



HOLCOMB VALLEY RANCH

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HORSES ARE ON-SITE FROM MID-JUNE TO OCTOBER. FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE HORSES, PLEASE DO NOT TO ENTER THE HORSE MEADOW OR TOUCH THE HORSES

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POLIQUE CANYON RD IS A BUMPY, DIRT ROAD
RECOMMEND HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLE. SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATED BY SMALL SEDANS AS WELL AS LARGE RVs. LOOK OUT FOR ANY FALLEN ROCKS,
POTHoles OR SWALES. DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY.



Driving Directions:

Your GPS may suggest you take Van Dusen Canyon Road or Rim of the World Drive to get you to the Ranch. We highly suggest that you take Polique Canyon to the Ranch instead. Polique Canyon is very direct. About 15 minutes (3.75 miles) up Polique Canyon, look out for the sign that says "Holcomb Valley Ranch"! Polique Canyon is a forestry road. It is completely manageable by both large RVs and small sedans. We just suggest taking it slow and looking out for any divots in the road or newly fallen rocks.

We also suggest you call or text the Ranch Manager (number sent via check-in email) when you are at the base of Polique Canyon. This will give him a 15-minute heads-up window to meet you at the entrance gate.
Please SHARE DIRECTIONS with your friends driving separately!! **





ONCE YOU ARRIVE

FOR A SUCCESSFUL STAY PLEASE NOTE:

1. THERE IS NO CELL PHONE RECEPTION AT THE RANCH UNLESS YOU HAVE VERIZON WIRELESS
2. AVERAGE SUMMER WEATHER H 81° / L 49°
3. FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE HORSES, DO NOT ENTER THE MEADOW OR TOUCH THE HORSES

PLEASE CHECK IN WITH THE CAMP HOST

CALL OR TEXT THE RANCH MANAGER- COWBOY ED (NUMBER SENT VIA CHECK-IN EMAIL) WHEN YOU ARE AT THE BASE OF POLIQUE CANYON. THIS WILL GIVE HIM A 15 MINUTE HEADS UP WINDOW TO MET YOU AT THE ENTRANCE GATE.

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4. QUIET HOURS ARE 10PM - 8AM. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE TO OTHER GUESTS AND KEEP THE NOISE LEVELS DOWN DURING THESE HOURS
5. PLEASE PUT OUT FIRES COMPLETELY BEFORE RETIRING FOR THE NIGHT. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE WE HAVE PROVIDED A BUCKET FOR WATER AT YOUR CAMPSITE WHICH SHOULD BE USED FOR THIS
6. ALTHOUGH BEARS ARE NOT COMMON AT THE RANCH, THEY HAVE BEEN SEEN ON THE PROPERTY. PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR FOOD IS PACKED AWAY IN YOUR VEHICLE OR A BEAR CONTAINER WHEN YOU ARE NOT AT THE CAMPSITE AND PLEASE FOR YOUR SAFETY DO NOT STORE FOOD IN YOUR TENT

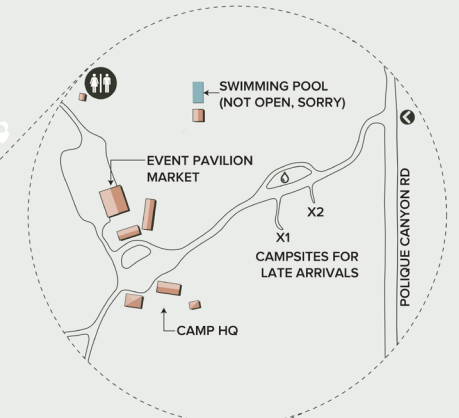


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DON'T GET LOST!

GETTING TO THE RANCH CAN BE TRICKY. GOOGLE MAPS AND APPLE MAPS WILL TAKE YOU THE WRONG WAY. CELL RECEPTION IS SPOTTY IN THE MOUNTAINS, SO, BEFORE YOU HEAD TO THE RANCH, HAVE A LOOK AT THIS MAP...

