

# Reid Ranch Guest Booklet

## **Welcome to Reid Ranch**

**You're in store for a most memorable vacation of your life – an unforgettable pure Western adventure.**

**This Pamphlet was designed to assist you in planning activities throughout your vacation. Inside you'll find just about everything you need to know to make your Western vacation even more wonderful!**

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## Welcome to Reid Ranch

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Thank you for choosing Reid Ranch as your vacation destination. Reid Ranch has created an unforgettable, Western adventure for you. The following information is included to give you a brief background on the Reid Ranch.

Reid Ranch was purchased in 1978 by Mervin and Ethna Reid. They had been looking for a getaway for many years. After being told about the property by a friend, they took a leisurely drive to see the location. Upon arriving, they fell in love with the location, its beauty, and the abundant wild life. They could visualize immediately "Reid Ranch." What they found was a very primitive location with one small building that was partially built. A fire had burned off the back porch. There was no running water, but there was electricity.

They decided to remodel the existing building and add on to it so it could accommodate their children and grandchildren as the family grew. In addition, they hoped to use it as a site for seminars of the Exemplary Center for Reading Instruction (ECRI). ECRI was founded by and is directed by Dr. Ethna R. Reid and her husband Dr. Mervin R. Reid. It is a program to teach teachers how to teach so no student fails to learn. These seminars would utilize approximately three weeks of the summer time with educators coming to the Ranch from throughout the fifty states and the territories.

Before beginning to build, however, they knew they first had to find culinary water. They filed water rights on some springs, but they also had a well dug the summer of 1981. It was dry! The following summer, however, they had another well dug 520 feet deep and much further from the lodge. From that well, water is brought 1800 feet and stored in a 25,000 gallon glass-lined steel storage tank which was brought in at great risk and buried in the mountainside. But, finally, in 1982 they had water, and work began on the first building.

The Reids also had to bring in dirt to fill in a huge hole of 150 feet by 150 feet that had been dug opposite of where the lodge is now, and they leveled the plateau on which the present buildings sit. Rock had to be moved and grasses planted. A new road had to be built.

Building has never been easy at Reid Ranch. Trucks have mired in mud. The road was too narrow for cranes and flat bed trucks carrying tractors and lawn sod and cement trucks to turn around and go back - but eventually the work was done.

The Ranch was without a telephone until 1989, so all calls about building supplies and emergencies had to take place from the little pay phone outside the Fruitland Store 13 miles down a dirt road.

When the Reids bought the property, only one other house was on the road from Fruitland to the Ranch. That was the old white farmhouse four miles in from Fruitland where the Fish and Game Warden stays.

Because of the harsh winter, the ruggedness of the location, and the slippage of the mountains, the north wing collapsed during the winter months. A second time the wing was rebuilt, derricks came to lift in place again the massive wooden and steel beams. And for a second winter, the mountain slipped, and the beams and walls collapsed. This time an 18-inch thick cement wall was built from below the basement floor and on up through the main level to reinforce the back wall. Because of the determination of the Reids, the lodge was completed for its first seminar in August of 1985.

The Reids asked for evaluations from the educators in the first seminar not only for the effect of the training but also how the participants liked holding the seminar at the Reid Ranch. One gentleman from South Dakota wrote: "It is one of the seven wonders of the world."

Because of the enthusiasm of the participants at the ECRI seminars, the Reids opened the Ranch to church groups, family reunions, government and company groups. The response has been gratifying. The Ranch books groups up to a year in advance because of its popularity. Reid Ranch is truly God's country. It sits at 7,800 feet on the slopes of the Uintah Mountains. The Reids have tried to limit its growth so as not to disturb the ecological balance of nature surrounding the Ranch. You can still experience seeing deer, moose, elk, bear, beaver, porcupine, mountain lion, and even skunks. The Ranch's location and the area surrounding it is replete with Western folklore and history. Chief Tabby from whom Tabby Mountain got its name, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid riding up through these mountain passes, and the famed Rhodes Mine that was supposed to have helped finance the development of the Salt Lake Valley at the time of Brigham Young are all part of the Ranch's history.

