

# Lost Creek Ranch

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- Teddy Roosevelt





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Upon first seeing the Tetons Teddy Roosevelt remarked, "These are the first mountains I've seen that look like mountains should." Nestled between national park and national forest, Lost Creek Ranch is part of Lower 48's greatest expanse of wilderness—a wonderland home to wild animals and endless opportunities for recreation. The 50-acre private property, which has welcomed guests for almost a century, is on the market for the first time in more than 50 years. New owners can continue to operate Lost Creek as a guest ranch or evolve it into a family retreat while enjoying the privilege of stewarding one of the West's most notable ranches into the future.

"There is no setting like Lost Creek Ranch. Sit on its deck and it's blue sky and magic. The magic is the Tetons; the view of them from Lost Creek Ranch is spectacular."

- Gene Kilgore, a leading authority on guest ranches



Jackson Hole's Most Scenic Views

Lost Creek's location at the foot of the Gros Ventre Mountains, the eastern side of Jackson Hole, gives it uninterrupted views of the expanse of the Teton Range to the west. From the deck of the main lodge, the Tetons span the horizon. Their serrated, snow-capped summits soar more than a vertical mile from the sagebrush flats of the valley floor.

Lost Creek Ranch is a western wonderland forever surrounded by more than 20 million acres of wild lands that include Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and several national forests.



Wilderness Wonderland in Perpetuity Nestled between Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest, Lost Creek Ranch is an island surrounded by protected wilderness. The Halpin family contributed 50 of the Ranch's original 120 acres to the Park and put another 20 acres under a scenic conservation covenant. The remaining acreage is comprised of the guest ranch and a small residential community. The surrounding Park and National Forest land is protected from development, and the Ranch owners and guests have access to all of the recreational and wildlife watching opportunities of both.



"Functionally, the open spaces component of Lost Creek serves as habitat for Grand Teton National Park wildlife and the Ranch has long been seen as a conservation priority."

— Max Ludington, president, Jackson Hole Land Trust









Ansel Adams took his 1942 photograph, "The Tetons and the Snake River," from near Lost Creek Ranch. Prints of this image are in the permanent collections of museums from the National Gallery of Art to the J. Paul Getty Museum. Because the land adjacent to Lost Creek is national park and national forest, the Ranch's Ansel Adams views are protected and can be enjoyed on horseback, foot, or relaxing on the front deck. "Lost Creek Ranch isn't merely something you own, but something that becomes a part of you. The Ranch has been a crown jewel of Jackson Hole and the American West," says Gene Kilgore, the world's leading authority on guest ranches. "It is a beacon of beauty, grace, and charm in the West."



A Beacon of Beauty, Grace, and Charm Lost Creek Ranch was homesteaded in 1922. Its history as a guest ranch started in 1927, when San Francisco financier Albert Schwabacher purchased the property and began building guest cabins and a lodge. For the next two decades, Schwabacher summered at the ranch and hosted his friends from around the world, many of whom had never before seen the Tetons. Lost Creek is now coming up on its 100th anniversary as a guest ranch. Lost Creek isn't merely something you own, but a place that weaves its way into the fabric of your being. The Ranch and its access to the Tetons had such a hold on Jerry and Helen Halpin, owners since 1969, that Jerry was inspired to found the nonprofit Grand Teton National Park Foundation to support the neighboring national park he loved so much.

## Weave Yourself into the Legacy of the West

Lost Creek Ranch isn't a place you merely own. You are its steward-caring for the land, the Ranch's legacy, and even the lives of guests. "The past, present, and future owners of Lost Creek make a difference in the world by changing people's lives; there are not many opportunities to do that in such a profound, authentic way," says Gene Kilgore, a leading authority on guest ranches. "While Lost Creek is under your care, you have the opportunity to create treasured, lasting memories for guests from around the world, and to reconnect them with the natural rhythm of the Earth, and to do the same for your family and friends."



"Dude ranchers were the original stewards in the West, and were the ones who defined the culture of the West that went out into the world."

- Colleen Dodson, executive director of the Dude Ranchers Foundation



Lost Creek is the quintessential Western ranch. A scene from the classic 1953 Western "Shane" was filmed at the Ranch. A 1992 Architectural Digest article about Lost Creek proclaims "Jackson Hole's Premiere Guest Ranch embraces the Cowboy Life." The television sitcom "Modern Family" filmed an episode in which the family vacationed at Lost Creek.



TWO BEDROOM GUEST CABIN

JACKSON HOLE . . . the beautiful Snake River Valley, surrounded by snow capped mountains, is located just south of Yellowstone National Park. Facing west, the ranch affords a magnificent view of the valley, the Snake River and the entire Teton Range beyond.





