

# Cabins at LOST TRAIL



Thank you for choosing Cabins at Lost Trail...

We're so happy to have you as a guest! Below, you will find important information to help plan for your upcoming stay. You will learn not only what to expect as a guest, but also ideas of what to bring and how to prepare in the best way... If you find you have questions after reviewing this information, please, please ask.

## **\*\*2020 COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Info\*\*:**

Today's world is filled with doubt and worry brought on by the pandemic that is widespread across the Globe. Here at Cabins at Lost Trail we want to assure you that we will do everything in our power to provide a healthy vacation for you and your family. We are closely monitoring the local, state and federal guidelines in this matter. We have delayed our season opening to June 20<sup>th</sup> to allow for local communities to slowly open and be ready to welcome guests to the area. We will be making sure that we are taking the appropriate social (physical) distancing and sanitization measures so that we can all be as safe as possible. Making sure we all stay safe is of highest priority, and we know how much many of you are longing for the beauty of the upper Rio Grande valley, so we are striving to get you here and make sure we follow the guidelines to stay open and safe. We will keep you up to date on any details regarding your specific reservation as things progress or change.

As of now, things in the area are slowly opening. If you fall ill or are not comfortable or able to travel this season, please reach out to us as soon as possible. Our policy is that deposits are not refundable, but under the current circumstances, in the event that things begin to shut down again, or you are unable to make your reservation due to illness or inability to travel, we can apply your deposit to a 2021 reservation. Please let us know a.s.a.p. if a change needs to be made and we will help the best we can. If you are at all ill, we ask that you stay home.

As of early May, Local businesses in Mineral and Hinsdale counties are not ready to handle the magnitude of tourists in town quite yet, but this should slowly improve as the season progresses – so please be mindful of current guidelines of social (physical)

distancing, possible masks where they require it and respecting local business as they work on re-opening. You may need to bring your groceries and supplies entirely from home for example, get your OHV permits or fishing licenses online or skip the gift shops in town if they are not open when you come. Restaurants are still working on plans to open for "inside" seating and some are offering curbside pick-up so that may be something to consider as well. Please be patient and kind as some of the small towns have been worried about resuming tourism and if their small stores and things can keep up with an increased demand after being closed – while also remaining safe.

### We are full of hope with you in this matter!

**A note on linens for 2020** – Many of you that are returning guests know that under normal circumstances we provide linens, however; the Silver Thread Public Health is strongly encouraging **guests bring their own** linens, pillows and towels to all vacation homes in the area until further notice. Please let us know in advance if this is a problem for you.

**A note on sanitation** – We are working to acquire more sanitizing products that can be left in the cabins, but if at all possible, please pack some that you can bring with you to use as needed for travel and your stay. We hope to supply some for each cabin, but if our supply isn't high enough to leave sanitation in every cabin, bringing some with you will help. We will sanitize surfaces between all guests.

### Contact Information:

Email: [admin@cabinsatlosttrail.com](mailto:admin@cabinsatlosttrail.com)

Beka (reservations) – 541.390.8909 – call or text me if you have questions, I am happy to help and currently in cell service year-round!

Dick and Marijane (MJ) Davis (on-site caretakers) [ddavis@frazieroutfitting.com](mailto:ddavis@frazieroutfitting.com), and very limited cell service – Dick (770.365.1508) - MJ (706.699.3068)

We'd love your participation on social media too! Like, share, post and more! We also have a new private Facebook group for guests only – search "Cabins at Lost Trail Guests".



[fb.me/cabinsatlosttrail](https://fb.me/cabinsatlosttrail)

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#cabinsatlosttrail, #mycabinatlosttrail, #losttrailranch

\*\*Share your favorite pictures and stories! We'd love guests to be able to connect with each other and share tips, stories, ideas! \*\*

We also now have a Google Business we'd love your participation on as well.  
"Cabins at Lost Trail"

**Off season mailing address** (not for reservation payments):

Alpha Agape Inc.  
c/o Meghan Smiley  
5700 Dunbarton Oaks blvd.  
Midland, TX 79705

**Physical location and directions** (not for reservation payments):

Cabins at Lost Trail  
18100 USFS Rd. 520  
Creede, CO 81130



Allow some extra traveling time to make sure you find us during the daylight hours... especially if this is your first time! It will definitely make traveling easier and more comfortable. No matter which direction you are coming from you will pass through the mountain towns of Creede or Lake City (which will be your last resort for gas and supplies).