Fruitland was the first land scam in Utah. A man selling land in the area took pictures of the flowering fruit trees in Utah County to entice people to the "fruitland" area. When the purchasers arrived from the Midwest and found sage and red rock and cedar trees, many sold their holdings to the hardy few who stayed and began to develop the area.

The Reid Ranch will continue to be a pristine Western location to enjoy now and in the future. The Reids love the area, and they hope those who stay can sense the beauty as they see it.

## What to Pack

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### Daytime Attire

Casual wear (shorts, slacks, jeans, sun dresses)

Comfortable shoes (sandals, sneakers, heavy shoes for riding and hiking)

Hats

Swim wear (swimsuits and beach towels)

Insect repellent down by the lake only

Suntan lotion – is recommended, guests burn quickly at 8000 feet elevation

### Evening Attire

A jacket for evening activities.

(At 8000 feet elevation the temperature can be cool at times.)

### Cameras

This vacation is guaranteed to generate memories, so pack your video and digital cameras.

## Welcome to Salt Lake City

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### Arrival at Salt Lake International airport

For airport arrival, guests can either rent cars and drive to the Ranch or they can purchase ground transfers.

### Ground Transfers

Guests can purchase ground transfers and be picked up at the airport for the price of \$40.00 each way per person to and from the Reid Ranch. (Distance from the airport is 120 miles to the Reid Ranch.)

### Driving to the Ranch

If you are driving, a high clearance vehicle will be necessary. Examples of high clearance vehicles are any SUV or Mini-vans. From fruitland to the Ranch there is 11 miles of dirt road.

Please refer to the maps on the following pages for direction to Reid Ranch.

