



Welcome to Spotted Bear Ranch, your premier destination for an unparalleled outdoor experience! We are delighted to host you as you embark on a journey to discover the extraordinary beauty and tranquility that awaits you in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. We are honored to be a part of the memories you'll create at Spotted Bear Ranch!

Guest Checklist

Completion of this list will ensure your experience is nothing short of exceptional.



1. Arrival/Departure Transportation

- Driving time is 2-2 1/2 hours from the airport or Whitefish. **Please arrive at the ranch around 8:30 AM on Day 1 of your trip.**
- Many guests choose to rent a vehicle or one can arrange for shuttle service from the Kalispell airport/Whitefish to the Ranch. If you wish to book a shuttle, please contact Wild Horse Limo at (406) 756-2290.
- If you are driving, you can search for "Spotted Bear Ranch" on Google Maps. It should provide you with a location in Hungry Horse, MT. Typically, there are two road options to get to the ranch, but please be aware the West Side road is closed, you will need to take the East Side. If you would like typed out driving directions, send an email to info@spottedbear.com and we will be happy to provide those to you.
- There is also a flight charter service available that lands on a well-maintained grass airstrip five minutes from the Ranch. Red Eagle Aviation is a great option, you can contact them at (406) 755-2376.
- Once your Arrival/departure plans are finalized please complete this form. Unless your party is traveling separately this form only needs to be filled out once. **Insert form here**



2. Guest detail Form

- To ensure your trip runs smoothly, we have a few questions for your group. Please be sure each group member fills out this mandatory intake form.

3. Purchase Montana Fishing License

- There will be limited service at the ranch so please purchase your Montana fishing licenses in advance here: <https://fwp.mt.gov/fish>

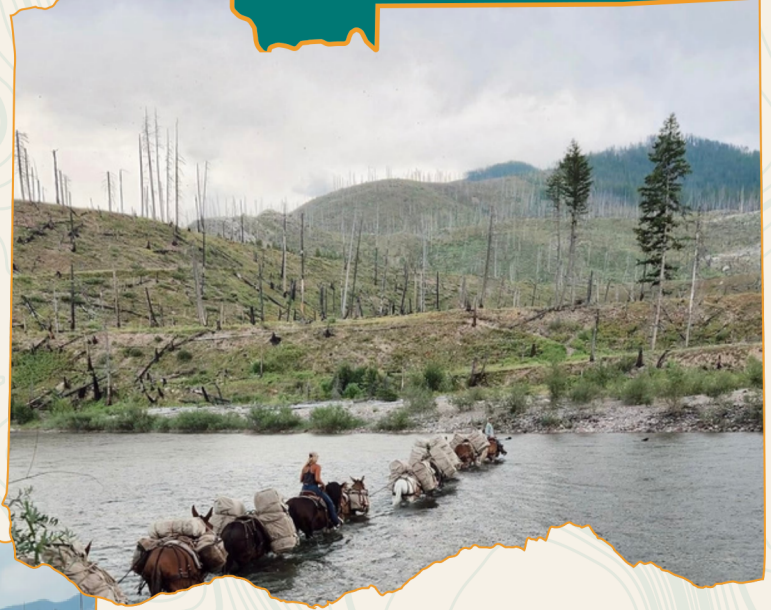
4. Packing - Wilderness Trips

General Items

- Any prescription medications
- Personal care items - deodorant, toothpaste and shampoo
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Warm sleepwear
- Socks (3 wool and 4 cotton for a week stay, don't be afraid to bring extras)
- Clothes/shoes for relaxing at camp
- Pants for riding
- Packable sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Warm gear (lightweight puffy or fleece, hat, gloves) - the mornings/evenings can get chilly!
- Water bottle and/or Coffee mug with leakproof lid
- Rain jacket

Packing Note:

Please pack in a small soft-sided duffel bag that weighs no more than 45 pounds. All of your gear (besides your sleeping bag) should fit in your duffel. This will be incredibly helpful when we are packing the horses. Check out our staff favorites for great gear options!