Be sure if you are using Google Maps, type "Cabins at Lost Trail" in your search bar... NOT "Lost Trail Ranch" into your navigation system or Google maps – we want to make sure you are directed correctly! We are on usfs road 520, not 509. Some maps on the Internet and older GPS units get a little confused on this. "Cabins at Lost Trail" will work now in Google Maps (yay, it was a long time coming). Please ask in advance if you need some additional help with your journey, as your cell reception will end before you reach us!

**If you are coming in from Creede**, follow Hwy 149 through and out of Creede towards Lake City... travel just under 20 miles and turn **left** onto usfs rd 520/co-18. Also called Rio Grande Reservoir Road...this left hand turn is just past "Freemon's Ranch" (burgers and Ice cream ☺ - yes please!).

**If you are coming in from Lake City**, you will travel 30 miles outside Lake City before turning **right** onto usfs rd 520/co-18. Also called Rio Grande Reservoir Road.

Once on usfs rd 520/co-18/ Rio Grande Reservoir Road... you are closer than ever but still have 18 miles (maintained dirt road). Travel these scenic miles and know you're on the right road when you pass San Juan Ranch pretty quickly on the left. Once you pass a few more landmarks like Road Canyon Reservoir (fishing area) on your left, a few amazing curves that make you squirm a little bit, Thirty Mile Campground and then the enormous Rio Grande Reservoir, you'll be getting close! We are the next left after you pass Lost Trail Campground on the left. We should have our new signs up this year! **Look for the gate to the left** as the road is starting to take you to the right. If you've hit a cattle guard at the Lost Trail Creek Trail, you have just missed the entrance to us.

Please keep in mind that we are remote. Come prepared with whatever you may need for your vehicle... spare tire, proper equipment, fix-a flat, power packs, car blanket, car charger adapter, jumper cables etc. Again, it's ideal to arrive during daylight. You can put my cell in your phones before you hit the road (541-390-8909)

### **Paying for your cabin and Payment Policies:**

We can no longer receive checks for reservations, but do accept credit and debit cards and can alternatively accept pay-pal for reservation payments.

**\*\*New for 2020\*\*** → Deposits are due at the time of booking and are 1/3 the reservation total. Deposits are not refundable. *We will be automatically charging the remaining balance on your cabin 7 days prior to your check-in day.* So if you check in on Saturday, your card will be charged the prior Saturday. If you would like to make alternate payment arrangements, like use a different card for the remaining balance, or pay on your reservation throughout the months leading up to your stay, in smaller chunks, please reach out to us in advance so we can accommodate that for you. We are happy to help! We can also accept paypal – if this is better for you, let us know and we can invoice you that way.

### **Dogs/Horses:**

We are dog friendly with a small pet fee of \$25 per dog with a maximum of 2 dogs per cabin. No Cats. You must let us know in advance if you plan on bringing a dog. Dogs that arrive without prior authorization will be charged the applicable pet fee. When making your reservation, let us know if you plan to bring your furry friend along so we can plan accordingly. Dogs cannot be left in cabins without you unless they have their own crate to stay in. For safety of guests, your pet and other animals on the property, please keep dogs leashed while on the property at all times. We understand all dogs do not need to be leased and are well trained, but please check with on site caretaker in advance about your specific situation regarding your pet rather than just letting them loose.

