

2024 Feathered Pipe Rental Information

Located outside of Helena, Montana, the Feathered Pipe Ranch is nestled in the pristine Northern Rocky Mountains at an elevation of 5,000 feet. We are surrounded by the Helena National Forest – almost a million acres of mountainous wilderness.

At the heart of the Ranch is a beautiful spring-fed lake. Spend a lazy afternoon paddling the canoe around, absorbing the healing, hushed sounds of busy western meadowlarks, wood ducks, and sparrows dashing through the aspens, pines, and grasses that encircle the clean water. This delicious water flows from every tap on the Ranch. This pristine and peaceful mountain sanctuary is the perfect spot to hold family gatherings, meetings, reunions, conferences, and other group events for up to 50 people. We have been perfecting the ideal retreat environment for nearly 50 years and we offer a sweet, peaceful oasis in which distractions dissolve.

When you rent the Feathered Pipe Ranch, you also support the vital humanitarian Seva (service) work that has been at the heart of our mission for over four decades, including: Veterans' Yoga Projects healing retreats at the Ranch, Tibetan Children's Education Foundation, and Feathered Pipe Scholarship Fund.

Our Program Season Rates:

- Early Season: Mid-May through mid-June - \$225 per person/night
- Main Season: Summer Solstice week through end of August - \$250 per person/night
- Late Season: September through first of October - \$225 per person/night

*Includes all meals, basic lodging and use of Ranch facilities.

Minimum Program Size: There is a 20-person minimum. We provide free board and lodging for two teachers/presenters, with the first 20 paying participants, as well as one additional teacher/presenter's room and board for 30 paying participants and above.

Booking & Deposits: For bookings made within one year of program start date, the initial booking deposit is 10% of amount due for minimum program size. If you book more than a year out a \$500 deposit holds the desired date, with the remaining of first 10% payment due one year from program's start date.

Example for 3 nights off-season program:

$\$225 \text{ person/night} \times 3 \text{ nights} + \$25 \text{ Montana Lodging Tax} = \$700/\text{person}$
 $\$700/\text{person} \times 20 \text{ guests} = \$14,000$

Booking deposit: $\$14,000 \times 10\% = \1400

Second deposit payment: $\$14,000 \times 20\% = \2800

Third deposit payment: $\$14,000 \times 30\% = \4200

Final deposit payment: $\$14,000 \times 40\% = \5600

Final payment: Due at start of workshop. Final payment will include registrants beyond 20 per/night fees and all accommodation upgrade fees.

Deposits are spread evenly between signing of contract and one month before the program start.

Refunds & Cancellation: *Refunds are not given on paid deposits.* You as the presenter have the right to cancel at any time but all payments made to date are non-refundable.

Accommodation Fees: No upgrade fee is charged for Triple Occupancy Main Lodge, Shared Yurt/Deluxe Wall Tent/Sai Condo & Single Tipi/Tent. Upgrade fees per person per room per number of nights for other accommodations are defined as follows:

Upgrade Fees (amount Feathered Pipe receives)/day	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Lake Cabin (double occupancy/shared kitchen/private bath)	595	510	425	340	255	170	85
Lake Cabin (single occupancy/shared kitchen/private bath)	1190	1020	850	680	510	340	170
Teachers Cabin (double occ/shared kitchenette/private bath)	525	450	375	300	225	150	75
Teachers Cabin (single occ/shared kitchenette/private bath)	1050	900	750	600	450	300	150
Honeymoon Cabin (double occupancy/private bath)	455	390	325	260	195	130	65
Honeymoon Cabin (single occupancy/private bath)	910	780	650	520	390	260	130
Chalet Room 1, 4, 5 & 6 (double occupancy/private bath)	420	360	300	240	180	120	60
Chalet Room 1, 4, 5 & 6 (single occupancy/private bath)	840	720	600	480	360	240	120
Main Lodge (double occupancy/private bath)	420	360	300	240	180	120	60
Main Lodge (single occupancy/private bath)	840	720	600	480	360	240	120
Chalet Room 2 & 3 (double occupancy/shared bath)	385	330	275	220	165	110	55
Chalet Room 2 & 3 (single occupancy/shared bath)	770	660	550	440	330	220	110
Yurt & Sai Condo (single occupancy/bathroom shared bath)	700	600	500	400	300	200	100
Deluxe Wall Tents (single occupancy/bathroom shared bath)	525	450	375	300	225	150	75

As a renter, you may set prices for basic program tuition and each accommodation type as you wish. Ultimately, the revenue generated from program tuition (which includes basic accommodation) and accommodation upgrades needs to cover per person/night fees and accommodation upgrades costs due to the Feathered Pipe Foundation. The remaining is your profit.