<https://tinyurl.com/holcombvalleyranch-directions>



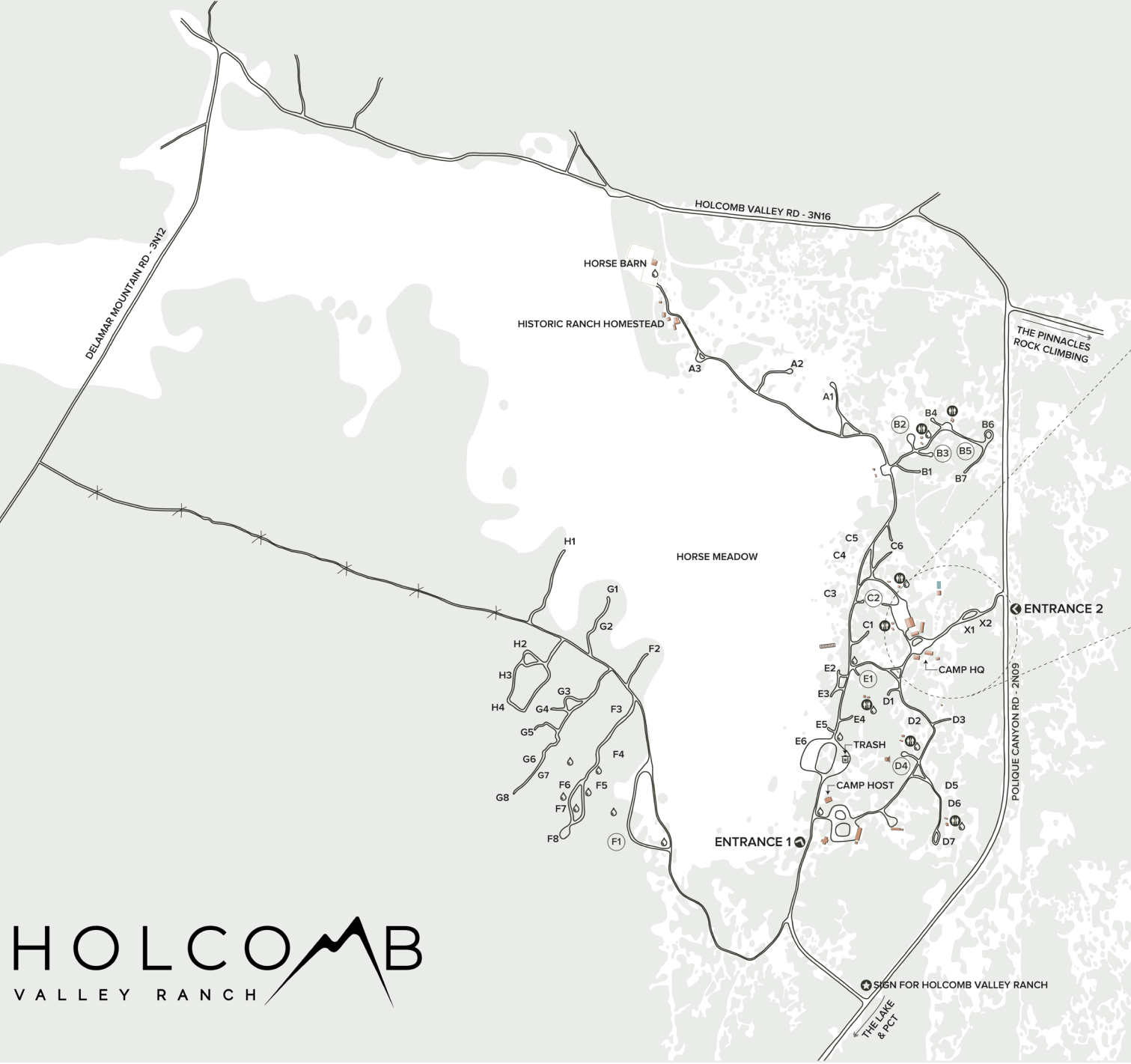
CAMP ETIQUETTE & STEWARDSHIP

- PUT YOUR FIRES OUT; WATER BUCKETS & SHOVELS PROVIDED.
- QUIET HOURS ARE 10:00PM - 8:00AM.
- PICK UP YOUR TRASH AND ANY OTHER TRASH YOU FIND, PLEASE.
- THIS IS BEAR COUNTRY. PLEASE PACK AWAY FOOD AT NIGHT.
- DON'T PICK FLOWERS. SOME ARE RARE AND ONLY GROW HERE!

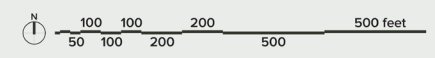
HORSES

THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL, AND WE LOVE THEM, BUT THEY NEED TO BE LEFT ALONE FOR THEIR SAFETY & YOURS.