Frazier Outfitting operates out of the property, so be mindful there will be horses passing in and out the gate as well as horses in pasture bordering the guest cabin areas. Also, as mentioned below - If you want to bring your own horse(s), this is possible with previous planning with staff and a \$200/ horse fee. Please inquire in advance and we can help work this out. There are many trails that you can ride on in the area. But also, if you want to ride horses during your stay, you can inquire with Frazier Outfitting in advance to set up a trail ride etc. – this is such a great mountain experience.

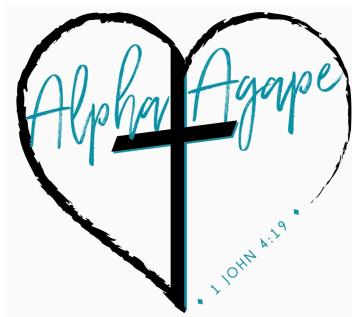
### **Check-in/Check-out:**

**Check-in is 4pm** or later. You don't have to arrive at this exact time, but before dark is ideal so you can get situated. If you think you'll be arriving before 4pm, please email ahead so we can try our best to accommodate an early check-in as many weeks in the summer, each cabin turns over on Saturday. It is a big cleaning day and depending on the cabin you are coming into we may be able to clean it first to allow an early check-in. **Check-out is by**

**10am.** If you'll need a later checkout time, please reach out in advance so we can try our best to accommodate this request as well. Please leave your cabin tidy!

### **General Cabin Info:**

Each of the rental cabins have a great deal of history dating all the way back to as early as the 1930s. There are 6 total cabins for rent at Cabins at Lost Trail. For the most part, cabins are modernized and expanded some; yet still boast simple and rustic flare with most original logs still in use. Can you imagine all the stories each log would tell if that were possible?



Historically, many have enjoyed renting guest cabins at what is formerly known as "Lost Trail Ranch" – and although under new ownership as of mid 2016, we are thrilled to still offer you these same cabins so you can continue your special traditions! For those of you who are brand new, we are so excited to have you – please make yourself at home at "Cabins at Lost Trail"...home of Alpha Agape – a Christian Non-Profit Ministry. Profits from the rental cabins go to support this ministry. Each year there are some family, youth or marriage retreats that go on. Reach out if you would like more info or are interested in supporting this Ministry. See below for options of how to donate.

You can mail donation checks to the address below, and please note "Donation" on your check. You may also donate via paypal, just make sure you note that it is a donation and we can get you a receipt: [admin@cabinsatlosttrial.com](mailto:admin@cabinsatlosttrial.com).

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Each of our rental cabins has one, two, or three bedrooms, 1 bathroom (or 2), a kitchen, and a comfortable living/dining space. Kitchens are reasonably equipped for basic off grid cooking. There are propane ovens/stoves and refrigerators, but no electric appliances whatsoever. (That's right, no microwaves or coffee pots). We have limited solar power for conservative light use and charging laptops, etc. during daylight hours. We provide some blankets and basic linens for the beds. We also provide basic bath towels, but not extras of these items. Please feel free to check with us if you need more specifics after looking at the specific cabin details below. If you find you are a colder sleeper or require extra towels and such, please bring them along or ask in advance as we use a linen service in the valley for washing linens and towels and would need advance planning to different accommodations.

Cabins each boast larger, south facing windows to make the most of the Colorado sunshine, and of course the views. You will probably find that you spend a great deal of your time outside in the fresh mountain air, but welcoming in the natural light is always a bonus. The

cabins are spaced in a horseshoe design as you come through the front gate and each cabin is situated on about an acre of land so you will have adequate privacy and room to park right in front of your cabin. This excludes Hilltop cabin – it is on its very own property and even more private, spacious and not to mention overflowing with more open 360 degree views.

Two of the 4 fence lines border private land (to the South and West – or... if that tells you nothing, the private land would be beyond the fence to the left and straight beyond the back fence ahead as you come through the front main gate). There is no river access from the ranch property. So, those that will be fishing and desire to fish the Rio, we can help direct you to fishing areas as to avoid private land. There is much National Forest outside the gate and not too far away, is the grand Weminuche Wilderness if you desire to escape over there (it is worth it). Please inquire if you need more information on river access, trails and property boundaries.

