafia's main man in Cuba. His aerospace plea-

sure palace opened with a performance by Ginger Rogers in December 1957. Barely a year later, Fidel Castro took power, the casino tables were tipped over, and the hotel nationalized, the brief moment of corrupt glory over. But you can still have the memories. The hotel's interior is stuffed with rich marble, golden latticework, and Enzo Gallo sculptures. The bar is now a quiet space, backstopped by an epic picture window full of ocean. There's usually base ball on, and the Daiquiri Natural is good, year on year. —PATRICK SYMMES