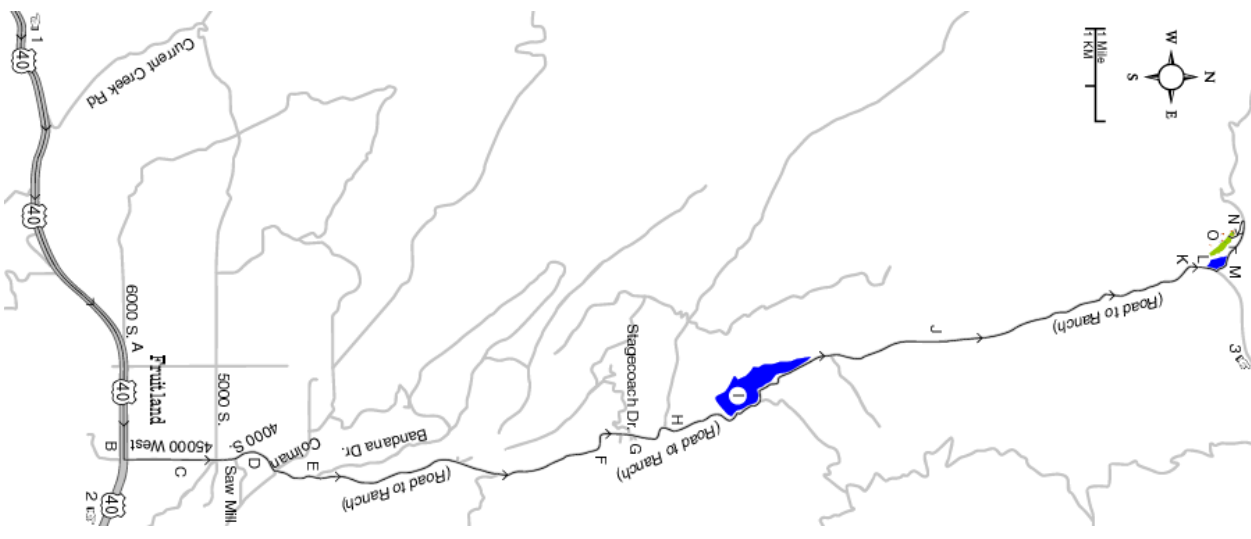
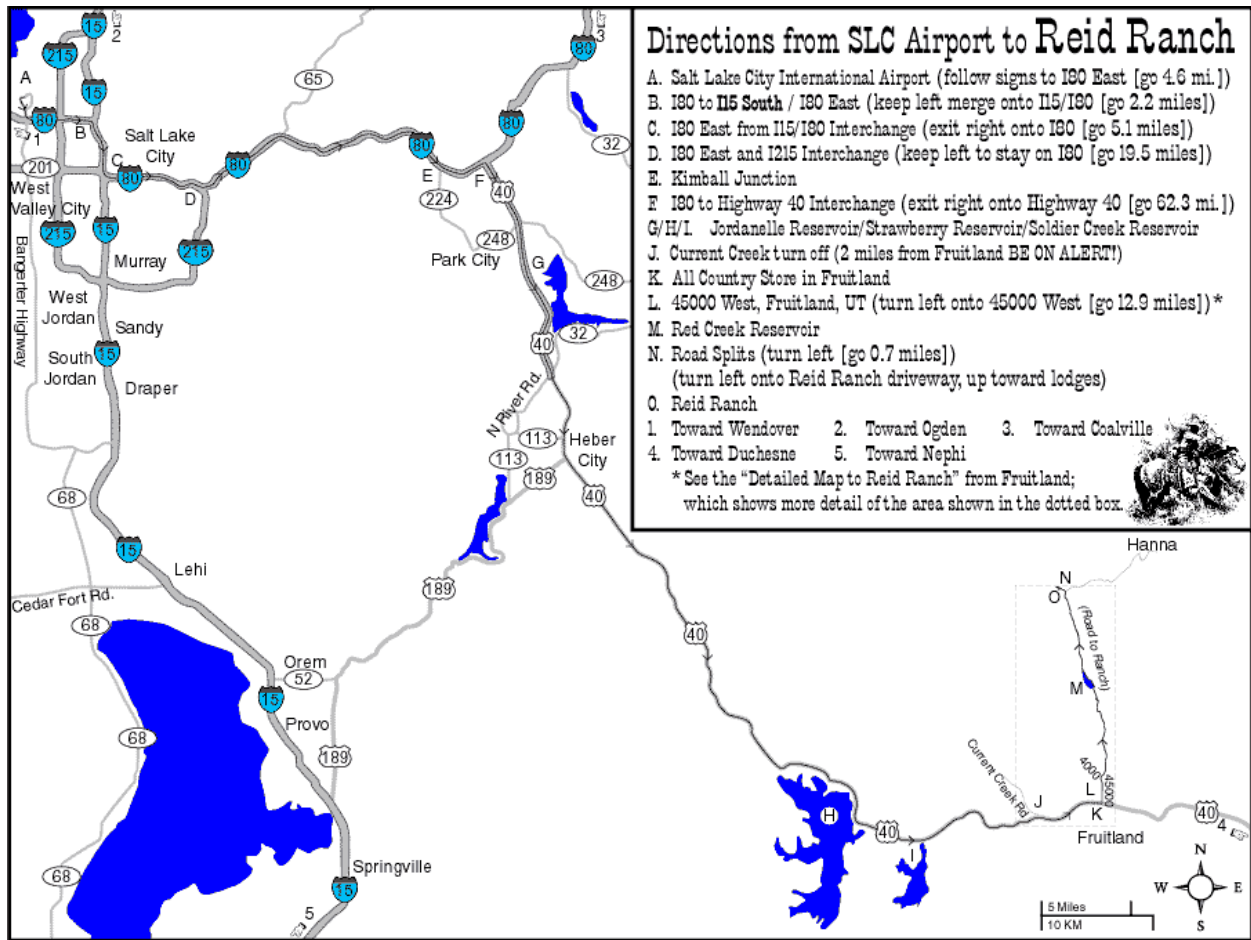
### **Large Area Map Notes:**