### **Supplies, Groceries and Cooking:**

Make sure to bring along everything you will need to cook your meals. We also recommend that you bring along any paper products you'd need or want... some guests like to bring paper plates to spend less time washing dishes and more time playing or relaxing. There are no dishwashers. Also, bring paper towels, or napkins etc. if you'd need those. We try and provide enough toilet paper and a roll of paper towels for each cabin, but we all know that in 2020 toilet paper has been very obscure, right? Yikes.

Depending on which direction you come from, the last place to buy any type of grocery items will be Lake City or Creede. You can get the best prices if you try and stock up at an earlier supermarket or bring items from home. In Alamosa there is a Safeway, City Market and Super Wal-Mart. The closest place to purchase bags of Ice is Freeman's Ranch (which is also where we will send you to get a good ol' fashioned burger and ice cream). Once you are here, you may not want to turn back around to get groceries, so plan accordingly and come prepared with meals and snacks for your duration.

The **fridges** are gas operated and therefore will not feel as "cold" as your electric fridge would at home. Please make sure the dial on your fridge is no higher than "3.5/4" – (the middle setting), otherwise your precious food will freeze – talk about a bummer. This should already be set up for you and ready to go, but please inquire with the on-site manager if you have any question/issue with this. Fridges are also smaller than most are used to... they are not "mini", but also not full size.

It's a good idea to use the most perishable items first when planning your menu. Sometimes fragile lettuces don't do that well and turn quicker up here. Spring Mix will turn more quickly than typical for example. Some guests do most of their cooking or food prep in advance to save time in the kitchen, cut down on extra waste and more time enjoying family time and the view. They will bring soups and casseroles precooked and frozen and already assembled.

Kitchens are equipped with very basic items for cooking, so make sure to bring what you'll need if it's more of a specialty item. For example, we don't have a bunt pan, rolling pin or garlic press 😊.

We do not have electric coffee pots, but do provide a stove top percolator in each cabin. You may want to bring a supply of percolator coffee filters as well (also called wrap filters). There are no microwaves or toasters either. Outside of each cabin there is a fire pit that you are welcome to cook on (unless there is a fire ban). We do not provide gas grills at this time but have charcoal grills available. *Please make sure the grills on the charcoal grills stay there and don't get taken to the fire-pits.* Often, we have charcoal available as the season progresses, as guests leave extra on the porch - but it's best to bring some or check with us in advance if this is mandatory for your cooking. We can see what is around before you head out.

It takes longer for some foods to cook at higher elevations. Allow extra time for things to cook like, rice, boiled potatoes, pasta etc. The boiling point is lower at higher elevations – therefore a lower temperature liquid will cause food to cook slower! Here is some more reading if this is at all intriguing! 😊

[https://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/High\\_Altitude\\_Cooking\\_and\\_Food\\_Safety.pdf](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/High_Altitude_Cooking_and_Food_Safety.pdf)

Some of the gas stoves and ovens are finicky and may need self-lit or extra time to light. If you have any issues, please ask our on-site caretaker. Each appliance has its own personality and they have learned this well.

### **What to Bring/ Pack list ideas:**

Some have already been highlighted above, but review this list to help you prepare! Please ask if you have any questions about what to bring.

- In the past we have had guests bring **linens**, towels and some pillows – then we were able to provide them and now due to COVID-19, we are not allowed to do so. **PLEASE BRING!**
- Bath and hand towels, shower mat. Please bring what you know you'll need.
- All of your groceries and the extra ingredients you'll need to prepare them (like spices etc.) – don't forget snacks, coffee/tea etc! We have percolators – so wrap filters may be helpful!
- Plenty of fluids – extra for the altitude, the dry climate and extra exercise you'll be doing – always err on bringing too much water. You will be surprised how much you use.
- Any prescription or over the counter medication you'll need or may need for the trip duration.
- Band-Aids and first aid supplies
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Rain Gear
- Clothing (some extra in case of wet or cold weather and also kids getting dirtier than normal as there are not laundry facilities very close)