- DON'T FEED THE HORSES.
- DON'T PET THE HORSES.
- DON'T WALK INTO THE MEADOW AMONG THE HORSES.



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LOCAL CONVENIENCES

THE NEAREST COFFEE, GROCERY STORES, & RESTAURANTS NEAR THE RANCH. PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NOW SELLING FIREWOOD AT THE RANCH, PLEASE INQUIRE WITH THE CAMPHOST



TAKE A WALK AROUND THE RANCH

Great for hiking and walking

This is an easy 3.5 mile loop around Holcomb Valley Ranch. Walk south on the main camp road. Once you pass through the entrance gate take the first right at a closed vehicular gate. Follow this road over subtling rolling hills through the forest. Take a right at the intersection with Forest Service Road 3N12 (dirt road). Pass by the meadow, and turn right onto Forest Service Road 3N16 (dirt road). You will reach another road near the horse barn. Turn right. You will need to cross over a barbed wire fence to get back onto the property at the Historic Ranch Buildings and onto the main camp road.



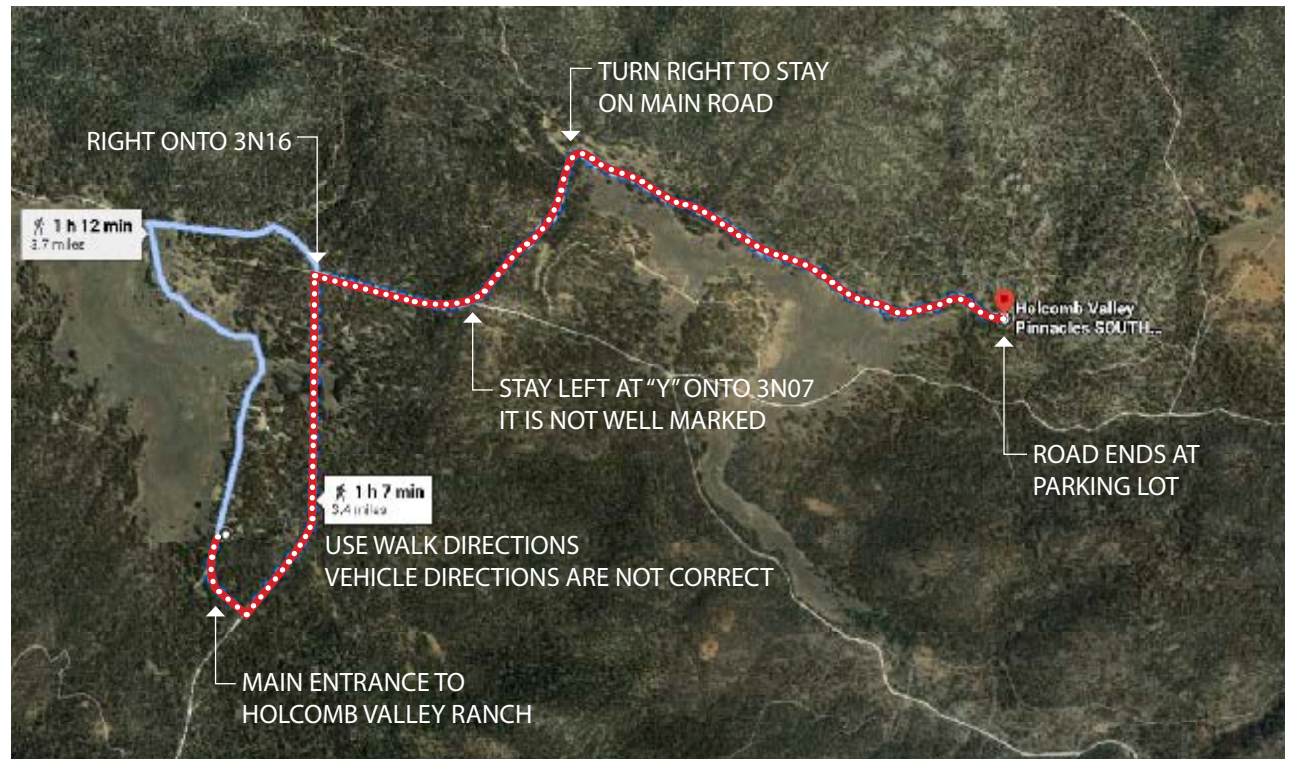
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HOLCOMB PINNACLES

