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Mountain Lake Lodge Debuts *Salt Pond Pub*, Newest Star on the Mountain

PEMBROKE, VA (August 8, 2022) – The award-winning [Mountain Lake Lodge](#) – located in a 2,600-acre nature preserve and bird sanctuary in Virginia’s Blue Ridge Mountains – has welcomed [Salt Pond Pub](#), a unique walk-up pub and Giles County’s newest open-air gathering experience for guests, hikers, mountain bikers and locals alike. The Pub is set amid one of the most magical settings in the area and a delightful backdrop for casual fare, drinks with friends, and unwinding.

“Salt Pond Pub is a hometown neighborhood kind of place and a great addition to the resort,” says Heidi Stone, president and CEO of Mountain Lake Lodge. “Go hiking, then walk up to the Pub for a snack or beverage, enjoy the mountain breeze, views at sunset, or relax under the stars.”

The resort’s renowned Chef Mike Porterfield has designed the Pub’s “Ales & Trails” menu, featuring an impressive array of his wood-fired artisan pizzas, along with appetizers and lighter noshes. Signature hiker cocktails include such favorites as “Ridge Runner” with White and Dark Rum, Lime Juice, Orange and Passion Fruit Juice, Simple Syrup and Grenadine, and “Switchback” with Coconut Rum, Peach Schnapps, Crème de Banana, Orange and Pineapple Juice. All-local craft draft is on tap.

According to A.J. Stephens, vice president of food and beverage, “We wanted to offer a true outdoor experience with a very special atmosphere, and what we’ve achieved is inviting, easygoing and fun. With Salt Pond Pub’s magnificent setting and Chef Porterfield at the helm, its offerings are unlike any other.”

Mountain Lake Lodge enjoys a long history and is where the iconic movie *Dirty Dancing* was filmed 35 years ago (known as “Kellerman’s Mountain House” in the film) – and celebrates the actual anniversary later this month.

Salt Pond Pub, open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., is the first of several additions to the resort debuting this summer. The official *Kellerman’s Retail Gift Shop* with licensed *Dirty Dancing* merchandise, plus *Salt Pond Living*, featuring designs of local artisans, both open later this month.

For reservations, visit www.mtnlakelodge.com or call 540-626-7121 for group and reunion information.

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The open-air Salt Pond Pub (pictured at left) is celebrating its Grand Opening at Mountain Lake Lodge.