- More diapers and wipes than normal & baby formula/bottles etc. if applicable. Extra “poos” are always inevitable in the altitude and finding the right size at the wrong time usually results in hours and hours of extra driving.
- Comfortable shoes
- Gear for all your activities – fishing poles etc.
- Fishing license if you plan to fish.
- OHV permit for your motorized toys! (You can get these online)
- Roasting sticks for fire-pits if you bring marshmallows, hot dogs etc.
- Bug repellent
- Sunscreen
- Charcoal/lighter fluid/lighter
- Outdoor chairs (we are working on replacing/adding these)
- Camera, batteries, chargers etc.
- Roadside assistance items/kit
- Puzzles, magazines, games etc.
- Chocolate ☺... hot chocolate and any other form you can fit in.



### **Additional Cabin Specifics:**

\*\*Please look at the cabin you are renting below for specific information to plan accordingly for what else you may need / or want to prepare for and **what size sheets/bedding to bring.**

**Rio Vista** – (single level) – cabin 1 {first cabin on the *left* as you enter the gate}

Queen bed – 1  
Twin bed – 2  
Daybed – 1 (in living room)  
Pull out sofa – 1 (in living room)  
Bathroom – 1 (shower only)

**Aspen Grove** – (single level) – cabin 2 {2<sup>nd</sup> cabin on the *left* as you enter the gate}

Queen bed – 1  
Twin pull out sofa – 1  
Bathroom – 1 (shower only)

**Meadow Manor** – (two story) cabin 3 {3<sup>rd</sup> cabin on the *left/straight ahead* as you enter the gate}

Queen bed – 1 (upstairs)  
Full – 1 (downstairs)  
Twin bed – 2 (downstairs)  
Queen bunk bed (downstairs)  
Bathrooms – 2 (1 upstairs with tub only, 1 downstairs with shower only)

**Spruce Hollow** – (single level) cabin 7 {1<sup>st</sup> cabin on the *right* as you enter the gate}

Queen bed – 2

Twin bed – 2 (upstairs in loft)  
Bathroom – 1 (shower only)

**Hilltop** - (two story) {this cabin has its own property – It's ½ mile past the gate for the ranch – the **next left** after the big "lost trail station sign" – which is not our property, make sure you pass this driveway and hit the next left (it's a small and discreet driveway)}

Queen bed – 1 (upstairs)

Full bed – 4 (downstairs bedroom) – \*There are 2 full size bunks now

Bathrooms – 2 (one upstairs with shower only, one downstairs with tub only)

**Cliff Dweller** – (single story) Cabin 5 {located to the upper-right of the property. Head through the main gate, stay straight, then veer right up the hill, up what looks like a long skinny driveway}

Queen bed – 1

Full bed – 3

Bathroom - 1 (tub/shower combo)

## **Communications:**

There are no televisions, NO cell-phone nor land-line phone services available on the ranch. Please bring your laptop, tablet or smart phone if you think you'll need to keep in touch with the "outside" world. We provide basic/limited satellite wireless Internet. This service is limited from the providing company with the remoteness, so it is VERY important to conserve usage as much as possible so we have services available all month for emergencies. Cell phone reception ends on your way up at about Little Squaw resort but to be safe, make sure to get your communications wrapped up where the pavement ends. You most likely will have a few more miles of phone service after turning off hwy 149, but it becomes rather spotty. Again, there is no cell reception (or roaming) on the ranch property.

We invite you to enjoy this relaxing and peaceful opportunity to truly get away from it all and unplug a bit.

If you'll need to connect or check in, check in with the on site manager for the latest WiFi password and please don't give this out to non-guests. There may be periods during the day or night that it is off. *There is no downloading of videos, live streaming or gaming permitted.* While we understand this can't be monitored at all times, we trust you will respect that. If the data quota is reached before the billing cycle ends, **it will shut the Internet off** for the remainder of the billing cycle which limits communication for emergencies, business and being able to stay in touch with loved ones. We also encourage you to **please turn off** automatic downloads and updates on your smart phones and tablets or leave them off when not in use as many times background downloading uses a good amount of data, downloading updates and continually synching.

