

# A WARM WELCOME FROM THE WHITE GRASS DUDE RANCH AND THE WESTERN CENTER FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION!



Thank you for volunteering with us or participating in one of our training workshops! Please carefully read the following information to prepare you for your stay at our White Grass Ranch facility.

## HOUSING



**Cabins:** The sleeping cabins are equipped with electricity, hot/cold running water, showers, flush toilets, baseboard heat, beds and mattresses, and side tables. Bed linens, blankets, and pillows are provided by the Western Center for Historical Preservation (WCHP). Baths are either private or shared between two sleeping quarters. Cabins DO NOT have phones, internet connections, TV's, clocks, or kitchens. A shared kitchen is located in the Hammond Cabin. Food preparation and storage is not permitted in the sleeping cabins.

The sleeping cabins maintain their dude ranch character and residents/guests should expect that they may be sharing bedrooms and bathrooms with other residents/guests.

One sleeping cabin at White Grass has been rehabilitated according to ADA standards. For specifics about this cabin or to reserve it, please contact the White Grass Ranch caretaker in advance of your stay. Any Personal Care Attendant(s) needed will be the responsibility of the resident.

**Check-in:** Check-in for guests/volunteers/trainees is at the Hammond Cabin with the caretaker. For volunteers staying at White Grass, check-in is between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm the day before the volunteer work begins. All volunteers are expected to attend an orientation meeting at 6:00 pm check-in day. Volunteers should arrive at White Grass with food for, at least, their first evening and their first full day. Trainees may check-in the day before their workshops begin.

At check-in, guests/volunteers/trainees will be issued cabin keys, bear spray, and bed linens. If one plans to arrive in Jackson prior to the assigned check-in date, you will be responsible for your own accommodations.

**Check-out:** All guests/volunteers/trainees must check-out before 10:00 AM. Volunteers typically check-out the day after their project ends. (A typical work week is Monday-Thursday). Trainees must check-out the day after their workshops ends.

Prior to check-out, guests/volunteers/trainees should at a minimum:

- Sweep the cabin and bathroom
- Empty trash/place in a bear-proof dumpster
- Return cabin key, dirty linens and towels, and bear spray to the caretaker in the Hammond

**Connectivity:** Cell service is relatively good at the ranch, although not always reliable. Service is available in Moose and many places in the Park. There is currently no internet at White Grass, but complementary Wi-Fi is available at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center in Moose.

**Transportation:** Guests/volunteers/trainees are responsible for their own transportation to and from White Grass and to and from their worksite or workshop location. In order to minimize the number of vehicles parked at White Grass, residents are encouraged to carpool whenever possible.

**Laundry:** Laundry facilities are available at the White Grass at no charge.

**Pets:** Pets are not allowed at White Grass.

**Guests/Visitors:** Daytime guests are permitted so long as their presence does not interrupt general operations and work. Guests are not permitted in construction zones or around power equipment unless they sign the Volunteer Consent Form. Overnight guests for volunteers and trainees are not permitted. RV's, trailers, and tent camping are not permitted at White Grass. There are several campgrounds and lodges/motels available in the park and nearby Jackson, WY.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER/STAY AT WHITE GRASS**

**Volunteers on Work Crews:** Resident volunteers should expect to eat breakfast at White Grass and bring a prepared lunch and snacks to work. Volunteers are encouraged to take insulated lunch and water containers to their worksite each day. Restaurants in nearby Teton Village (10 minutes), Moose (12 minutes), and Jackson (30 minutes) are available for evening meals, although residents are also welcomed to use the Hammond Cabin kitchen and dining area. Camp stoves and barbeques are allowed for cooking, but must be stored indoors after use due to curious wildlife.

**Typical Work Day for Volunteers:** A typical workday with WCHP begins at 8:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. Residents eat breakfast at White Grass prior to 8:00 am. Work begins with a safety discussion and overview of the tasks and goals for the day. The morning may include some instruction, depending on the group interests and project tasks. After a break for lunch around 12:30, work continues until 4:00 pm. If the worksite is away from White Grass, residents are responsible for bringing brown-bag lunches and appropriate clothing for the day.

**Workshop Attendees:** Attendees will receive an agenda prior to the beginning of the workshop and will need to be at the location (likely the WCHP conference room in Moose) by the time designated.

## **FOOD REQUIREMENTS**

**Meals and Grocery Stores:** All guests/volunteers/trainees will be responsible for their own food purchases and preparation. Everyone staying at White Grass has full access to the community kitchen in the Hammond Cabin, which has two refrigerators, two microwaves, two four-burner stoves with ovens, a dishwasher, utensils, pots and pans, and dishes. The kitchen also has a coffee maker. All dry-goods must be stored in the provided plastic bins to prevent mice from eating any food and to comply with wildlife food storage requirements. All who use the kitchen are responsible for cleaning it after each use. Please keep in mind that the kitchen is relatively small and is shared by all. It is imperative that the kitchen is cleaned promptly, both out of respect for your fellow residents and to keep the critters away.

