

The Bishop's Ranch

ABOUT YOUR VISIT

Please Note: The Bishop's Ranch is dedicated to offering an environment that supports opportunities for 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 10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.

1. **ARRIVAL:** We encourage you to carpool to the Ranch. Please try to arrive by 8:00 p.m. If you do not know where your group is meeting, check in at the office (top of driveway).
2. **WHAT TO BRING:** The following may be useful: alarm clock, **flashlight**, layered clothing for warm days and cool evenings, hairdryer, swim suit, swim towel, walking shoes, notebook and pen. **Helmets are required for all persons under 18 if planning to bring a bike, scooter, skateboard, skates, rollerblades, etc.**
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:** Meals are served at 8:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. The Dining Hall bell is rung five minutes before each meal. Arrangements for special diets must be made in advance. Please schedule programs so that your group can be at meals on time.
6. **WORSHIP:** Guests are cordially invited to worship in the Chapel. Sunday Eucharist is celebrated at 9:00 a.m. We also offer daily prayer offices. Morning prayer begin at 7:30 a.m. Evening prayer is at 6:00 p.m. A half-hour of silent meditation precedes morning and evening prayer services.
7. **ART CENTER:** The Art Center is located beneath the Chapel of St. George on the Ranch. There are materials available for individuals of all ages to use for a small fee of \$2 to \$5 per person (depending on materials used). Children must be supervised by an adult. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Thorpe, Center Coordinator, at (707)431-8489.
8. **SWIMMING POOL:** You are welcome to use the pool, in season, **at your own risk**. 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 returning it to the office. Please make sure both gates are securely closed when leaving the pool area.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **TELEPHONES/CELL PHONES:** Each meeting space is equipped with a telephone to reach the Ranch staff and to dial locally. Long distance calls may be made using a calling card. There is cell phone reception at the Ranch for most carriers.
12. **WI-FI :** Wi-Fi is available in the Refectory, the Swing Pavilion, and the Ranch office.
13. **LIBRARY:** There is cell phone reception at The Bishop's Ranch for most service plans.
14. **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.
15. **TEA & COFFEE:** The Ranch provides tea, instant coffee, sugar, non-dairy creamer, coffee-makers, teapots, and a limited number of ceramic cups in the meeting rooms. Please bring your own fresh coffee, half and half, paper cups and snacks unless arranged for in advance. There are refrigerators available near each meeting area for your supplies.
16. **VALUABLES:** Please keep valuables in your car and your car locked while you are at the Ranch.
17. **NEIGHBORS:** Help us keep good relations with our neighbors - stay on The Bishop's Ranch property. Trail maps are available in the office.