All accommodations upgrade and additional registrants' fees beyond the deposits paid already for minimum number of registrants are due at start of program.

Accommodation & Facilities Descriptions: Please visit our [Feathered Pipe Lodging](#) page to view photos and full lodging descriptions. You can view a rough map of the Ranch [here](#). Feel free to explore an extensive image gallery of all facilities at the Feathered Pipe Ranch [here](#).

Indoor Accommodations:

Main Lodge - 4 rooms; accommodating 3-4 each; private bathroom	15 twin-size beds (4 bunks)	11 - 15
Chalet – 6 rooms; accommodating 2 each; 4 private bathrooms & 2 shared bathrooms	6 king-size bed; or 12 twin-size beds	6 - 12
Lake Cabin – 2 suites with bedroom, living room & private bathroom; shared kitchen	2 king-size bed; or 4 twin-sized beds	2 - 4
Teachers Cabin – 2 suites with bedroom, living room & private bathroom; shared kitchenette	2 queen-sized beds	2 - 4
Honeymoon Cabin – full cabin including bedroom & private bathroom; covered front porch	1 king-sized bed; or two twin-size bed	1 - 2
Total		22 - 37

Outdoor Accommodations:

Sai Condo – full cabin with loft; accommodating 2-3; shared bathroom in the bathhouse	2 twin-size beds and 1 queen-size bed	2 - 3
Yurts – 4 yurts accommodating 2 each; shared bathroom in the bathhouse	4 king-size bed; or 8 twin-size beds	4 - 8
Deluxe Wall Tent – 3 large wall tents accommodating 1-2 each; shared bathroom in bathhouse	3 queen-size beds	3 - 6
Tipi – 2 tipis accommodating 1-2 each; shared bathroom in bathhouse	4 raised foam single beds	2 - 4
Tent – 5 camping tents accommodating 1 each; shared bathroom in bathhouse	5 twin-size beds	5
Total		16 - 26

Other Amenities: We provide bedding, towels, and all the amenities you’d expect with indoor lodging. We accommodate all outdoor guests with lightweight sleeping bags, towels, pillows, blankets, and small rechargeable lanterns. Guests are welcome to bring your own sleeping bag if they wish. There is no electricity in outdoor accommodations. There is cleaning service every day for all accommodations.

We do not allow guests to bring their own sleeping accommodation, and strongly discourage guests from staying off campus as it negatively affects group cohesion and communal spirit.

Your stay at the Feathered Pipe Ranch includes access to our extensive grounds, our fully equipped bathhouse with showers, sauna, and a beautiful new salt-based hot tub. Outdoor lodging guests have private storage nooks for toiletries and personal effects in the bathhouse. The bathhouse is no more than a five-minute walk from any accommodation.

The Main Hall: The lovely, light-filled Main Hall in the Main Lodge offers the space and ambiance that has inspired exploration of self, connection with others, creative discussion, and collective brainstorming since 1975. Looking out over the main lawn, lake, and mountains beyond, there is plenty of space for 40 yoga mats.

If needed, Lake Cabin can accommodate 15 people for yoga or small work groups. The Dining Hall located near the Main Lodge can be used as an additional meeting space accommodating larger break-out groups.

Nature Deck: We recently completed our new outdoor practice facility. Surrounded by nature, the 1028 sq. ft. The Nature Deck can accommodate 40 practitioners with normal spacing or 24 if social distancing is needed.

Yoga Props: We have plenty of yoga mats, blankets, blocks, supports, chairs and belts as well as a well-equipped yoga walls. If desired, you may bring your own mat and props, but make sure they are clearly marked so they do not get misplaced.

