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## Cedarbrook Lodge

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Secluded in a sleepy suburban stretch by SeaTac airport is this 104-room retreat. Located on 18 acres of restored wetlands, Cedarbrook Lodge is designed for travelers in search of a tranquil stay, with the added convenience of airport proximity. This pet-friendly hotel boasts sleek rooms with oversized soaking tubs, original artwork, and floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook the manicured grounds.

Management is committed to protecting the ecological landscape of the property. A mycelium inoculation system—natural water filtration utilizing cultivated oyster mushrooms—is being established to purify water runoff and to irrigate the lawns and chef's garden. Spent cooking oil is recycled, low-energy bulbs are used throughout the lodge, and to-go food packaging is fully compostable, among other ecologically minded practices.

Fresh farm-to-table cuisine is available on-site at Copperleaf Restaurant. The 34-seater serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily to guests staying at the lodge as well as diners just dropping in. Chef Mark Bodinet, formerly of The French Laundry, helms the kitchen. He also tends a small garden planted with herbs, lettuces, root

vegetables, and summer berries, which serves as the inspiration for his seasonally inspired menus.

A recent multi-course meal featured lacquered, crisp-skinned Snake River Farms pork belly accented with Dijon mustard and fresh-from-the-garden baby turnips, followed by tender Painted Hills Natural Beef strip loin with morels and peas, and capped with a cooling quenelle of homemade fromage blanc ice cream with strawberries.

In the mood for something a little more low-key? Spend the evening curled up in the communal living room with a movie. An added perk for hotel guests: old-fashioned candy jars filled with malted milk balls and yogurt-covered pretzels for late-night snacking, and a

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freezer full of gourmet ice cream—all complimentary.

With event spaces that can accommodate up to 300 guests, picturesque water features (including a casting pond), an outdoor patio complete with stone fireplace to ward off the night breeze, and spa services, Cedarbrook Lodge is a natural choice for wedding parties, family reunions, or corporate retreats—especially those seeking a “green” locale for their get-together.

—LORNA YEE