



Kingfisher Bend Ranch – Winter Use (Rev. 9/10)

The 1,260 acre Ranch is 1½ hours (often longer on winter roads) from SLC. Take I-80 to Evanston. Exit I-80 at Exit 5 (the second “Evanston” exit). If you need a meal, groceries, or gasoline, turn left at the bottom of the Exit 5 off ramp. For groceries, turn right at the first traffic light for Wal-Mart which is beyond Subway and Jiffy Lube. 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. In winter, roads to Evanston and the Ranch can be icy, visibility may be poor, etc. Good snow tires, tire chains and/or four wheel drive are normally essential in winter. Drive carefully! Winter temperatures at the Ranch can be very cold. Check the anti-freeze levels in your vehicles. We have electrical outlets for block heaters for vehicles so equipped.

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 on the gate, (2) closed and locked with a chain across the opening, (3) closed but not locked, or (4) 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).

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 2:00 pm. at the main house 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. On your departure day, please check out with the manager by 11:00 am.

The Ranch has available for guests’ free use cross country skis, poles and boots (sizes W7½ to M12); several pairs of snowshoes; and (weather permitting) horses and tack. The Ranch also has several snowmobiles and helmets for guests’ use. There is a \$2.00/mile (\$1.25/kilometer) charge for snowmobile use. Snowmobiling clothing and gaiters are not available at the Ranch. Horse rides and

snowmobile rides will be escorted by the Ranch manager. Chargeable snowmobile miles include guest miles and the Ranch manager's miles while he escorts or assists snowmobiling guests. Guests are responsible for any damage to or caused by the snowmobiles they operate. Ranch horses may not be used on Sundays. On Sundays, Ranch snowmobiles may be used only to access the pond cabins. Guests may bring and use their own snowmobiles. Groomed cross country ski areas are located at the Purple Sage Municipal Golf Course, Bear River Parkway, Bear River State Park, and Aspen Grove School - all in Evanston - and at the Lily Lake Cross Country Ski Area which is about 6 miles south of the Ranch on Hwy. 150. See www.evanstonoutdoors.com for more cross country skiing information.

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 snowmobiles, cross country skis or snowshoes, (2) ride Ranch horses, or (3) drive a motor vehicle on Ranch property.

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. 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. **Please bring several large plastic garbage bags to use to take your trash out with you when you leave.** Please do not leave any of your food or trash at the Ranch. There are dumpsters for trash on I-80 westbound at the milepost 170 Rest Area (in the truck area) and at the milepost 165 View Area.

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

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!