

Kingfisher Bend Ranch – Spring/Summer/Fall Use (Rev. 9/10)



The 1,260 acre Ranch is 1½ hours from SLC. Take I-80 to Evanston. Exit I-80 at Exit 5 (the second “Evanston” exit). If you need a meal, groceries, gasoline or a Wyoming fishing license, turn left at the bottom of the Exit 5 off ramp. Then turn right at the first traffic light for Wal-Mart which is beyond Subway and Jiffy Lube for groceries and/or a fishing license. For just a fishing license, continue straight at the first traffic light and stop at Sports World in the strip mall on the right. Otherwise, turn right (south) onto Hwy. 150 at the bottom of the Exit 5 off ramp. There reset your trip odometer to 0.0. At milepost 21 (odometer 20.1), a dark blue mailbox and a white “Kingfisher” mailbox are together on the right and a long, wood snow fence begins on the right. Turn right (west) onto County Rd. 152 (a gravel road) at milepost 21.

If you are coming to the Ranch via Kamas and Mirror Lake (15 minutes longer, but a beautiful route from SLC), County Rd. 152 runs west from Hwy. 150 at Wyoming milepost 21 which is two miles into Wyoming. Wyoming fishing licenses are not available on this route. Watch carefully for open range cattle between mileposts 6 and 22 east of Kamas. A wonderful 30 mile bike ride on Hwy. 150 is from Bald Mountain Pass in Utah (elevation 10,400 feet) to the Ranch (elevation 7,580 feet). The ride is 90% downhill or level and takes about two hours.

County Rd. 152 ends about ¼ mile from Hwy. 150 at a green metal gate between two river rock gate posts. When you arrive, that gate may be (1) closed and locked with a combination lock, (2) closed but not locked, or (3) open. **Be sure to get the lock’s combination from the manager several days before your arrival.** If the gate is either (1) open or (2) closed but not locked when you arrive, please leave it in that same condition. Do the same with any other gate through which you pass while at the Ranch. Once inside the gate, you are initially on property owned by Bear River Land & Cattle Co. (not Kingfisher Bend Ranch) but you are there by permission. Please don’t exceed 25 mph. Take the left hand fork two-tenths (0.2) of a mile after passing through the first gate. A half mile beyond the fork in the road is the gate to Kingfisher Bend Ranch. If that gate or chain is locked, it has the same combination as the first gate. The main lodge and barn are about 800 feet beyond (south of) the Ranch gate (the second gate). Please do not drive off-road anywhere on the Ranch.

There are five locks on the first gate. If that gate is locked, our lock is a combination lock with a long shackle. It is normally the middle lock. If arriving or departing at night, a flashlight will be helpful to set the combination. After unlocking our lock, remove it from the five lock mechanism but first notice how the shackle of the lock passes through TWO (2) steel plates. After removing our lock, slide the green “T” shaped handle to your right and push the gate open (do not pull it toward you). After your vehicle is through the gate, close the gate, push the “T” shaped handle into the receiving pocket on the gate post, put the shackle of our lock back in place and lock it. Be SURE that the shackle goes through TWO (2) steel plates. Spin the combination wheels so the lock combination no longer shows.

On your arrival day, you may check in any time after 3:00 pm. at the main lodge with our Ranch manager or his wife. **Please be SURE to contact them a day or two before your arrival and inform them of your planned arrival time.** It will then be very much appreciated if you arrive at the time you have indicated so that the manager can be at the main house to meet you, orient you and plan the balance of his day. He will review with you many of the activity options at or near the Ranch and he will ask you to generally schedule your activities so he can schedule his time and provide appropriate support. Our insurance carrier requires that we have you sign an “Agreement Regarding Use of Kingfisher Bend Ranch” when you check in. The Ranch has available for guests’ free use volleyball; basketball; horseshoes; Frisbee golf; a rowboat and two sit-on-top kayaks on the pond with life jackets; and horses and tack. Horse rides will be escorted by the Ranch manager. Long pants are required on horse rides. Guests are welcome to bring and use their own mountain bikes, but guests’ motorcycles and ATV’s may not be used on Ranch property. Ranch horses may not be used on Sundays. On your departure day, please check out with the manager by 11:00 am.