- A. Salt Lake City International Airport
- B. I80 to I15 South / I80 East
- C. I80 East from I15/I80 Interchange
- D. I80 East and I215 Interchange
- E. Kimball Junction
- F. I80 to Highway 40 Interchange
- G/H/I. Jordanelle/Strawberry/and Soldier Creek Reservoirs
- J. Current Creek (BE ALERT!)
- K/L. All Country Store/45000 West in Fruitland, UT
- M. Red Creek Reservoir
- N. Road Splits
- O. Reid Ranch

### **Small Area Map Notes:**

- A. Church of Jesus Christ (LDS)
- B. All Country Store in Fruitland
- C. 0.7 mi. Mountain Ranch Smokehouse
- D. Road sign says 4000 South (go left)
- E. 2.2 miles to dirt road
- F. 5.4 mi. to Fish and Game house
- G. 5.9 mi. to Bandana Campground
- H. Bridge
- I. Red Creek Reservoir
- J. 10 miles to cattle guard
- K. 12.5 miles to fence line
- L. 12.8 miles to dam on property
- M. 12.9 miles to split in road.
- N. 13.6 miles to Reid Ranch driveway
- O. Reid Ranch

## Map to Reid Ranch from Salt Lake City (Airport)



## Detailed Map to Reid Ranch from Fruitland

## Hospitality and Reservation Telephone Numbers and Web Site

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Guests outside of Utah can call 1-800-468-3274 for information and reservations.

Guests inside of Utah can call (801) 486-5083 for information and reservations.

The Reid Ranch web site is [www.reidranch.com](http://www.reidranch.com).

Guests can access our web site for general information and photos of the ranch layout.

## The Reid Ranch is Yours

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As part of the Reid Ranch package, guests have access to all the venues and recreational equipment available at the Reid Ranch.

The Reid Ranch Trading Post is the center of all recreational activities at the Reid Ranch.

At the Trading Post:

Guests will sign up for horseback riding and paddle boats on the Reid Ranch lake.

Guests can check out sports equipment like footballs, basketballs, softball, soccer, tennis rackets, sand and regular volleyballs, frisbees for the frisbee golf course, and archery equipment.

### Pool Times

The Bunkhouse, Redcreek Lodge, and Tabby Mountain Lodge pools open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m.

### Hot Tub and Sauna Times

The Hot Tub opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m.

The Sauna opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 9:00 p.m.

### Horseback Riding Times

The Black Shadow Corral opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 11:30 a.m.

The riding begins in the afternoon at 1:00 p.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m.

### Boating Times

The Reid Ranch lake opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes for lunch at 11:30 a.m. The lake opens in the afternoon at 1:00 p.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m.

### Venues

The sports court, soccer field, and sand volleyball opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m.

### Archery

Archery opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 11:30 a.m. Opens at 1:00 p.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m.

### Fire Pits, Stage, and Hiking

Questions can be directed to the Reid Ranch Trading Post for fire pit use, stage use, and hiking trails.

### Snacks and Souvenirs

The Trading Post sells candy, ice cream, snow cones, bottle water, beef jerky, hats, T-shirts, and postcards. Change is also available at the Trading Post for the pop machines on the Ranch.



Sample menus are provided below to illustrate types of meals served at Reid Ranch.

Dinner — Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and onions, tossed salad, rolls

Breakfast — Omelettes, bacon, fruit, cold cereal, muffins

Lunch — Enchiladas, Mexican rice, tacos, chips and salsa

Dinner — Baked ham in pineapple sauce, rice piláf, carrots and peas, pasta salad, rolls

Breakfast — Pancakes, fruit juice, cold and hot cereal

Lunch — Barbecued chicken, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, watermelon

Dinner — Pot roast, carrots, onions, potatoes, rolls, jello salad

Breakfast — French toast, fruit, cold cereal

Lunch — Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian salad, garlic bread

Dinner — Charbroiled New York steak, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, tossed green salad, rolls

Breakfast — Ranch eggs, potatoes, toast, fruit juice, cold cereal

Lunch — Hamburgers, potato chips, green salad

Vegetarian meals can be provided if the Reid Ranch is notified two weeks beforehand.