Great for Hiking & Rock Climbing

Directions from Holcomb Valley Ranch

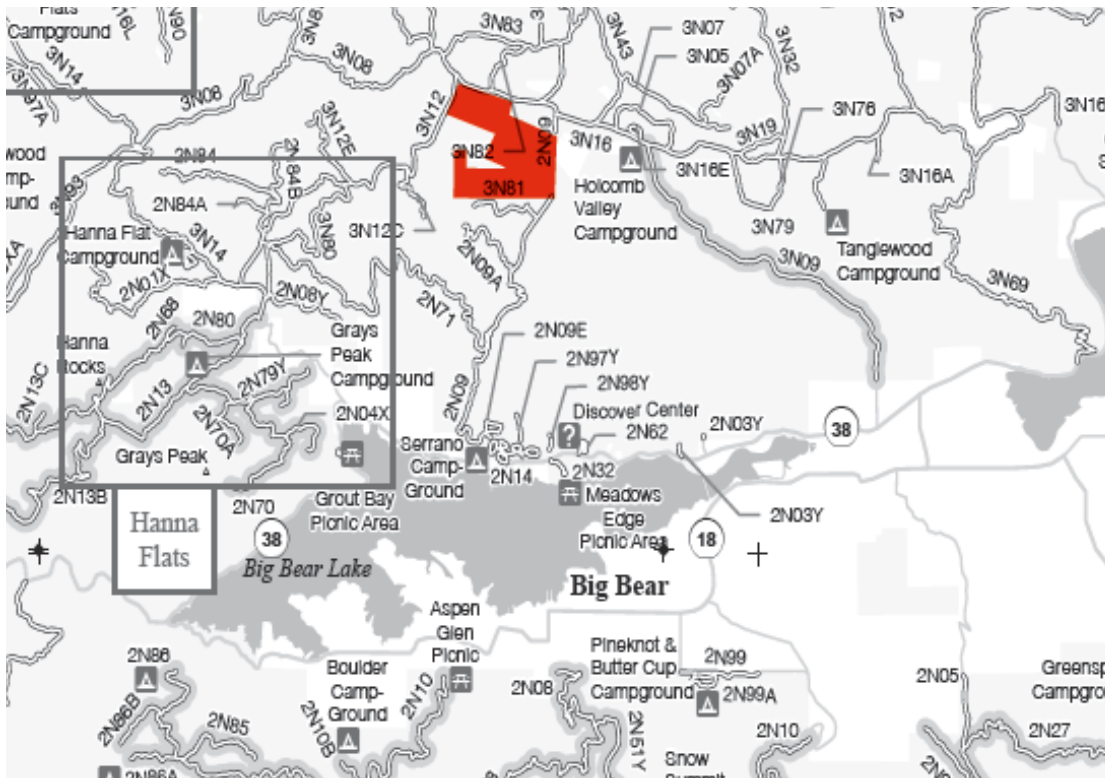
Make a left onto 2N09 (Polique Canyon Road). Make a right onto 3N16, go up a small rise and make an immediate left onto 3N07. Drive north along 3N07 passing Wilbur's grave and several large dips in the road (often several feet deep with water in the early spring) until you can make a right which parallels a fence on the right. Follow this road (3N07) until it ends at a large parking area just below



ATV / OFF-ROADING

The Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) system in the San Bernardino National Forest is one of the best in Southern California. With 169 Miles of forest roads for OHV use, 900 miles of SUV/ 4x4 routes and 104 miles of challenging 4x4 trails there is something to satisfy all off-road adventures.

