

The School of Horse at Horse Creek Ranch

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(you can send a text message or email when a couple hours away if you have service)

WELCOME TO HORSE CREEK RANCH

We are looking forward to the exciting times that are ahead. There will be lots to see and do with your horse, and there will also be time to just relax and enjoy your stay. The arrangements here at the ranch are modest, but the horse activities will be top notch. You will be attending with other students that will be coming with your same enthusiasm.

You will arrive at the Ranch in the afternoon/evening the day prior and we assume you will be leaving the morning after the last day (if you plan on leaving on the last day please let us know as we will not arrange dinner for you).

Arrival: Please arrive at the Ranch any time after 4pm the day PRIOR to the start of camp (we will be very busy getting things ready). If you need to arrive earlier than this, it is not a problem (just let us know).

We will have orientation at 7pm upstairs in the rec room the evening prior (so we can start at 9:30am at the round pen the following morning).

Phone: Verizon service works out at the Ranch, but AT&T does not (however, there is a spot where it does work - about 10 min drive down the road).

Videotaping is NOT permitted on the Ranch, but photography is, so feel free to bring a laptop to download your photos (participants can share photos with each other). We also encourage the posting and sharing of photos on our new Excel With Horses Community Facebook group.

Attire: We recommend lightweight shirts (between May and Sept) and long pants for riding (heat, brush, etc.). We ask that you do not ride in tank tops and shorts (you are welcome to wear them outside of riding). It is dry and hot in Eastern Washington in the summer! After September 15 it cools down and you will most likely need a warm jacket at night. You can easily check the weather forecast ahead of time with our zip code.

Flying In: You can either rent a car at the Spokane airport or we can pick you up and drop you off (please check times with us prior to booking your flight). There is a \$100 fee for this service (includes both pick up drop off). It is about 1.5 hours from GEG to the Ranch.

Food

We provide dinner (bring your own beverages of choice), so you will just need breakfast and lunch items. We all eat dinner together at the rec room at 7pm each evening. We will have drinking water available in jugs, just bring a bottle to fill up or you can bring

bottled water. If you have a strict diet please bring your own food for dinner, we cannot accommodate special requests. We do not supply alcohol, but you are welcome to bring your own. There is a small store down the road with a selection of wine beer and alcohol, as well as milk, bread, eggs, soft drinks, etc.

Accommodations

Please bring a bath towel (unless you are flying in).

Beds (in cabins and house) have sheets, blankets, and pillows (however, people seem to sleep better with their own pillow - as do we when we travel).

Guest House: (2 bedroom/2 bathroom) There is a full kitchen with fridge, freezer, coffee maker, toaster, kettle, and oven. There are also utensils, plates, cups, glasses, pots, etc.

Single Cabins: Basic but very cute (no running water but have electricity) they have a small fridge. They do not have a bathroom. However, there is a full bathroom on the Ranch close to the cabins.

Double Cabin: It has a small “kitchenette” with sink, fridge/freezer, microwave, plug-in hot plate, and a bathroom. There are a few cups, plates, bowls, and some plastic cutlery so please bring anything you think you might need.

Rec Room: We have a recreation room. It has a sink, microwave, fridge, coffee maker, kettle, and bathroom. You can use this for your breakfast and lunch. It is open 24 hours a day (we eat dinner here).

RV: We have plug ins for your RV and hoses to fill water (you are welcome to use the full bathroom on the ranch).

Tents: You are welcome to bring a tent at no charge

10-Day Camps: For those staying more than one week of camp (only); you can use our laundry on the days off in-between camps.

Dogs: PLEASE let us know if you need to bring your dog. We prefer that you don't bring one but understand if you have to (no-one to look after them at home, etc.). Our livestock are not all dog friendly and for safety reasons, you would have to keep your dog in your trailer or tied up.

Horse Accommodations

Included in your camp is a stall or corral for your horse (with water bucket). We also provide shavings (stalls only). Paddocks are not covered but larger than the stalls. Hay is NOT included; however, if you don't want to bring hay we can provide (orchard/alfalfa mix) at \$10 a day. You will be responsible for cleaning your own pen. We do have a few wheelbarrows and forks (shared by all). We will try and park your trailer close to your pen so that you have easy access to your tack.

If you are coming for more than a week (only) you may bring an extra horse (to be used the second week). If they need to be housed separately there will be an extra charge of \$100 for the second horse.