**(Desserts are served for Dinner only.)**

## Medical Matters and Emergencies

Please bring with you first aid supplies and personnel knowledgeable to offer this service. Reid Ranch does not provide this for its guests.

For an emergency at the Reid Ranch Resort, phone 911.

For non-emergency assistance, there is an IHC Hospital in Heber City 58 miles west of the Reid Ranch.

## Directions to Reid Ranch

There are two directions that can be used to get to the Reid Ranch. The first is out of Salt Lake City traveling east on I-80 up Parley's Canyon and taking the exchange on US40 going through Heber City, up Daniels Canyon past Strawberry Reservoir; 20 miles past Strawberry Reservoir you will come to a small town called Fruitland, across the street from the All Country store you will turn north and from that spot it is 13.1 miles to the Ranch.

The second way to get to the Ranch is through the Provo, Orem area going up Provo Canyon Highway 189 until you get to Heber City, then you will take US 40 up to Daniels Canyon past Strawberry Reservoir until you get to Fruitland, there you will turn North and head to the Ranch. There are signs with arrows starting on the dirt road, plus we have provided maps on pages 6.

## Safety Tips at the Reid Ranch

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At 11:30 a.m. on the day of your arrival, you must participate in the Ranch's orientation which will cover safety issues and procedures at the Reid Ranch. We have also printed inside this booklet the Reid Ranch Policies Please disseminate this information to the members of your group.

We desire the safety of all our guests

Please observe all rules that are posted at the pools and hot tub and observe the rules told by the archery range master.

Please listen and observe all the rules told by the wranglers at the Black Shadow Corral. All riders need a waiver sheet turned in and each person will wear a helmet. There is no running or trotting of horses.

Please listen and observe all the rules told by the dock master at the paddle boats. All guests will wear life jackets before walking onto the dock and entering the boats. Life jackets must be worn at all times while on the lake or on the dock.

Please listen and observe all the rules regarding the fire pit usage. Groups will be assigned their camp fire time. The Reid Ranch staff will set the fire pits and light them at the time designated. Buckets of water will be placed by each fire pit. Please extinguish the fires after you group has finished with your fire.

Please see a Reid Ranch staff member if you have questions or concerns.

### Smoking / Non-Smoking / Alcohol Policy

There is no smoking in any of the facilities at the Ranch. Also, depending on the weather and fire restrictions, there might not be any smoking on the Ranch other than designated areas. No alcoholic beverages allowed.

### Reid Ranch Policies

The Reid family loves the Ranch dearly. It is their home. They are happy to share it with guests if the guests treat it with loving care. Most guests have been respectful of the building and properties, but, unfortunately, some have been careless, and in a few cases, wantonly destructive. Besides the following rules, please consider how your actions could cause undue costs and irreparable damage to the premises and the area. Thank you.

1. NO FURNITURE IS EVER MOVED by guests.
2. DO NOT ALLOW any age guest to sit or stand on tables.
3. Replacement costs of each piece of furniture, chandelier, etc., broken or damaged must be paid by guests who are renting when the damage occurs. The deposit of \$100 does not begin to pay for replacement costs, so additional money will be assessed to replace or repair, if possible, the damaged items.
4. Guests must check in sports equipment with Reid Ranch personnel before leaving. Equipment should be promptly returned after each use so others can use it.
5. Wet swimming suits are to be hung in showers only — and not left on furniture, banisters, carpet, etc.

