

# WELCOME TO KRIS AND GENE ROBERTSON'S DIAMOND S RANCH AND RETREAT!

We've put together some information that we hope you'll find helpful during your stay.

## About the House

Our charming original Diamond S Ranch House features 3 bedrooms, a full bath and a 3/4 bath, a fully-equipped kitchen with stove/oven, microwave, dishwasher, full-sized refrigerator, dining area, gas-burning fireplace, wood burning stove, full-size washer and dryer, propane grill, and outdoor dining area. The two upstairs bedrooms hold two single beds each; the downstairs bedroom provides a quaint queen-sized bed. We're not sure when the house was built, but we've been told by one resident that it was old when he grew up here in the 40s! You'll see some of the old building techniques in the back room. Those large cross-cut timbers came from the Big Horn Mountains, back when Ten Sleep still had a saw mill.

## Temperature

Depending on the time of year you visit, you may wish to open the windows and let the fresh air in. Feel free to do so! The windows upstairs open up and you may be able to hear the quiet rumblings of Paintrock Creek as you sleep!

Downstairs, the back room windows can all be opened as well, along with the kitchen and bedroom window. The large windows in the family room do not open at this time. There is no central air conditioning – many houses in this area just don't have this feature. When the temps climb above 90 in the summer, most folks retreat up into the Bighorns for some cool camping! If it is too warm, however, we have a portable window air conditioner unit – just ask for it!

If it's chilly in the house, you have a few heating options:

### *Gas Fireplace*

There is a gas fireplace in the living room. The pilot light will be on prior to your arrival. You can increase the flame by opening the magnetic door to the right of the fireplace. Once the fireplace reaches a certain level of heat, the blower comes on automatically. To adjust the blower higher or lower, open the magnetic door to the left of the fireplace insert.

Above the dining table is a ceiling fan; if you turn the fan on low, it helps spread the fireplace heat. (It's also a nice breeze-creator in summer!)

### *Wood Stove*

The wood stove in the back room can use paper and wood, and there is chopped wood and starter wood stacked in the corner, along with a fire extinguisher. There is a bucket next to the fireplace with dryer lint and some kindling – the dryer lint helps make a great starter fire! There is a long lighter near the fire extinguisher.

### *Gas Furnace*

We also have a forced gas furnace, and the thermostat is in the kitchen. Please turn it all the way down when leaving the house for extended periods of time.

## **Kitchen**

Would you believe most people don't realize we have a dishwasher in the kitchen?! It's there, and the detergent pods are located under the sink. Of course, if you prefer to wash dishes the old-fashioned way, you're welcome to do so!

In the kitchen there are four recycle bins –recycle glass, plastic, paper products, and aluminum. Please rinse out any items placed in the recycle bins. If they fill up, just place the bags outside of the front door and someone will pick them up. Put new plastic liners (located in the cupboard to the left of the bins) in the bins and continue using them. Paper waste should be burned either in the wood burning stove in the back room or the burn barrel near the garage.

We hope you find the kitchen equipped with everything you need for your visit! If you need something that you can't find, please contact Kristi next door.

## **Bedrooms and Bathrooms**

There is one queen-size bed downstairs and three twin beds upstairs, along with a rollaway bed. Should you need any extra blankets, there are some in the downstairs bedroom closet, in one of the upstairs bedroom closets, and in the upstairs bathroom closet.

The upstairs bathroom has a shower and towels, washcloths, and hand towels in the cupboard next to the shower. Should you need more, you'll find them in the closet behind the bathroom door.

The downstairs bathroom has a full tub with towels for 3.

We've placed a few shampoo and conditioner bottles in each bathroom – use what you like.

## **Laundry Facilities**

In the back room we have a high-efficiency front-loading washer and dryer set. These washing machines require special detergent (really, less detergent) – and there are detergent pods in the wall cabinet to the right of the washer / dryer, along with a few other laundry items.

If you prefer that outdoor-fresh scent to your laundry, by all means feel free to use the clothesline outside! The clothespins are located in a baggie in the laundry basket, to the left of the washer-dryer.

## **Hunting**

- Call Ken Searfoss at home 469-2374 or cell 307-388-0592 for your hunting orientation.
- ATVs or 4-wheelers may be used to retrieve animals, but not for off-roading on the ranch. This is a working operation with children, free-range chickens near Cal and Amanda's house, and pets at both Cal and Amanda's, and the cabin next door.
- Let us know if you wish to use an outdoor faucet and hose – we currently have these turned off and disconnected.

## Entertainment

There is a wall-mounted flat screen TV and VCR, along with a wonderfully eclectic collection of titles to view. There is also a box of assorted games in the family room.

## Communications

We want you to enjoy your rural hunting experience, but recognize that you might need to communicate with the outside world, too!

There is a wall phone in the kitchen. It has a monthly limit on outgoing calls, but unlimited incoming calls. The phone number at the house is 307-469-2008.

A few phone numbers of interest: (no need here in town to dial the area code, but you will need to use the area code to call nearby towns like Manderson, Basin, Greybull, and Worland. Towns further afield require dialing the 1 plus the 307. Our area code is still state-wide!

- Cal and Amanda Tharp – they live about a mile further west down the lane, and also run the Diamond S Ranch: 469-2393.
- Gene and Kris Robertson – we live a little further from the house you're in. We can be reached at 469-2204 (home) or 272-5334 (cell)
- Kristi Robison – she is your neighbor in the small cabin next to the ranch house. She'll come over to greet you and deliver your invoice toward the end of your stay. Feel free to contact her for emergencies or questions, or if you find that you need something that is not already in the house: 469-2387 or 431-8690 (cell).
- Your cell phones won't work here except in a few spots where residents have installed a cell phone booster. Verizon has the best coverage in the area. The cabin where Kristi lives has a cell phone booster, but the signal doesn't reach all the way to the ranch house. You can see the bars pop up on your cell phone as you approach the cabin and are welcome to walk over to that area to use cell service should you need to.
- Amanda Tharp's Cut Loose Salon – 307.469.9200. By appointment only – full service hair and nail salon that also happens to sell the area's best free-range, farm-fresh eggs!