Rentals available from Big Bear Jeep Experience and Big Bear Off-Road Adventures



PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

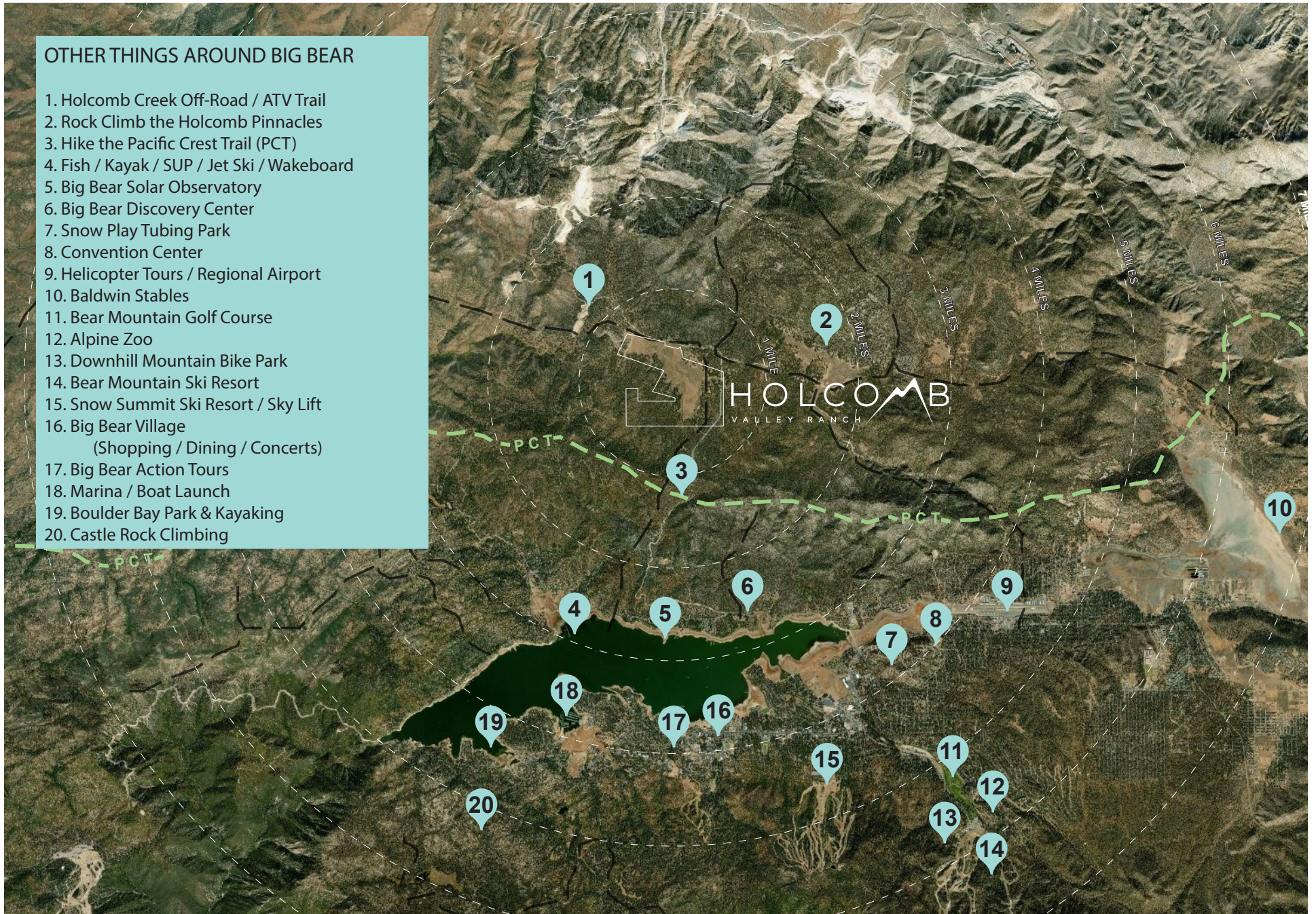
PCT is a moderately trafficked trail that features beautiful wild flowers and is rated as moderate. Dogs are also able to use this trail. Hiking east will take you to Bertha Peak with great views of Big Bear Lake. Hiking west will take you along Holcomb valley creek

Directions from the ranch: Drive south on Polique Canyon Road (the same way you came to the property from Big Bear). Immediately after a sharp left curve and right before a paved section of the road you will find the trailhead to PCT



OTHER THINGS AROUND BIG BEAR

1. Holcomb Creek Off-Road / ATV Trail
2. Rock Climb the Holcomb Pinnacles
3. Hike the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)
4. Fish / Kayak / SUP / Jet Ski / Wakeboard
5. Big Bear Solar Observatory
6. Big Bear Discovery Center
7. Snow Play Tubing Park
8. Convention Center
9. Helicopter Tours / Regional Airport
10. Baldwin Stables
11. Bear Mountain Golf Course
12. Alpine Zoo
13. Downhill Mountain Bike Park
14. Bear Mountain Ski Resort
15. Snow Summit Ski Resort / Sky Lift
16. Big Bear Village
(Shopping / Dining / Concerts)
17. Big Bear Action Tours
18. Marina / Boat Launch
19. Boulder Bay Park & Kayaking
20. Castle Rock Climbing



WELCOME!