Our Food: Our specialty is wholesome, natural food using recipes from all over the globe. We strive to use whole, organic ingredients prepared with a commitment to health and well-being. Whenever possible, we use locally grown and raised organic food sources to support a sustainable, healthy community.

The Feathered Pipe staff pours great love and care into the preparation of every one of our guest meals. If you have any special dietary needs or restrictions, simply let us know when you fill out the guest information form before your arrival. We'll make sure you have all the healthy, delicious fare you need for every meal.

Activities: Hiking, fishing, canoeing, and swimming are available at the Ranch. The Ranch's surrounding forest has numerous, well-marked trails for your exploration of hidden, highland wildflower meadows, mountain tops where Montana's Big Sky can be savored in its full grandeur, as well as scenic views of the Ranch from high above. And for those more adventurous and adept in backwoods hiking, the trails branch out endlessly into the national forest that surrounds.

Raft trips on the Missouri or a boat trip at the Gates of the Mountains are possible. If you have other ideas on activities, we will work with you to make it happen. We can put you in touch with providers if you are interested. *(Please note some excursions require additional per person charge for shuttle service and tour guides):*

- **Archie Bray Pottery:** World-famous ceramic arts institute, indoor galleries, and lots of outdoor work
- **River Rafting & Paddle-boarding on the Missouri River:** A leisurely guided half day float down the Missouri River (June-August only)
- **Gate of the Mountains:** A spectacular guided boat tour telling the historic and geologic significance of the gorge through which the Missouri River passes. Truly not to be missed! (June – end of September)
- **Tizer Gardens:** An enchanted garden, located in Jefferson City, 20 miles south of the Ranch
- **The Broadwater Hot Springs:** A newly-remodeled, hot spring plunge with several pools, open-air restaurant and lounge, and complete athletic club facilities, located 15 minutes from the Ranch
- **Historic Downtown Helena:** Incredible micro-breweries, restaurants, walking mall and sight-seeing, located in the heart of Helena with a bountiful Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings.

What should I bring: The atmosphere is come as you are, so please dress for your comfort. Clothes potentially needed include: shorts, t-shirts, a rain jacket, slacks or jeans for chilly evenings, light daytime attire, bathing suit, and a warm sweater or jacket for our delightfully cool summer evenings. Comfortable walking, running shoes or hiking boots for wandering here and there are recommended.

Please note during early and late off-season programs that the evenings can be quite cool with a rare but not unheard-of frost or surprise snowstorm. For this reason, we recommend cold-weather jackets, sweaters, hats, and gloves just in case during those dates.

You will need a travel alarm clock, sunscreen, flashlight and water bottle as well as cash for bodywork, Shanti Boutique purchases, and end-of-retreat staff tips.

Massage and Bodywork: Massage and bodywork are available during all retreats. Introductions to our bodyworkers and details about how to sign up and where to go for sessions are shared at the retreat orientation. Payment is by cash, check or credit card. Prices are set by the therapists.

What is not included in your rental: Laundry, massage and bodywork, and non-arrival/departure-day shuttle service are available at an additional cost.

Air Travel: Airlines fly in from all parts of the country on a regular daily basis, with Delta serving those flying from the East Coast, Midwest, Mountain and West Coast via their Salt Lake City hub, United Airlines serving passengers from all over via the Denver hub, and Alaskan Airlines serving West Coast flyers via their Seattle hub.

Missoula International Airport and Bozeman International Airport are also feasible points of arrival but will require a two-hour commute via bus or auto that you will need to arrange and pay for by yourself.

We strongly suggest that you book your flight to arrive a day early and enjoy a night in beautiful downtown Helena, in case there is a weather-related delay. That being said, travel insurance is recommended.

Airport Shuttle: Shuttle service from/to Helena Regional Airport on arrival/departure day will be complimentary (free) for all registered guests! Any guest needing pick-up or drop-off on any other day will be charged a \$35 one-way charge.