6. Arrangements must be made so that Housekeeping can clean and check your rooms daily. Beds will be changed every other day to help conserve water and not to fill the drain fields. Towels will be replaced daily. Bathrooms will be scrubbed and wash basin and toilets cleaned daily. Wastepaper baskets are emptied daily. Dusting, vacuuming, and sweeping will continue throughout the day. Do not litter the rooms or leave clothes or games on the floor so the housekeepers are prevented from doing their work. Housekeeping services to the premises must continue throughout each day to keep them in readiness for later groups. Consider the living areas as lobbies in hotels where personal objects do not collect and litter.

7. PLEASE be energy conscious. Turn off each light when it is not in use. Double check the outside spotlights. They turn on in the same place as inside lights. Reid Ranch is served by a private electrical company, and the costs are very high. Turn the thermostats off during the day.

Also, please do not dispose of sanitary napkins or other heavy items in the toilets. It is difficult and costly to obtain plumbers this far from the city.

8. Reid Ranch staff will inform the guests if they are abusing the privileges of the Ranch. Wanton disrespect and misuse of the premises and property will not be allowed.

9. Cars are to be parked in designated areas instructed by the Reid Ranch staff.

10. Empty cans, candy wrappers, etc., should be disposed of properly in garbage cans and not thrown along paths. Keep the Ranch litter free. Protect the environment.

11. Please bring with you first aid supplies and personnel knowledgeable to offer this service. Reid Ranch does not provide this for its guests.

12. No guns or other firearms or fireworks are allowed at the Ranch.

13. Towels, dishes, silverware, etc., belonging to the Ranch are not to go home with the guests.

14. Guests may not bring pets to the Ranch.

15. Guests may not set a fire in any inside fireplace or outside in the fire pit without Reid Ranch staff approval and setting of the logs. No gasoline or other flammable liquids may be used to start any fire.

16. Horses may not be ridden later than 5:30 p.m. each evening. Horses may never be ridden without a wrangler riding with the group/person. Horses may not be run. Release forms to participate in horseback riding must be signed and turned in to Reid Ranch administration before riding.

17. No off-road vehicles, ATVs, or motorcycles may be brought to the Ranch. Mountain bikes may be ridden only on automobile roads on Reid Ranch or State/County roads.

18. Children must always be supervised by their parents or accompanying adults. Do not leave them unattended in any activity. Youth groups must be carefully supervised by their leaders and/or parents.

19. All boaters must use life jackets at all times on the lake.

20. No water balloons to be used at Reid Ranch.

21. Lake front activities close at 5:30 p.m.

## GUESTS ARE ENTITLED TO:

1. Three delicious and nutritious meals daily served in clean, sanitary surroundings. (Wristbands must be worn by each guest to be admitted to meals; snacks and souvenirs can be purchased at the Reid Ranch Trading Post.)
2. Courteous and kindly services rendered by all Reid Ranch employees.
3. Availability of staff to offer immediate response to your requests.
4. Clean, well-ordered dining room, bedrooms, bathrooms, and other living spaces. Daily upkeep, sweeping, garbage removal, etc.
5. A sports court, archery target, and sports equipment. (All sports equipment are checked out at the Reid Ranch Trading Post and returned there after use.)
6. Three clean, regularly inspected swimming pools and hot tub.
7. Horses and guides for horse-back riding.
8. Recommended hiking trails on Reid Ranch property.
9. Pop machines and change machine are available to the guests.
10. A fire pit for a campfire except when the County Fire Marshall has issued a "No Open Fire" edict.  
(When it is used, the fire will be set by Reid Ranch staff and additional logs made available.)
11. Telephone lines are available for guest use. Red Creek Lodge: (435) 848-5776, (435) 848-5773. Swingin' ME Café: (435) 848-5776. Tabby Mountain Lodge (435) 848-5791, (435) 848-5793. Staff will refrain from excessive use. Use calling cards or credit cards for long distance calls.

Please notify Reid Ranch staff and/or administration promptly if there is a problem.

