

The Bishop's Ranch

General Information About The Ranch

Please Note: The Bishop's Ranch is dedicated to offering an environment that supports relaxation, contemplation and personal growth. To that end, our bedrooms do not offer TVs or telephones. We also ask that groups and individuals be aware of the Ranch Quiet Hours from 10:00p.m. – 7:00 a.m.

- 1. ARRIVAL:** We encourage you to carpool to the Ranch. Please try to arrive by the scheduled time mentioned in your program welcome letter. If you are going to arrive late, please call the Ranch office to let us know.
- 2. WHAT TO BRING:** The following may be useful: alarm clock, **flashlight**, layered clothing for warm days and cool evenings, hairdryer, walking shoes, notebook and pen.
- 3. PETS:** **Pets are not allowed** at the Bishop's Ranch; please make arrangements for your pets at home.
- 4. OFFICE LOCATION:** The Ranch Office is located between Webb Lodge and The Dining Hall at the top of the driveway. You can find cards, prints and Ranch cookbooks on sale there. California sales tax is included in the prices marked.
- 5. MEALS:** Arrangements for special diets must be made in advance. Meal times will be published with your welcome packet.
- 6. WORSHIP:** The Clergy Retreat schedule is not made in conjunction with the worship schedule, but all are invited to attend. Daily office is offered: Morning prayer begins at 7:30 a.m. Evening prayer is at 6:00 p.m. The Chapel is also open for quiet reflection, meditation and prayer during free time and transition time.
- 7. SWIMMING POOL:** You are welcome to use the pool, in season, **at your own risk** as long as it is not scheduled for another program. The pool has solar water heating and is subject to seasonal closure. No lifeguard is on duty. Please use the buddy system. When in the pool area, children and youth must be directly supervised by a designated adult at all times (at least one adult for every five children). The pool is locked when not in use; pool key is available in the office for sign-out by an adult, who is responsible for locking the pool after use and returning the key to the office. Please make sure both gates are securely closed when leaving the pool area.
- 8. SMOKING:** FIRE is an ever-present threat. **For the sake of all of our Ranch guests please do not smoke in buildings.** When smoking outdoors always use ash trays and please be cautious, especially in the dry season.
- 9. ENERGY AND WATER:** To conserve resources and to economize, please switch off lights and heaters when not in use and be conscious of the amount of water used daily.
- 10. TELEPHONES/CELL PHONES:** Each meeting space is equipped with a telephone which may be used to reach Ranch staff and to dial locally. Long distance calls may be made using a calling card. There is cell phone reception at The Bishop's Ranch, although it can be spotty from within the Kay Qvale Ranch House.
- 11. WI-FI :** Wi-Fi is available in the Refectory, the Swing Pavilion, and the Ranch office.
- 12. LIBRARY:** There is a small library on the ground floor of the Ranch House for everyone to enjoy. Please return books before leaving.
- 13. LINENS:** We ask all our guests to make their own beds to help reduce the cost of retreats. Please place used linens and towels in the hampers provided when you depart. Leave blankets, mattress covers and bedspreads on the bed as you found them.. I
- 14. VALUABLES:** Please keep valuables in your car and your car locked while you are at the Ranch.
- 15. NEIGHBORS:** Help us keep good relations with our neighbors - stay on The Bishop's Ranch property. Trail maps are available in the office.

Additional Thoughts for your First Time at the Ranch
(from your clergy colleagues)

The Diocese of California promotes the responsible use of alcohol, and offers attractive and accessible non-alcoholic beverages at all social times during Clergy Retreat. However, participants often bring snacks or drinks (alcoholic/and non) to share with one another in non-program times (especially the evenings!) This is not required or expected, but we don't want you to be surprised if all your roommates have a bottle of wine in their bag.

There are no vending machines on site...so if you need your daily Coca Cola ☺ be sure to pick it up before you get to the Ranch!

The closest coffee house and grocery store are located at Vineyard Plaza Shopping Center located at 1075 Vine St, Healdsburg, which is about 10 minutes driving distance from the Ranch.

The swimming pool is awesome! There are Ranch bath towels available, but if you yearn for a plush swim towel be sure to bring yours from home!

There are linens on the beds, but if it makes you more comfortable please feel free to bring your own linens, pillows, sleeping bag (bed sizes vary).

There are a number of local vineyards and shops that are a short drive away. Some choose to go "off site" to explore during freetime while others hang at the Ranch.

Layers are your friend...temperature can vary dramatically from room to room, from morning to night.