GETTING TO THE RANCH

PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS WE PROVIDE. GPS, Google Maps & Apple Maps may suggest you take Van Dusen Canyon Road or Rim of the World Drive to get you to the Ranch. We advise against using these roads. Please reference our included maps and written guidance here: From Hwy 38 (aka North Shore Drive, TAKE POLIQUE CANYON ROAD for about 3.5 miles (15 minutes). Polique Canyon is a bumpy, dirt road. While manageable by both large Rvs and small sedans, we advise driving slow and carefully to avoid ruts, swales and rocks. The roads are quite bumpy and may get you lost. Polique Canyon is very direct. About 15 minutes (3.5 miles) up Polique Canyon, look out for the sign that says "Holcomb Valley" turn left here to enter the Ranch! Please reference the included map.

The roads leading into the Ranch and throughout the property are also dirt and of varying conditions and widths with overhanging branches in some locations. Please be aware that small, compact vehicles and RV/trailers may have difficulty accessing and navigating the property. SUVs, trucks and other high clearance vehicles are recommended.

CHECKING IN

Please note, cell reception is limited on site. Guests who have Verizon as their service provider seem to have good coverage. We suggest that you call or text your camp host when you arrive at the base of POLIQUE CANYON ROAD at Highway 38 (aka North Shore Drive). You'll have about a 15 minute (3.5 mile) drive to the camp from there. This will provide enough notice to our camp host to meet you at the front gate. If the camp host is not present when you arrive, please wait a few minutes for the camp host to return from escorting other guests to their campsites.

CAMPING

- Maximum number of people varies per site. We will coordinate with you to determine which campsites are best suited for your group size.
- Maximum number vehicles per site is four (4). Vehicles are determined by license plate. So one (1) car with a trailer is considered two (2) vehicles. Certain sites may accommodate more with permission from the owner in advance of your stay.
- Maximum length of vehicle plus trailer is 50 ft. Not all campsites are able to accommodate vehicles of this length. Please notify the owner in advance to reserve a suitable campsite.
- Camp only in those places specifically marked or provided as for camping.
- Do not leave camping equipment unattended for more than 24 hours without permission from the site host. Remove all personal property and trash when leaving.
- Speed limit: 10mph
- OHV's are allowed. They count as one of the allowed vehicles per campsite and must adhere to the speed limit and remain on established roads while on the property. May not be driven during quiet hours.
- Walk-to sites are tent only and require you to park your vehicle in a designated area and walk a short distance to the site.
- 4X4 sites require a high clearance 4WD/AWD vehicle.

QUIET HOURS

Please be considerate of other campers by keeping quiet from 10pm to 8am.

CAMPFIRES & FIRE SAFETY

Campfires must be contained within the fire rings provided. Living trees, shrubs and plants may not be cut or damaged. Remove all flammable material from around the campfire. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished completely before leaving or going to sleep. Fires may be prohibited during burn

ban conditions. Obey any special restrictions that have been issued or posted. The following is prohibited:

- Building, attending, maintaining, or using a fire outside of a fire ring or outside of a stove, grill or fireplace.
- Carelessly or negligently burning any hazardous objects or materials that are dangerous.
- Causing timber, trees, slash, brush or grass to burn except as authorized by permit.
- Leaving a fire without completely extinguishing it.
- Causing and failing to maintain control of a fire that damages the Forest System.
- Building, attending, maintaining, or using a campfire without removing all flammable material from around the campfire adequate to prevent its escape.

We are now selling firewood on site but if you need more than 1-2 bundle we recommend bringing your own.

FIREWORKS, FIREARMS AND ARCHERY

- Fireworks and explosives are prohibited.
- The discharging of firearms, BB guns, paintball guns, bow and arrows, sling shots, or any devices that use burning powder, explosives, compressed gases, etc. is prohibited.

BATHROOMS & SHOWERS

Bathrooms and showers are located near most campsites, and portable toilets will be provided throughout the property. If it would give you comfort to bring your own cleaning supplies to wipe down any surfaces, we encourage you to do so. Please use toilets properly, and do not throw away garbage, litter or other foreign substances into toilets and plumbing fixtures.



TRASH & SANITATION

Please do not defecate, urinate, shower or dispose of dirty dishwater in the woods or open areas. Gather all garbage and litter in bags or containers. There may be dumpsters provided near the entrance to the property for disposal. If unavailable during your stay, please pack out all your trash when you leave.