### **Local Grocery Stores:**

- Smith's Food and Drug: 1425 S. Hwy 89, Jackson, WY – 307-733-8908
- Albertson's: 105 Buffalo Way, Jackson, WY – 307-733-5950
- Jackson Whole Grocer: 974 W. Broadway, Jackson, WY – 307-733-0450
- Kmart: 1357 S. Hwy 89, Jackson, WY – 307-739-0865
- Aspen's Market: 4015 W. Lake Creek Dr., Wilson, WY – 307-200-6140
- Mangy Moose Market: Teton Village, WY – 307-733-4913
- Dornan's: At Moose Junction off Hwy 191, Moose, WY – 307-733-2415

## **WHAT TO BRING**

### **For those on work crews:**

- Work boots or other sturdy, close-toed shoes (sandals are NOT allowed on the worksite)
- Long work pants or jeans
- T-shirt and long-sleeved shirt for sun protection
- Warm layers, including fleece or jacket and rain gear – ponchos are not recommended
- Sun hat, sunscreen, lip balm, bug spray and sunglasses
- Water bottle
- Leather work gloves
- Hard hat (if you have one)
- Safety glasses (if you have them)
- Personalized first aid and prescription medications. Volunteers are responsible for the dispensation and use of personal prescription medications. White Grass will provide general first aid items.

### **For Guests and Trainees:**

- Personal hygiene items (i.e. shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.)
- Flashlight
- Food (see “meals” in the Staying at White Grass section)
- Other personal items of choice

**Wildlife:** Bears and other wildlife enjoy White Grass as much as you do! For your safety, please carry bear spray and a good flashlight with you whenever you leave your cabin after dusk. To protect residents present and future, all food items and cosmetics must be properly secured in vehicles, bear proof containers, or inside the Hammond Cabin. No food or beverages are to be in individual cabins or left unattended outside at any time. All food scraps and garbage must be discarded in the designated bear-proof dumpster.

## **GENERAL RULES FOR GUESTS/VOLUNTEERS/TRAINEES**

Please remember that White Grass Ranch is contained within and is part of Grand Teton National Park. WCHP is part of the National Park Service's Vanishing Treasures Program which is run out of the Intermountain Region Office in Santa Fe, NM. Guests of the White Grass Ranch are subject to the same laws, regulations, and policies as other park visitors. At White Grass:

- Park in designated areas only, and walk on designated paths only
- Quiet time is observed between 9:00 pm and 6:00 am daily. Guests/volunteers/trainees are expected to keep music, voices, and noise to appropriate levels at all times in respect for fellow residents and local wildlife
- Residents must clean the kitchen immediately after use
- Smoking is not permitted in the cabins. Following Grand Teton fire regulations, smokers may not wander outside with a lit cigarette and must extinguish and dispose of cigarettes properly
- Food and beverages (other than water) are not permitted in the sleeping cabins
- Outdoor fires and campfires are not permitted for any purpose. Outdoor cooking is permitted only on approved camp stoves and barbecues. All stoves and barbecues must be stored inside after use
- No RV's, trailers, campers, or buses are permitted at White Grass or on the Moose-Wilson Road. No tent camping is allowed at the White Grass Ranch
- Illegal activity will not be tolerated at White Grass including but not limited to:
  - Use and/or sale of illegal drugs (including marijuana)
  - Providing controlled substances and/or alcohol to minors
  - Public intoxication

NOTE: Any illegal activity will be reported promptly to Grand Teton National Park Law Enforcement Officers

- National Park Service staff and the White Grass Caretaker reserve the right to enter an occupied cabin at any time for inspection/maintenance, etc. without prior notice to the resident
- Possession of firearms at White Grass Ranch and Grand Teton National Park is subject to current law and policy on firearms as established by Congress and the National Park Service
- The Western Center for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal property
- Guest/volunteer/trainee participation and residence at White Grass Ranch may be terminated at any time for willful and/or repeated violation of the above General Rules

