

Ranch Rules Agreement

For several decades we have welcomed thousands of people to our home at Muir Trail Ranch so they could enjoy a unique vacation experience. In order to provide a pleasant and safe place for this to occur, we require a standard of behavior which we outline here. It is our sincere desire that you enjoy your stay with us. By following the guidelines listed below you will help ensure your time at the ranch will result in pleasant memories.

General — We expect all guests at the Muir Trail Ranch to behave in a civil manner. Everyone in our mountain area expects to enjoy peace and quiet, so we will not tolerate rowdy or uncivil behavior either at the ranch or on the trail. The ranch facilities and the wilderness are to be respected and treated in an exemplary fashion. No Forest Service or Park Service regulations are to be violated. No plants or animals are to be mistreated or removed from the forest or the ranch. The ranch is not available to anyone for the purpose of hunting game, either on or off ranch property. Guns are not allowed. Campfires are allowed in designated areas only, both on and off the ranch. Because the Ranch is in a wilderness setting, we must have the flexibility to provide for rules not specifically covered in this Agreement. Guests agree to comply with all rules and directions of the Muir Trail Ranch staff, whether written or verbal, given at any time and for any reason, which rules or directions may be made by the Muir Trail Ranch staff in its sole discretion.

Horse use — In order to match you to an appropriate horse, we need to know your riding ability. Before your first long horse ride, we will demonstrate the safe and enjoyable way to ride. Any rider who expects to use our horses must attend the safety lecture.

Since alertness is of paramount importance while on horseback, we will not allow any guest who is under the influence of alcohol or any impairing drug or medication, or is otherwise physically impaired, to ride. All rides are led by an experienced guide. Riders must always obey the guide's instructions. We do not allow guests to use spurs on our horses. We will not tolerate any mistreatment or abuse of our horses. Open-field riding, galloping, or more than one rider on a horse are not allowed. Guests may not bring their own horses, but may bring their own saddles. Children 12 and under must wear a riding helmet. You should bring a riding or a bicycle helmet. Generally, anyone weighing over 210 pounds will be restricted to riding on the valley floor. However, this restriction depends on the person's physical stature and condition. The final determination will be made by ranch staff.

Hot spring baths — For your safety, please limit your stay in the hot springs to no more than 15 minutes. Do not allow soap to get into the pool. There is an area in each bath for soaping and rinsing. Please take your personal items such as towels with you when you leave the baths.

Fishing — In order to help preserve the fish population on the ranch, we do not allow anything but fly fishing on the property (catch and release preferred). Off the ranch, you may do as you please, but we strongly encourage conservation to preserve fishing opportunities for the future. We discourage people from filling their creels with fish to give to other guests. Please limit your catch to fish you will be eating yourself. We allow young children to use lures or bait on the ranch.

Leaving a clean camp — Guests are asked to leave the ranch in the same condition in which they found it. This includes tidying-up their cabins. The cooks will clean the pantry, refrigerators, kitchen, and dining room. Ranch staff will do the grounds keeping chores, launder the bed linens, and maintain the lounge and hot spring baths. Our staff will make sure the cabins and tent cabins are presentable for incoming guests, but departing guests are requested to do as much as they can to lighten the staff's workload, due to the short interval between check-out and check-in times.

Check-in and check-out times — You may expect to find your cabin ready for occupancy by 2 PM. We request that you have your cabin ready for checkout by 10 AM for short-stay guests. For guests who are staying for the entire week as a group, your departure time is 9 AM if you are riding to the lake on Saturday, and 9:30 AM if you are hiking to the lake. Have your luggage ready to be packed out by 8:30 AM.

Cancellation policy — If you need to cancel your reservation, please contact us as soon as possible so we can try to fill your spot. For guests staying for an entire week as a group, we will refund your deposit in full if we are informed of your cancellation at least 90 days in advance of your scheduled stay. If we receive your cancellation less than 90 days in advance, we may still refund your deposit if we can fill your reservation with at least the number of people who cancelled. For short stay guests, we will refund your deposit if you inform us of your cancellation at least 7 days in advance of your stay. For shorter notice, we will not refund your deposit if we cannot fill your reservation with another guest. For no-show without any notice, you will forfeit your deposit in full.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, CLEARLY UNDERSTAND, AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS RANCH RULES AGREEMENT.

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Date _____