## Internet

A guest computer is available on the side table next to the couch / dining area. Just open up the laptop lid and you're ready to surf! The wifi is open, which means you are not required to enter a password. The range spans from the Ranch House to the Cabin, but not much further beyond that – so you may have to wait until you get back to the Ranch House to post your great photos and videos online!

If you use Facebook, we have a page for the Diamond S Ranch and Retreat, which you're welcome to follow. You can also use that as a location-check in.

## Hyattville Resources

Hyattville is a quiet community, but we do have a few local amenities!

### *Hyattville Bar and Grill*

Open from Noon to 2 am Monday through Saturday. They serve burgers and sides until 8 each night. Hayward, the owner / bartender, is also a licensed gun dealer – this is one of the rare spots in Wyoming where you can buy a drink and some ammo at the same time!

### *Paintrock Inn*

Just down from the Hyattville Bar is the Paintrock Inn. It's not really an Inn, but a great dining option with a full bar. They are open each Wednesday from 4:30 pm until taking last orders at 8, and serve the area's best home-made pizzas.

Additionally, they are trying out weekend hours for the time being:

Friday and Saturday, open for Lunch from 11:30 to 2, then Dinner from 5 to 9.

Sunday: same as above, but also open from 9:30 to 11:30 for Breakfast.

*\*This is a work in progress and subject to change.*

### *Church Services*

The Hyattville Methodist Church welcomes any and all visitors on Sundays at 9 am. The church is in the center of town – just look for the steeple! It is a friendly “come-as-you-are” service.

### *Ice Machine*

May not sound like a big deal, but this has been a wonderful new addition this summer! It's located in town next to the Post Office, and takes dollars or quarters. It will be turned off when temperatures in winter stay below freezing, but should be available through hunting season. A typical bag of ice similar to those you purchase at the convenience store runs about \$4. Maybe a little high, but it saves you a 60 – 80 mile round trip!

## Area Resources

We don't have a gas station or grocery store in town, but here are the nearest conveniences:

### *Tensleep – about 25 miles south*

- Gas (Conoco)
- A few bars and cafés
- Ten Sleep Brewing Company

### *Basin – about 25 miles WNW*

- Gas (Conoco)
- Groceries: IGA store (basic food items; produce is locally grown when available; deli in back will cook special orders, full liquor store inside)
- Hardware / basic hunting supplies: Valley Hardware

### *Worland - about 40 miles WSW*

- Gas (variety; Conoco, Sinclair, discount brands)
- Hardware: Ace, True Value
- Hunting / Outdoors: The Outdoorsman Shop
- Groceries: Blair's (most costly but best quality), IGA (local produce when available, lower prices). Both have a full liquor store inside.
- Other services include vehicle repair services, some fast food and local restaurants – a good selection can be found on the Yelp app.

## In Case of Emergency

We love being at “the end of the paved road”, but that also means being relatively self-reliant when it comes to facing emergencies. We hope you won’t need any of this information, but being informed and prepared could save your life!! The types of emergencies that might occur out here are Fires or Injuries.

### *For Fires*

- There is a fire extinguisher in the back room of the ranch house, near the wood stove.
- There is a fire siren near town that you will hopefully not hear at all during your visit. If you do hear it:
  - Look around your general area to identify if there is any smoke rising. If so, please return to the Ranch House. If not, feel free to continue on hunting. Gene, Cal, Amanda, and Kristi are all trained volunteer fire fighters – so if you see them rushing off after a fire alarm, please don’t tag along!
- If you see a fire, report it. If you’re near a phone, call 911. If it’s already been reported, no harm done. If it hasn’t, you may help save someone’s ranch!

### *For Minor Injuries*

If minor, we’ve placed some basic first aid items in the downstairs bathroom.

If you wish to go visit a medical professional after your injury, there is a rural Medical Center on the highway between Basin and Greybull, about 40 miles NW here. There is also a fully staffed and capable Hospital in Worland, 38 miles SW of here. We have experience with both, and recommend the Worland facility for world-class treatment. Both accept most major insurances and are required by law to accept uninsured persons.

### *For Serious Injuries*

**Call 911.** The address to give them is **5280 Road 48, Hyattville, Wyoming.** It might be best to meet them at the paved road where our lane turns off. It could take up to 45 minutes for an ambulance to reach us. An ambulance will likely come from Worland or Greybull.

During that time:

- Make the injured person comfortable
- Tend to any bleeding areas and apply compression to stem the bleeding
- Contact Kristi next door for any assistance

For extremely serious injuries, the emergency responders who come may require a Life Flight to carry the injured person to a more specialized location. The last instance of this happening was a few years ago with a resident here who had a heart attack, and he was life-flighted to Billings Clinic in Montana (a 3 hour drive or very short flight from here). The Billings Clinic is part of the Mayo Clinic network.

Again, none of these services should be needed, but if they are, we want you to be informed about expectations based on our relatively remote location.

### *Lastly*

- If you need anything, don’t hesitate to ask.
- If you observe something that is a safety risk, let us know.
- If you see something that requires maintenance, let us know.
- Finally, we love suggestions! If you have any that would make your visit more enjoyable, share them with us!