Camp deposits are non-refundable (absolutely no exceptions); however, if you are unable to come, we can transfer your deposit to another camp or clinic (good for one year from

the date of cancellation). If you are paid in full and cancel more than a month ahead of time you can use the credit toward another camp (good for 1 year). If you cancel less than 1 month ahead of time, there are no credits; however, you are welcome to sell your spot to someone else.

WHAT TO BRING...

For you:

- Sunscreen and chap stick. Rain gear (check weather using zip code 99137)
- Hat/cap and Sunglasses (very sunny in E WA)
- A journal and pen for taking notes
- Bug Repellent
- Flashlight
- Water bottle(s) (we have water jugs you can fill up from) and bath towel. We have a full bathroom on the ranch.
- Food and drink.
- Attire
 - Riding Helmet (not required - except for under 18 - but recommended)
 - Rain gear and cover for saddle (to keep it dry when horse is tied)
 - Comfortable shoes for walking when not riding
 - Non lace-up riding boots are preferred but you can wear lace-ups if you wish LIGHTWEIGHT shirts or T-shirts - to protect from the sun, brush, and mosquitos. Long pants (please no tank tops when riding - you can wear when not riding).
 - Ibuprofen

For Your Horse We Recommend:

(some items may be available for purchase at the ranch)

- Rope Halter and 12" or 13' or 14' Lead, Partner Stick with String
- Flag
- Bridle
- Breast Collar (for hills)
- Pad
- Saddle
- Fly Spray
- Hay (if we are not providing feed)
- If your horse is not shod and is soft, we recommend bringing hoof boots

Directions

Horse Creek Ranch is located in NE Washington near the town of Hunters. The ranch is nestled in a beautiful valley with a creek, waterfall and ponds, surrounded by mountains. Nature at its finest, it is secluded and quiet with thousands of acres for riding.

Hunters is just 1.5 hours NW of Spokane, WA near Roosevelt Lake. Approximately 6 hours from Seattle, 7 hours from Portland, 3 hours from the Tri-Cities, and 9 hours from Calgary AB.

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Directions: The following directions are the most direct routes to the ranch, with the best roads. We have found that alternate routes are not as horse trailer friendly. We recommend sticking to these roads.

From Portland:

- Take I-84 East to exit 179
- Merge onto I-82 W via EXIT 179 toward HERMISTON/UMATILLA (Crossing into WASHINGTON).
- Take Exit 113 for Kennewick
- Merge onto US-395 N (stay on 395 all of the way through Kennewick)
- Stay on Hwy 395 until it merges with I-90 (near the town of Ritzville)
- Head East on I-90
- Take Exit 231 for Tokio
- Head north to the town of Harrington
- At the first stop sign in Harrington turn left, go across the railroad tracks, then turn right after the tracks, which puts you onto the main street of Harrington, continue north until you merge onto Hwy 28 and follow until you get to Davenport.
- At the first stop sign in Davenport, turn right.
- This will put you on the main street in Davenport.
- At the end of town turn left onto Highway 25
- Head North to the town of Hunters (Hunters is approx. 5 miles after the town of Fruitland)
- Just before the town of Hunters you will come to a sharp S curve.
- Look for the road sign on your right at the point of the curve that says Springdale-Hunters Rd.
- Turn right, the ranch is 1/2 mile on your left, the log entry driveway.

From Seattle:

- Take I-90 East to exit 231 Tokio exit (this exit is a few miles past the town of Ritzville) At stop sign turn left back over the freeway and head back west approximately two miles on the frontage road on the north side of the freeway (do not get back onto the freeway) Turn Right onto Hills Road (which will turn into Tokio Rd).
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- Tri-Cities is approx. 4 hours away Another hour to Ritzville
- Another hour to Davenport Another hour to Hunters

From North of Seattle:

Take US-2 east (north of I90) to Davenport WA, GPS will want you to turn left onto Miles Creston Rd E. but instead go to the town of Davenport. (if pulling a horse trailer go all the way to town of Davenport and pick up highway 25 from there - a left hand turn at end of town). We take this road but it is windy with a downgrade so you might want to go the extra 15 mins. Turn left onto WA-25.

From Alberta:

Take Crowsnest Hwy (3) to Cranbrook BC then through the Eastport border crossing, down to Sandpoint, ID, through Deer Park, WA. The north on 395. Turn left at loon lake to Springdale and turn left to Hunters (will be a sign).