- Discard solid foods and waste in garbage bags, and wash food and personal items away from drinking water supplies.
- Prevent pollution - keep garbage, litter, and foreign substances out of lakes, streams, and other water sources.
- No greywater dumping.

EXPLORING THE PROPERTY & RESTRICTED AREAS

This property used to be a ranch in the 1800s during the gold rush era. There are historic structures on the property still remaining, but they are in unsafe and uninhabitable condition. The property also served as a Boy Scout camp for the last 50 years, and there are numerous structures on site which were built by the Boy Scouts. Many of those structures are also in unsafe and uninhabitable condition. Through the decades, miscellaneous materials, debris, equipment, etc has been accumulated throughout the property. The buildings and the debris are unsafe, and guests are prohibited and highly discouraged from exploring buildings or handling found objects. While horses are out to pasture in the fenced meadow, guests are not permitted to enter the meadow. Guests must not approach the horses.

The history of this property is a part of the experience. Please enjoy exploring the grounds while adhering to the rules.

HORSES

The horses which may be roaming the meadow during your stay are not property of Holcomb Valley Ranch. When horses are present, guest are prohibited from entering the meadow. Please do not approach, interact or touch the horses. This is for your safety and the safety of the horses.

WEATHER

Please check the local weather for current conditions. Days are typically sunny and warm with temperatures in the 70 degrees. Evenings can be quite chilly, with temperatures in the 30-50 degrees.

PETS AND ANIMALS

- Maximum of two (2) pets and animals per campsite. Pets must be restrained or on a leash while in developed recreation sites.
- Pets (except guide dogs) are not allowed in buildings or structures, in swimming areas or the protected meadow.
- Saddle or pack animals are allowed in recreation sites only where authorized by posted instructions.
- The pet owner is solely responsible for the safety and protection of their animal.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Someone must remain with the pet at all times.
- If any pet demonstrates aggressive behavior toward another pet or camper, you will be asked to leave the campground.
- No excessive barking.
- Do not feed or encourage wild animals into the campground.

BEAR BOXES/SAFETY

Holcomb Valley Ranch is located in bear country. They are infrequent visitors, but please prepare properly. Food and trash storage restrictions help reduce odors that attract bears. The following are prohibited:

- Possessing, storing or leaving any food (including food for pets), refuse or bear attractant unattended unless it is:
 - properly stored in a bear-resistant container;
 - stored in a closed, motor vehicle with a solid top;
 - stored in a closed, hard-body trailer; or
 - suspended at least ten (10) feet clear of the ground at all points, suspended at least four (4) feet horizontally from the supporting tree, and suspended at least four (4) feet from any other tree adjacent to the supporting pole or tree;
- Discarding or abandoning any food, refuse, or bear attractant unless it is disposed of in a bear-resistant trash receptacle or other receptacle which has been provided by the Holcomb Valley Ranch;
- Burning or burying foods, refuse, or bear attractant.

PUBLIC BEHAVIOR

- No fighting or boisterous behavior.
- Keep noise at a reasonable level.
- Excessive volumes on radios, televisions, musical instruments, etc. are not permitted. Shutdown of these items may be necessary depending on your proximity to other campers.
- Please be considerate of fellow visitors.
- Business permits are required for any commercial activity.
- Drones or similar devices are prohibited.

WATER QUALITY

Water which flows from spigots throughout the camp is sourced from a well on site and is unfiltered. Our water is tested for quality annually and is clean and suitable for drinking as of the most recent test.



EMERGENCIES

Holcomb Valley Ranch is a rural property in the mountains. There is very little cellular phone reception and no internet service which makes communication in an emergency difficult. As with any other trip into the backcountry, prepare yourself for emergencies such as injury, sickness, vehicle malfunction, etc. Guests are advised to bring their own first aid kits and to be prepared in how to respond in case of an emergency.

The nearest urgent care facility is:

Bear Mountain Family Medicine Urgent Care
41949 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

The nearest 24 hour urgent care is:

Rapid Care Urgent Care
10841 White Oak Ave, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730.

The nearest animal hospital is:

VCA Lakeside Animal Hospital
42160 N Shore Dr, Big Bear, CA 92314.

The nearest animal hospital with extended hours is:

Emergency Pet Hospital of Redlands
2072 W Redlands Blvd, Redlands, CA 92373.

Fires and Immediate threats to life and safety—
Immediately Dial 9-1-1

To report all other activities, call the local ranger station during business hours at (909) 382-2600 or after hours at (909) 383-5654.