## **Electric and Propane Power:**

We are completely off the grid here at Cabins at Lost Trail. We operate primarily on our solar powered electric system, with a backup generator if need be. We also use propane to power many of our appliances and backup lights. Our system is designed to provide lights for the cabins, and we ask guests to use conservation of lights and use when needed. Each cabin is outfitted with propane lights that can be used as well. Large appliances (oven/stove, hot water heater and fridge/freezer) are powered by propane. Smaller electric appliances and heat producing appliances are prohibited (hair dryers, toasters, automatic coffee makers, etc.). Guests needing sleep machines/CPAP or items that draw continuous power must inquire in advance as our system will not be able to power these for much time at all and will shut down 5 cabins at once.

Charging batteries for laptops, cameras, etc. are best and charge quicker during sunny hours while solar power is being pulled in.

During a cloudy/stormy spell, guests will need to be more conservative with use of electricity. If the backup generator is needed, it will be turned on during “peak” use hours – probably between 5 and 9 pm but not during later night hours, as we don’t want to disturb anyone’s rest on the ranch.

### **Water:**

The water supply on the ranch grounds is “Spring-fed” for the most part in addition to a well that can be used to supplement in a dry spell. The water comes from snowmelt and filters through the ground where it then comes into the ranch. Water pressure is due to gravity as the water supply is “up the hill”, so you will not have the water pressure you may have at home, especially in the shower. So know you will have a hot shower, but not high pressure.

Many people ask about the water and if it’s safe to drink. The water is not “purified” but for the most part, it is pretty “naturally” filtered of sediment and debris, especially during the mid to late season. In the early season, water can appear a bit cloudy and look like watered down tea (not too great). There are many guests that drink the water and many guests that haul their own drinking water – we are not recommending you count on drinking it. It is totally your decision of course, but the absolute safest would be to either bring your own drinking water or a filter that you trust. Think of one step up from dipping your cup in a freshly running mountain stream... very fresh and cold, but not always perfectly clean. You can also boil the water for cooking and for coffee.

At Hilltop cabin, the water supply comes from an on-site well, which is powered by the solar power. Using a lot of water at once can drain the stored solar power, so conservation is ideal as well as spreading out usage. For example not taking a shower simultaneously as someone doing all the dishes for the day.

Please conserve water whenever possible. Often times as the season progresses, water run-off diminishes so water can be a lot more of a commodity during dry seasons and helps tremendously if you can conserve. If you ever hear toilets continuing to run in your cabin or

any type of water dripping/running in or around your cabin, notify the on site manager or email us right away so it can be looked into, as this can drain the water supply.

### **Heat / fires:**

Cabins are equipped with wood stoves to keep your cabin as warm and comfortable as you like! Firewood is stored outside of your cabin. Please let us know if you need more. Outside fires are welcome (only in the designated fire pits) unless otherwise noted and posted (as in the case of fire bans). If you see any limbs or anything that are dry, you are free to pick those up around the area to use in the fire pit. Be absolutely sure your outside fire is DEAD OUT before leaving it unattended – every time! Some seasons are extremely DRY – very dry. You may not be able to use your fire-pits or charcoal grills when fire danger is high. Fire restrictions are defined here: <http://cdpsdocs.state.co.us/dfpc/WFMS/FireRestrictionExplained.pdf>

Please take notice of what the current fire restriction is and check with our on-site caretaker if you have questions.

### **Trash:**

There is no trash or recycling services on site at this time. This may come in the future, but until otherwise noted please be sure to pack out whatever you pack in. Trash accumulating on the premises attracts pests as it tends to pile up - especially during times that burning is restricted, this becomes difficult, as we cannot burn anything to condense trash. Also, **please leave the fridges empty** and check with the on-site manager before leaving any food behind and ask if they can use what you have left that you can't haul home; otherwise we end up with extra trash. Although thoughtful, leaving condiments etc. in the fridge for the next guest only accumulates and cannot be used as we make sure fridges are empty before each guest. Fridges are too small to count on guests being able to use extras as they usually bring their own.