## Welcome to the Reid Ranch Information Resource

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### Arriving

Upon arriving you will be stopped at the Guard house to check which group is arriving. A parking permit sheet will be given to each car to put in their front driver side window so as to tell which cars are allowed on the Ranch and with which group you are from. Then you will be directed to the parking areas where you will park your car before unloading so as to make the group orientation on time.

### Ranch Layout

A Ranch layout has been mailed to the host of your group plus a ranch layout, and a location of the facilities and venues is posted at the Reid Ranch Trading Post.

### Wristbands

Wristbands will be handed out at orientation. These wristbands allow each person to ride horse, participate in all activities, and for your rooms and meals.

### Orientation

An orientation is given at 11:30 am on the day of your arrival. The orientation is mandatory for all guests. If part of the group can't arrive by 11:30 a.m., then it is the responsibility of the group host/hostess to orient them or ask one of our Ranch hand hosts to repeat the orientation to the group members who have arrived late.

### Shopping

The Reid Ranch has a trading post where guests can purchase candy, ice cream, snow cones, bottled water, beef jerky, post cards, T-Shirts, hats, and film.

The hours of operation is from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. From 1:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. From 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## Home Away from Home

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You will find the room facilities large and comfortable with clean sheets, pillows, and towels.

Guests receive their own plastic covered cup and soap and shampoo are provided in the shower facilities.

Because of the Reid Ranch's environmental feelings and commitment to our beautiful mountain top retreat, the Reid Ranch staff is there to help protect our environment. We would encourage our guests to help out by turning off lights and thermostat as you exit your rooms, closing doors, and picking up litter. Place your bath towels in the shower or bath tub to let the housing staff know if you want a new towel.

To help preserve the water in the Red Creek area the staff will make your beds, but will change them every other day.

Please notify the housing staff if you need some clothing washed while you are at the ranch, and they will take care of it for a nominal fee.

### Camping

A designated area is set aside for groups who wish to camp. Camping bathrooms are provided close to your camping area.

### Ranch Phone numbers

While you are at the ranch, guests can use the phone services in the Swingin' ME Café, trading post, and lodges.

The Reid Ranch has four phone lines available. Red Creek Lodge: (435) 848-5776, (435) 848-5773. Swingin' ME Café: (435) 848-5776. Tabby Mountain Lodge (435) 848-5791, (435) 848-5793. Staff will refrain from excessive use. Use calling cards or credit cards for long distance calls.

In-coming calls are received at the Reid Ranch Trading Post up until 5:30 p.m.

## Reid Ranch Recreation

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The Reid Ranch provides these activities for no additional cost:

Horse back riding (waiver forms are required)

Paddle boats	Archery
Soccer	Frisbee golf
Basketball	Fire pits
Swimming pools	Stage area
Hot Tub	Sand volleyball
Sauna	Hiking trails
Badminton	Horseshoes
Flag football	

We hope that you will enjoy these venues.

Groups can schedule activities such as family meetings and scavenger hunts. Youth groups have better experiences if leaders schedule the time closely for special events throughout their stay. An agenda of your special events should be sent to Reid Ranch in advance of your arrival. Youth should not aimlessly wander around the Ranch.

When two or more groups are at Reid Ranch at the same time, the three venues: sand volleyball, soccer field, and sports court are scheduled at a 2 ½ hour rotation schedule provided by the Ranch. Horseback riding and use of boats are divided evenly between the groups.

## Reid Ranch Check-out and Departure

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We hope that your group will have had a grrreat time.

Family reunion will check out of the room by 11:00 a.m., lunch is provided at noon and depart by 1:00p.m.

Youth Groups will check-out by 11:00 a.m. and depart at 11:30 a.m.

## Reid Ranch Survey Forms

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The Ranch Survey forms will be handed out on the last day of your stay to part of your group.

Please fill them out and turn them back in so that we can continually improve the Reid Ranch Resort and make the stay of our guests enjoyable.