Fireworks, smoking, pets, and illegal drugs are not allowed on the Ranch. Open fires are allowed only in locations and at times approved by the Ranch manager. Guests may bring firearms to the Ranch only with the prior written approval of the Ranch manager. Alcoholic beverages are permitted only within the main lodge and the pond

cabins, and on the porches of those units. A person whose blood alcohol content exceeds the legal limit allowed for driving a vehicle in the state of Wyoming or whose judgment is impaired by alcohol may not (1) use Ranch watercraft, (2) ride Ranch horses, or (3) drive a motor vehicle on Ranch property.

No license is required to fish the pond. Youth under 14 do not need a Wyoming fishing license on the Bear River if accompanied by an adult with a Wyoming fishing license. Fishing in the river is legal year-round but ice makes winter fishing difficult and high flows make fishing problematic from mid-May to early July. All fishing is to be with barbless flies. Fishing with bait, spinners, or lures is not allowed on the Ranch. Use of a spinning rod and reel with a plastic bubble and fly is allowed and effective on the pond. ALL trout caught in the river must be promptly and carefully released. Whitefish may be kept. One or two fish caught in the pond may be kept if the fish will be cooked and eaten while you are at the Ranch.

The walk from your car to the cabins may be wet and/or muddy. To help preserve carpet and wood floors, please always remove your shoes or boots just inside each of the units. A pair of slip-on shoes (e.g. moccasins or Birkenstocks) for indoors is a good idea.

The Ranch provides hand soap, bedding, bath towels, "normal" pots and pans, dishes, utensils, and kitchen accessories. Please do NOT use Ranch towels at the pond or the river. Bring your own towels for such purposes. Each guest unit has a kitchen. Guests must bring their own food and cooking consumables except for the following: ketchup, mustard, salt, pepper, sugar, cooking oil, Pam, paper towels, paper napkins, aluminum foil, Saran wrap, and dishwashing soap. For babies and toddlers, the Ranch has three highchairs and two cribs. A laundry room with bleach and detergent; a game room with board games, TV (including VCR and DVD players), ping pong and foosball; and an outdoor propane grill are available at the main lodge for use by guests staying in that unit.

Cell phone reception at the Ranch is good with Verizon but marginal with other carriers. The Ranch phone number is **307-789-4938**.

Mosquito-borne West Nile Virus has become a concern in the United States. It can cause serious illness and even death. Mosquitoes are present at the Ranch during part of the summer. They are most active at dawn and dusk. To reduce the risk of being bitten, long pants; light-color, long-sleeve shirts; and mosquito repellent with 25% to 35% DEET are recommended. There are also ticks at the Ranch. Spray mosquito repellent on your pants' cuffs and your ankles to deter ticks. Check yourself and your children carefully for ticks each evening.

To access the 18 hole Evanston golf course (307-789-2383) coming from SLC, exit I-80 at Exit 3. Turn left at the bottom of the off ramp onto Harrison Drive, then left onto Wahsatch Road at the first traffic light, then right onto Constitution Avenue and follow the signs to Purple Sage Municipal Golf Course. Water skiing and wind surfing are options at Sulfur Creek Reservoir which is about 15 minutes from the Ranch.

The Ranch has been created to allow the Jacobsen family and its guests the opportunity to enjoy a peaceful, beautiful, rather remarkable place. Enjoy it, but as you do, PLEASE take good care of it. It is part of a dream. It is not a budget motel owned by some far away, faceless corporation. After your stay, we welcome your comments and suggestions for improvement. If you discover anything which is broken, inoperable or missing, please be SURE to promptly and clearly inform the manager. Please arrange with him for the repair or replacement, at your expense, of items damaged or lost by you or your guests.

As an adjective, the word "halcyon" (hal-see-un) means quiet, happy, or tranquil. As a noun, it means kingfisher (a crested, fish eating bird living along the Bear River in summer). We hope you have a halcyon experience at Kingfisher!