In recent seasons, there has been a bear that will visit a few porches, so make sure to keep scraps and leftover food put away and coolers away (maybe in your vehicle at night to stay cooler for example) as to not attract them onto the property.

Many of our guests enjoy bringing seeds or nuts for the birds and squirrels; this is great, though please don't attract the bears by throwing out leftover food. *Important to note: there is no longer resident chickens to feed scraps to like some of you remember in the past.*



The Creede landfill is open: Monday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and is very reasonably priced if you are headed through Creede on your way home. It's a good idea to bring some cash and set it aside for this.

Email if you need a secondary option in the area if you won't be passing through Creede.

### **Around The Area / Things to do:**

We're at just below 10,000 feet, and at this elevation, you'll need to eat, drink and sleep a little bit more than you would normally. It is high and at times, very dry. We encourage you to take a day or so to let your body adjust a bit to the elevation before you take on too much activity – take some time to acclimate, your body will thank you. You may find that your heart beats faster with less activity than at home and it's harder to get a good full breath. Headaches are common – especially the day after arriving, make sure you drink plenty of water and take it easy!

There are many things to do, even without cable TV etc. There are many places to hike, mountain bike, fish, take beautiful photos, and even just enjoy leisurely walks. If you have any of your own toys – even motorized, feel free to bring them along, but make sure to maintain an **OHV permit** to be legal in the area – you can get one online or at Rambler House in Creede! If you have a 4x4 vehicle, and are comfortable driving the mountain road all the way to **Silverton**, this could be a fun adventure for the day.

Feel free to check with us for advice on Hiking trails, routes, etc. We are happy to help suggest places to go and ways to get there according to your wants, needs, time frame and physical ability. There are numerous miles of beautiful mountains and meadows to explore. Enjoy!

In **Creede**, there are some neat things to do as well! There are shops, restaurants and activities. If you are up for a show – check out The Creede Repertoire Theatre... they put on a really good live production! For ticketing information, visit <http://creederep.org> or call 719.658.2540. Creede is a historic mining town and if you'd like to check out some of that history, their **mining museum** is literally in the mountain! If you're up for some more driving, Bachelor Loop is a scenic drive above Creede and you can look at many of the old mining structures. For more info on Creede, the events and area – visit their website - <http://www.creede.com>

If you'd like another adventure idea, Mountain Man **Rafting** based in South Fork could get you rafting on the Rio Grande! <https://8200sports.com/mountain-man-rafting/> or call 719-873-0188. The business 8200 in South Fork also offers guided fly **fishing** trips as well.

### **Horses / Horseback riding:**

At this time, Frazier Outfitting is operating out of Cabins at Lost Trail. Please reach out to them if you'd like to do trail rides, etc. (or even inquire about hunting, fishing, guided trips, camps) <https://frazieroutfitting.com>

Their prices are as follows for horseback rides (but they have other options/services as well):

Hourly: \$35/ person

½ day: \$125/ person (2 person min.). Parties of 2+: \$100/ person

Full day: \$175/ person (2 person min.). Parties of 2+: \$150/ person

If you want to bring your own horses, please plan this in advance with us, as this may be possible! This is something you would need to set up in advance if you are interested.

#### **ATV/4x4 vehicles:**

Your ATV/dirt bikes/side by side vehicles/4x4 rides are welcome on the ranch. Make sure whatever permits /tags are current. Even though we are super remote, there are still times these can be checked by local county authority. You can get an OHV permit in advance online. There are many miles of trails or road that you are permitted to ride on. Lost Trail Creek Trail is motor friendly (however side by sides/razors are typically too large – the width restriction limits motored units 50"+ but some units are more sleek) and all of usfs rd. 520 is motor friendly and ready for adventure! You can even ride all the way to Silverton! There should be room at your cabin to park your trailers if you bring them along – just no recreational riding on the ranch property – commute to and from the gate only please as to not disturb any other guests. There is room by each cabin if you want a place to park your toys. In **Lake City**, you can rent Jeeps and other recreational vehicles by the day or longer.