Fly Fishing

- Lightweight breathable shirt/ sun shirt
- Sun hat
- Polarized sunglasses
- Water shoes / sandals
- Wet wading boots (optional)
- Fly rod / hard-sided case (optional)
- Reel / reel cover (optional)
- Quick dry pants or shorts
- Bandana or other face sun protection (optional)

Staff Favorite Items

- [KUIU TAKU 3000 Duffel Bag](#)
- [Sea To Summit Aeros Premium Pillow](#)
- [Mountain Hardware GORE-TEX 15 Sleeping Bag](#)
- [Orvis Sun Defense Men's Hoodie](#)
- [Orvis Sun Defense Women's 1/4 Zip](#)
- [Men's Ultralight Wading Jacket](#)
- [Women's Ultralight Wading Jacket](#)
- [Men's Jackson Quick Dry Pants](#)
- [Granby Insulated Hooded Jacket](#)
- [Women's Pro Insulated Hoodie](#)
- [Men's Base Camp Full Zip Sweater](#)
- [Women's Base Camp Hooded Sweater](#)

Sample Wilderness Itinerary

Although each wilderness trip is unique, the following sample itinerary should give you an idea of what to expect on a 6 day/5 night wilderness expedition. The actual itinerary will vary due to your preferences, scheduling, weather, river, and forest conditions.

Day 1

Arrive at Spotted Bear Ranch around 8:30 am. Upon your arrival, guides will be on hand to sort out your gear and send it off to the trail head where it will be loaded on mules by the packers. You'll head into the lodge for breakfast and coffee. After breakfast, you'll make your way to Outfitters Roost, the gateway to your wilderness adventure (a 25 minute drive away). Here you'll depart on horseback for a 10 mile ride to Hodag or Damnation Creek, arriving just in time for some dry fly fishing and introductions to the native cutthroat population. You'll camp here overnight, under more stars than you've ever laid eyes on.



Day 2

Awake to a gorgeous Rocky Mountain sunrise and enjoy a steaming cup of Joe. After a fortifying breakfast, pack up and horseback to the White River, 15 miles deeper into the back country. You'll fish throughout the late afternoon and evening, then enjoy supper around the campfire and a well-earned slumber.... dreaming of fish no doubt.

Day 3

Rise and shine, enjoy another great breakfast, then hike and wade fish the South Fork, White River and nearby small streams. You won't need to pack up since you'll be spending another night here. Your home away, way, way from home.

Day 4

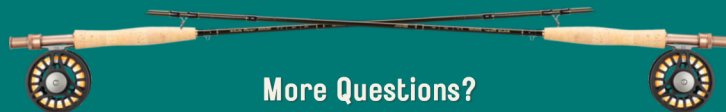
Today, after breakfast, we'll break camp and load up the rafts. Then, float and wade fish down to Little Salmon River. You'll stop along the way to fish the best holes and stretches of water ever formed, enjoying a shore lunch along the way. The afternoon and evening includes more fly fishing, exploring, laughing, catching, releasing, and grinning. Make room for more memories.

Day 5

It's sun up again and the cowboy coffee is hot. Enjoy another hearty meal and gear up for more dry fly action on the South Fork. Today, we float and fish down stream to Kelly Point or so. Another hot lunch on shore, followed by more fishing, fun, and camp memories.

Day 6

Another beautiful morning as we float and fish through amazing stretches of the river to the take-out point. We'll pull out just above Meadow Creek Gorge around mid-afternoon. Our pack staff will meet you with necessary stock and you can ride or hike the 2 miles around the Gorge back to the Outfitters Roost. Then, back to the Lodge to clean up (if you wish) and enjoy a western-style barbecue supper where you can tell tales of what you've seen and caught (all true, of course). After supper, make your way back to civilization -- drive, fly or shuttle.



More Questions?

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