



# Item #1: Canyon Creek Guest Ranch Vacation

**Donated by Dave and Emilie Ellingson**

5 day/4 night stay for 4 persons  
Canyon Creek Guest Ranch  
Melrose, Montana

Trip to be taken between July 1, 2018  
through September 30, 2018.

Value \$6,500



**DAY ONE:** Guests drive to the ranch and arrive mid-morning, settle in to their guest cabins, become acquainted with staff, ranch facilities and lodging, fish the creek for 1 to 6 miles up or down the scenic canyon and the beaver ponds for Cutthroat, Rainbow, and Brook Trout, and hike the trails originating at the Lodge. Lunch in the Lodge. Family-style dinner and drinks in the Lodge. Evening SUV cruise on primitive mountain roads for wildlife viewing (may see elk, bear, wolves, mountain lion, deer, small wildlife, grouse, and mountain birds) or visits to gold mines and ghost towns. Return and relax around fire pit with drinks and snacks, and, depending on timing of your trip, viewing of Northern Lights and the always amazing star shows with the pure darkness of 8,000 feet elevation.



**DAY TWO:** Historical and naturalist tour of area, including ghost towns, gold mines, wildflower and wildlife viewing in mountain meadows, and a visit to the historic Big Hole Battlefield National Monument. Family style dinner in the Lodge. Evening hikes on trails or four-wheel drive cruise on mountain roads for wildlife viewing. Evening relaxation around the fire pit.

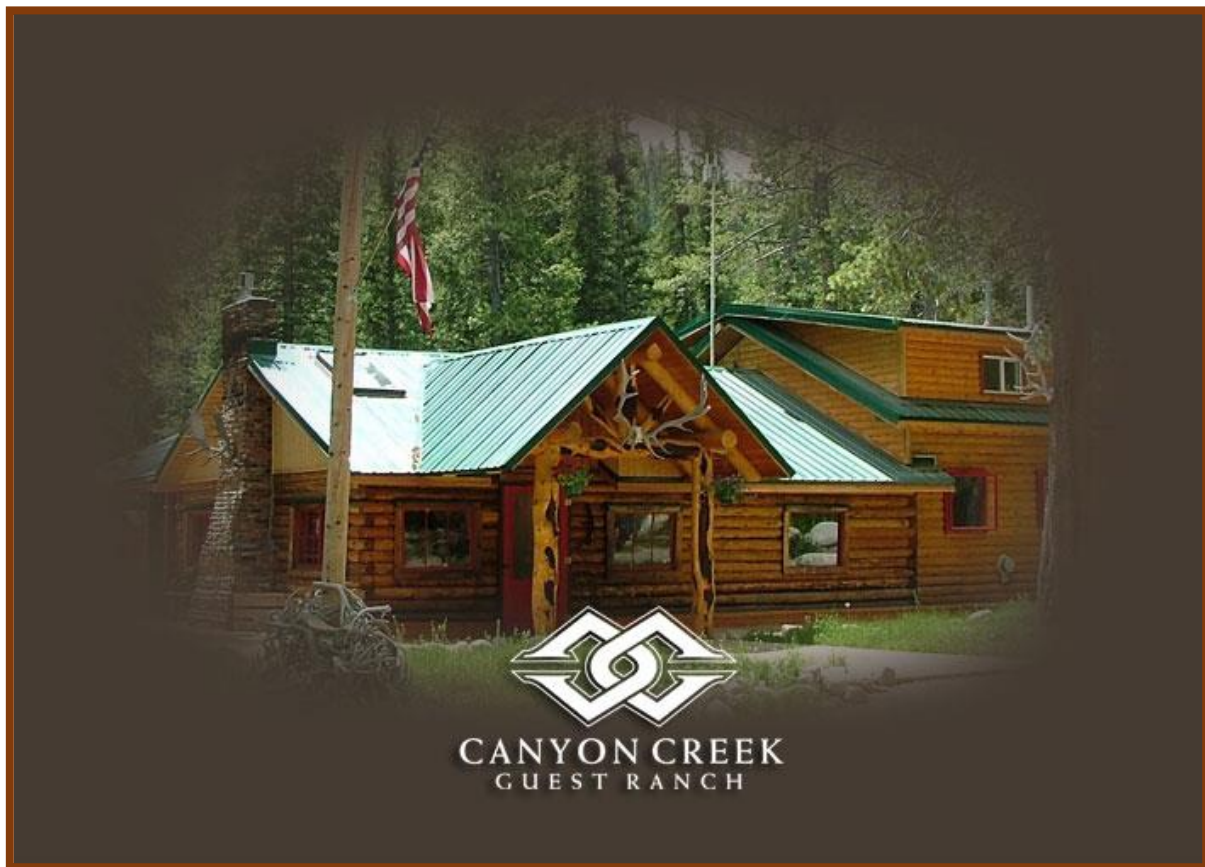
**DAY THREE:** Medium difficulty hike to High Mountain Lakes - fish Canyon Creek and one of 8 pristine lakes at 10,000+ feet of elevation for Rainbow, Cutthroat, and Brook Trout. It is possible for an average fly fisherman to catch a fish on literally every cast. Tom Osborne quote: "The day I spent fishing in Canyon Lake was the best fly fishing I have ever experienced in my life". Hearty breakfast in the Lodge. Sack lunch out on the trail. Dinner in the Lodge. This will be a good night for drinks, snacks, rest, tales of the day, and relaxation around the fire pit.

*DAY FOUR: Fish the creek for 1 to 6 miles up or down the canyon and the beaver ponds for Cutthroat, Rainbow, and Brook Trout, hike the trails originating at the Lodge. Hearty breakfast in the Lodge. Lunch in the Lodge. Family-style dinner in the Lodge. Evening activities at guest's choice.*

*DAY FIVE: Hearty breakfast in the Lodge. Guests depart at their leisure.*

**\*\*THIS IS AN OUTLINE, WHICH CAN BE AMENDED, AS THE GUESTS WISH. THERE IS AN ENDLESS ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES, AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE\*\***

*Canyon Creek Guest Ranch is located off Interstate 15, at the Melrose, MT Exit, then 17 miles into the Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forest at 8,000 feet of elevation. The drive to the ranch from Melrose takes approximately 45-60 minutes on a gravel forest service road that follows Canyon Creek and passes numerous natural and manmade points of interest, including Canyon Creek, the beaver ponds, wetlands, meadows, wildlife, the forest, canyons, 100+ foot steep drops to the canyon floor, incredible mountain views, ghost towns, gold mines, and beehive kilns used by the 1880's miners to fire their gold smelter at the Glendale ghost town. Getting to the ranch and touring the historic, scenic area is a big part of the fun of the visit.*



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