All sanitary precautions are taken. Menus are well balanced with a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables and meats. Meals are served family style in the dining room located in the main ranch house. Breakfast is at 8:00, lunch at 1:30, and dinner at 7:00. A magnificent view of the Tetons vies with the food for your approval.

CLOTHING . . . informal ranch life calls for simple dress—felt hats, cotton or wool shirts, warm jacket, western blue jeans, khaki trousers or riding pants, riding or hiking boots and flannel pajamas. The straw hats, Lee or Levi waist overalls and cowboy boots can be purchased at Jackson. A flashlight and raincoat may come in handy.



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### Timeline

### 1922

The local Justice of the Peace and Postmaster, Raymond C. Kent, files a claim to homestead a 160-acre tract of land, part of which is today Lost Creek Ranch.

1926

Kent sells his homestead D.H. and Dorothy Miller.

### 1927

The Millers sell to San Francisco financier Albert Schwabacher, who names it the Block S Ranch.

1956

The Schwabachers sell the Block S to Edwin and Mary Goodridge.

#### 1964

Mary Beerkly—she remarried after Edwin died from a gunshot wound—sells the Block S Ranch to John and Nancy Love. The Loves rename it the J Bar L.

#### 1969

The Loves sell the J Bar L to Jerry and Helen Halpin and Karl and Tina Weber and the property is renamed Lost Creek Ranch.

#### 1989

The Halpins become the sole owners of Lost Creek.

**2023** Lost Creek is for sale for only the 6th time in more than a century. "Where else in the world are you going to be able to host men, women, and children and, by allowing them to embrace the beauty and magic of nature, touch their lives and make a difference? The owners of Lost Creek make a difference in the world and people's lives; there are not many opportunities in life to do this."

- Gene Kilgore, a leading authority on guest ranches



Western Heritage If its new owners decide to keep Lost Creek open as a guest ranch, there is an opportunity to operate it year-round. While only a handful of the buildings are currently winterized, its Conditional Use Permit allows it to serve guests year-round. The Ranch also has additional entitlements—the main lodge can be expanded, and new guest cabins, and owner's and manager's houses can be built. Each of the .81 acre lots in the Lost Creek Community can have a home, guest home, and garage.







Main Lodge

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The 7,000 sq ft main lodge was built in 1930 and expanded in 1988. Looking out at the Tetons, it includes the great room, dining room, bar, pool room and a 1,700 sq ft deck.









Cabins

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Three of the Ranch's 10 rustic guest cabins are en-suite duplexes that date from the 1930s. Seven living room cabins each have two en-suite bedrooms, a sleeper sofa in the living room, a gas fireplace, and a kitchenette.

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Annually, Lost Creek is almost fully booked for its 13- to 15-week summer season. Recent reviews of the Ranch by guests include statements like, "Trip of a lifetime;" "Best experience ever;" "at the end of the week the kids were crying on the way to the airport;" "a 5-star rating is not high enough for our stay;" "the closest place to heaven."





An Outdoor Playground

Lost Creek Ranch is turn-key. Everything needed to continue operating it as Jackson Hole's premiere guest ranch is included in the sale. The permits the Ranch currently holds to take guests on floating, fishing, hiking, and horseback riding experiences in Grand Teton National Park and to have day and overnight horseback riding trips, cookouts, and campouts on the Bridger-Teton National Forest can be available to a successful applicant. These permits to operate in the Park and the National Forest are invaluable to the experience offered by the Ranch.





## Facts about Lost Creek Ranch

The total square footage of built improvements on the Ranch is 36,094 sq ft spread between 29 buildings. Buildings include the main lodge, 10 guest cabins, a working barn, 9 employee housing units, and a spa as well as a handful of storage and out-buildings. Lost Creek is one of the few guest ranches to have a hot tub and heated pool. The barn includes a functioning corral and is stocked with the tack necessary to accommodate ranch guests and its future new owner.

• Ranch Acreage: 48.25, plus two residential lots of .81 acres each

• Approved entitlements, 2,500 sq ft owner's home, 1,500 sq ft managers home, 2 – 1,250 sq ft cabins or 1 - 5 bedroom 3,000 sq ft cabin, 1,000 sq ft addition to the main lodge, and 1,000 trash building.

• Approximately 20-acre scenic easement on the western half of the ranch in the meadow to protect viewscape.

• Existing permits in Grand Teton National Park for floating and fishing the Snake River and guided horseback riding and self-guided hiking. Special use permits in the Bridger-Teton National Forest for day and overnight horseback rides, cookouts and campout and for progressive travel (pack trips).

• Four wells provide water to the ranch and the adjacent subdivision.

• 2023 Property Taxes Assessment: \$69,530

Lost Creek Ranch is listed for \$39.5M









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