

Teton Ridge Ranch

Tetonia, Idaho

Teton Ridge seems designed for superlatives. It has stellar skiing, especially for beginners, with a lot of long, gentle, scenic routes.

The ranch is simultaneously enormous (4,000 rolling acres) and private (5 miles from the nearest paved road). You're probably not going to meet anyone on the trails who isn't an overnight guest.

The setting and vistas are spectacular. From the 10,000-square-foot log lodge, your eye is naturally drawn to a profile of the Grand Teton, soaring almost 7,000' above you.



Jonathan says:

"Teton Ridge is ideal for couples or small groups who enjoy privacy, a pristine setting, luxury, and lots of powder snow. The skiing and views are both superb."

location

Southeastern Idaho

skiing

Teton Ridge snowcat-grooms 11 trails (30 km) of two-way single track plus skate lane, the longest about 16 km. Trail ratings are 60% Easier, 40% More Difficult, and everything is groomed daily. The ranch has 10 km of packed snowshoe trails, plus you can snowshoe on ski trails.

This is probably the only network in the U.S. that moves between two states (Idaho and Wyoming). One trail series swings through coniferous forest and meadow. Other routes wind gently downward, following miniature valleys crested by aspen, with outlooks toward the Tetons and the Big Hole Range.

The ranch provides snowshoes but not skis (you can rent top gear at Skinny Skis in Jackson Hole). Long downhill, such as Porcupine Ridge, give you long runouts with lots of visibility. Altitude range is 6,400'-7,000'.

season

January 1st—mid March; average snowfall 300"

accommodations

The Lodge has five suites, each with Jacuzzi, steam shower, wood stove, and mountain views. There's also a separate two-bedroom lodge. Ski-in/ski-out. Smoke-free, with three-night minimum stays.

lodging rates

\$\$\$\$\$ (includes all meals, beer and wine, instruction, guided tours with skier-naturalist)

activities

On-site: snowshoeing, sleigh rides, lots of wildlife. Nearby: Alpine skiing at Grand Targhee (you may need a telescoping powder snorkel!), plus two more ski areas in Jackson Hole. Two hours' drive north, you can visit Yellowstone National Park by snowmobile, snowcoach, or ski (there seem to be more groomed trails every year).

kids' programs

There's not really enough to entertain smaller kids.

dining

Meals are always good and often verge on the sublime. There's a single dinner entrée, such as rack of lamb. Other than wine, B.Y.O.B.

guest capacity

14

conference capacity

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