If you prefer to arrive early and stay in Helena, we will contact you at your hotel to arrange your pick-up on arrival day. There is plenty to do and see in Helena. Helena is halfway between Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks (3 hours by car in either direction), so you might consider coming a few days early or staying a few days after your retreat.

How do I get there if I'm driving: The Ranch is located about eight miles west of central Helena off of Highway 12. Turn south at the sign for Colorado Gulch. We are at the very end of this road, about 5 miles in. You'll see rolling lawns, a small lake, and the main lodge on your right. Pull into the parking lot and walk down to the lodge. If you are using a GPS to get to the Ranch, the address is 2409 Bear Creek Rd., Helena, Montana.

Early Arrival: If you plan to be in the Helena area prior to the date when your retreat begins, several options are available for you to consider. If space is available, you may stay at the Feathered Pipe Ranch, but please call our office in advance to discuss this possibility. For those choosing to come in a day early and stay the night in Helena, recommended local lodgings include:

- Comfort Suites – Close to the airport. Please ask for the Feathered Pipe Corporate Rate. (406) 513-1140
- Day's Inn of Helena – 2001 Prospect Ave., Helena, (406) 442-3280
- Great Northern Best Western Hotel – Luxury in the heart of Helena. Single or double, full breakfast and airport pick-up. Please ask for the Feathered Pipe Corporate Rate. (406) 457-5500
- Double Tree by Hilton – Located on downtown walking mall and near micro-breweries, fine dining and Helena's many tourist attractions. Please ask for the Feathered Pipe Corporate Rate. (406) 443-2200
- Sanders Bed & Breakfast – Charming, elegant, historic, with true Montana hospitality and a full breakfast. Located near downtown. (406) 442-3309
- The Barrister Bed and Breakfast – 19th century mansion, very elegant with the most gracious welcoming owners. Located near downtown across from Cathedral of St. Helena.

(406) 443-7330

- The Carolina Bed & Breakfast – Total elegance with a spectacular breakfast and near downtown. (406) 422-0418

Our shuttle service is happy to pick you up at your hotel on arrival day. We will notify the hotel front desk of our pickup time the night before pick-up. If you are not able to arrive before 5pm on the first day of the retreat due to scheduling problems or flight delays, please call the office 406.442.8196, and we will work with you to arrange for your pick-up.

Arrival & Departure: Check-in time on arrival day is 3pm. Please plan to arrive at the Ranch by 5pm so you have time to settle in before our 6:30pm dinner. We will gather for orientation in the evening after dinner. We request that our guests depart their lodging by 9am on departure day to give our staff sufficient time to prepare for incoming guests. If your flight is not scheduled to depart until later in the day, we will be happy to accommodate you and ensure that you get to the airport.

Tippling: Near the end of your retreat at the Ranch, we will put out a basket for all tips. If you're happy with the service you received, we recommend 5-10% of your workshop cost.

How do I make purchases at the Ranch: We do not have an ATM at the Ranch for cash, so bring what you need. Massage therapists and the Shanti Boutique accept cash, checks and credit cards.

How do I contact the "outside world": You may have to walk out up to the parking lot to cell phone service as we are at the very end of the road up in the Rockies, but we do have free high-speed wireless internet access within the Dining Hall, Lake Cabin and Teachers Cabin which extends quite a distance outside those buildings. If you enable WiFi calling on your smartphone, you will be able to make calls from the Ranch. It's best not to count on continuously reliable cell phone or high-speed Internet service while you're at the Ranch.

If you need to be reached in an emergency, you can share the main phone number of the kitchen 406.443.0430 with family and friends that will be sent to you along with your guest information packet following registration.

RV and off-site lodging: We do not give any discount for off-site lodging and discourage participants from commuting from town for a program as it disrupts group cohesion and community building. We do not allow participants to bring their own camping facility such as RV, camper, or tent.

Pets: We do not allow pets. FPF follows state and federal laws regarding service animals, which are the only animals allowed to accompany guests. Service animals must be pre-approved by FPF staff and accompany their owner 24 hours a day.

More Information: Visit our FAQ page on our website, or feel free to contact us directly if you have further questions or would like to set up a Ranch walk around – Eric D Myers at 406.205.3995 or Joanne in our office at 406.442.8196.