

Soak In The Night Sky At These Stellar Residences For Stargazing

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credible landscaping and views of the Salmon River Mountains set the scene at Whitetail Club's ... [+] WHITETAIL
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Idaho's night skies are the gold standard for stargazing. The state is home to the nation's first and only [International Dark Sky Reserve](#). It received a Gold Tier status, the highest designation given by the International Dark-Sky Association that is reserved only for the darkest of night skies. [Whitetail Club](#) is a 1,300-acre private real estate club attracting the country's affluent buyers, including executives from California and Washington.

Ideal for a second, third or primary home, Whitetail Club offers custom homesites, townhouses and cottages listed for up to \$5 million. Top amenities include a 7,200-yard 18-hole golf course designed by Andy North. It was named one of Golfweek's best courses in the nation. In addition, there are private biking and cross-country ski trails, a saltwater pool and fishing trout pond, an ice-skating rink, indoor tennis and fitness center, full-service 36-slip marina, lake clubhouse with complete private beach/lake access, a private restaurant and bar plus spaces dedicated to teens and young children. Club programming includes outdoor excursions, private shuttles to two nearby ski mountains, dining and musical events for the entire family.

A four-bedroom contemporary mountain home is on the market here for \$4.75 million. The custom home spanning 5,325 square feet features wide-plank cedar flooring, a metal roof and siding and radiant heat in all floors, including garages. Other finishings include custom slab counters, Pella wood windows and LED lighting, a premium sound system and electronic blinds. The home also includes a state-of-the-art recreation room with an outdoor terrace and full-size office.