<http://www.lakecity.com/business-directory/15-rentals>



#### **Wildlife:**

Depending on the time that you come, you will probably see a variety of wildlife. During the very early season, you may see Elk as they are migrating up to the high country. This is usually in May, but while you are out hiking you'll possibly come up on a bunch of them – they'll probably take off before you get close enough to see most of them. They spend the summer at and well above tree line (11,000 feet and up). Deer sightings are extremely common, not to mention all the little forest critters like squirrels and birds, and wild bunnies. There are not Grizzly Bears in the area as they were phased out many years ago – but there are definitely a few resident black bears that can be seen, although not really common unless trash or food is left out. You may even see a moose or two. They are definitely in the area and many times there is a mom and baby touring around. They will occasionally jump in and out of the ranch property – but keep your eye out for them on hikes and on the roadside in wet areas... they are fun to see, but need space. There is usually a cluster of deer that like to pass through the property to lick on the horse salt blocks in the early evenings.

There are also Mountain Lions in the area. Be mindful, respectful and always keep a safe distance between you and animals!

### **Fishing:**

Licensing and Colorado fishing info can be found here:

<http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/Fishing.aspx>

Again, there is not direct river access from the ranch or Hilltop property as mentioned above. Fly-fishing, is good along the Rio Grande as well as Pole Creek up higher. There are also places to fish in the pools of Lost Trail and Ute Creek. Some people bring boats to fish the huge reservoir too! A good place to take the kiddos may be Road Canyon Reservoir. Again, you can inquire with <https://frazieroutfitting.com> for guided fishing in the area.

### **Hunting:**

We are located in unit "76": For guided hunts in the area: <https://frazieroutfitting.com>

Colorado hunting info can be found here:

<http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/BigGame.aspx>

### **Massages available:**

For those that are interested, our caretaker Marijane Davis is a Licensed Massage Therapist and can do massages on-site. You can send her a message through her website <https://healingbythewater.amtamembers.com> or call 706-699-3068 – (limited calling capacity at some times of the year) or inquire on-site with her when you arrive.

### **Weather:**

#### **Spring**

- The road beyond the Reservoir Dam is usually open by May 1<sup>st</sup> and although it can still snow occasionally, the ranch grounds are becoming bare as snow rapidly melts off. Spring is quite amazing up here! It won't be long and the aspen trees will begin to bud out and life slowly returns to the mountain. The traffic is very minimal and the elk are starting to make their way up high. It's really neat to see them migrate through.



#### **Summer**

- Summer in the high country is quite amazing too because the days can be quite warm and evenings and nights fresh and cool. Humidity

is very low and you'll feel more thirsty and tired from the intense sun. It's easy to get burned at this higher elevation. Some years the flies and mosquitos can be quite bad in June/July but thankfully this part doesn't last long. July or August can often bring frequent afternoon rains, which is called the monsoon season.

## Fall

- Fall comes early in September and passes rather fast. Peak color change is around Sept 20<sup>th</sup> although can vary some each season. The end of October/early November is when it becomes quite cool and winter begins to set in at its own pace. Mornings will be well below freezing in late fall, and sunny days, will still warm you but may be only in the 50s. Snow is indeed possible, but not enough to close the roads.

## Winter

- During the winter months the road is closed about 7 miles below the ranch at the Reservoir Dam and remains closed until about May 1<sup>st</sup> but sometimes earlier. It all depends on the amount of snowfall. Snow accumulation varies by season. The ranch at this time remains closed during the winter months.

Again, please send any questions our way, as we want you to feel the most prepared and informed for your stay at the Cabins of Lost Trail – we are so excited to have you!

Have a blessed day!



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