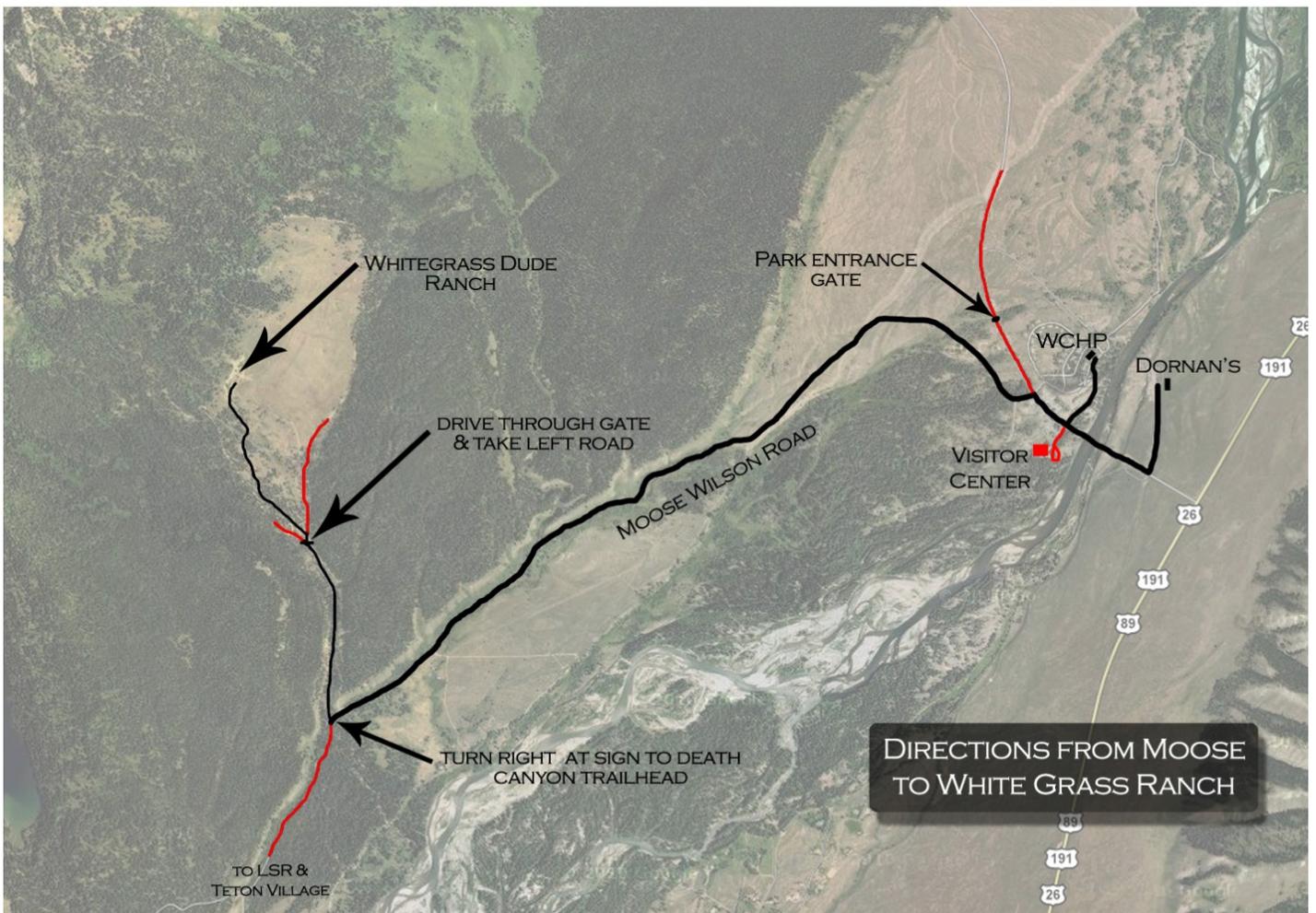
## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

- WCHP Website: <http://www.nps.gov/grte/historyculture/wchp.htm>
- Grand Teton National Park Website: <http://www.nps.gov/grte>
- Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.jacksonholechamber.com>
- National Trust for Historic Preservation White Grass Project: <http://www.savingplaces.org/treasures/white-grass-dude-ranch#.U6tBHPlDU41>
- Information for group camping within the park: <http://www.nps.gov/grte/planyourvisit/campgrounds.htm>
- Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center Website: <http://www.fws.gov/nationalelkrefuge/JacksonHoleVisitorsCenter.htm>

## GETTING TO WHITE GRASS

Whether arriving from the north or south, take highway 89/191 to Moose, Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park Headquarters. Turn west (towards the mountains), then:

- Turn left down the Moose-Wilson Road towards the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve and Teton Village.
- After 3 miles, turn right on Death Canyon Road following signs for the Death Canyon trailhead.
- Follow the road until the pavement ends (approximately 1 mile), and turn right through the NPS gate. Please leave the gate as you find it: open or closed.
- Once through the gate, bear left and follow the dirt road for 1 mile. Please park by the modern pump house (the first building you get to when you drive to the ranch).



**IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Roger Butterbaugh, Ranch Caretaker (summers), WCHP – 502-321-2346  
Al Williams, Rehabilitation Project Lead, WCHP – 307-739-3389  
Volunteer Coordinator, WCHP – 307-739-3459  
Katherine Wonson, Cultural Resources Speciation, Grand Teton NP – 307-739-3671

**In case of emergency:**  
Dial 911.

*Additional emergency resources:*  
Grand Teton National Park Dispatch – 307-739-3301  
Saint John’s Hospital, Jackson, WY – 307-733-3636

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!**



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