

2027 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 sounds of busy red-wing blackbirds, mallard ducks, and white-throated sparrows dashing through the aspens, pines, cattails and wild grasses that encircle the pure water. This delicious water flows from every tap on the Ranch. This pristine and peaceful mountain sanctuary is the perfect spot to hold retreat programs, workshops, conferences, and other group events for up to 50 people. We have been perfecting the ideal retreat environment for more than 50 years, offering a sweet, peaceful oasis in which distractions dissolve.

Since 1975, [our intimate learning sanctuary](#), located just a stone's throw from the Continental Divide, has been the ideal setting for celebrated teachers in the fields of health, wellness, meditation and yoga to inspire ordinary people to awaken their extraordinary potential. Luminaries including Joseph Campbell, [Lilias Folan](#), Dr. Andrew Weil, [Judith Hanson Lasater](#), Angela Farmer, [Dr. Jean Shinoda Bolen](#), [Erich Schiffmann](#), Patricia Walden and [Seane Corn](#) are just a handful of the celebrated teachers who share their gifts at the Feathered Pipe Ranch.

The Power of Community: 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 Project's](#) healing retreats at the Ranch, [Tibetan Children's Education Foundation](#), and [Feathered Pipe Scholarship Fund](#).

We provide more than *just* a venue, rather our goal is to create a long lasting and mutually beneficial connection with you and your group. We do this through support and collaborative promotional efforts pre-workshop. During your workshop we make every effort to help you feel at home and fully supported in this special place. Post-workshop, we stay connected with you through our online community and look forward to future endeavors.

Our Program Season Rates: (Includes all meals, basic lodging and use of Ranch facilities.)

- Early Season: Mid-May through mid-June - \$250 per person/night
- Main Season: Summer Solstice week through end of August - \$275 per person/night
- Late Season: September through first of October - \$250 per person/night

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: The initial booking deposit is 15% of the amount due for the minimum 20 paying guests at the defined per-night charge. Initial deposit is due upon signing the contract for your retreat program.

Example for 5 nights off-season program deposit amount and schedule: (Deposit due dates are spread evenly between signing of contract to one month before the program's start date.)

$\$250 \text{ person/night} \times 5 \text{ nights} + \$25 \text{ Montana Lodging Tax} = \$1275/\text{person}$

$\$1275/\text{person} \times 20 \text{ guests} = \$25,500 \text{ deposit}$

Booking deposit, due upon contract signing: $\$25,500 \times 15\% = \3825

Second deposit payment: $\$25,500 \times 25\% = \6375

Third deposit payment: $\$25,500 \times 25\% = \6375

Final deposit payment: $\$25,500 \times 35\% = \8925

Final payment: Upon the start date of the program, the final payment, beyond deposits already paid, is calculated and due. *Final payment will include all accommodation upgrade fees (see Upgrade Fee table below) and all per-night paying guests fees due, beyond 20 per-night fee deposits already paid.*

Program Administration: Feathered Pipe Foundation offers an inbuilt website registration functionality and guest admin panel for registration management. You, as a presenter, may opt to use it if you desire.

Workshop Promotion: You are expected to promote your workshop to the best of your ability *via your newsletter and other appropriate networking and promotional means*, as well as having the option to submit blog postings and other media (i.e. podcast, videos, etc.) for review by Feathered Pipe Foundation and potential posting on our website and/or social media.

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

Accommodation Fees due to Feathered Pipe Foundation: Upgrade fees per person per room per number of nights for other accommodations are defined as follows:

Upgrade Fees (amount Feathered Pipe receives)/night	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Deluxe Wall Tents (single/bathhouse shared bath)	90	180	270	360	450	540	630
Yurt & Sai Condo (single occupancy/bathhouse shared bath)	110	220	330	440	550	660	770
Chalet Room 2 & 3 (double occupancy/shared bath)	65	130	195	260	325	390	455
Chalet Room 2 & 3 (single occupancy/shared bath)	130	260	390	520	650	780	910
Main Lodge (double occupancy/private bath)	75	150	225	300	375	450	525
Main Lodge (single occupancy/private bath)	150	300	450	600	750	900	1050
Chalet Room 1, 4, 5 & 6 (double occupancy/private bath)	75	150	225	300	375	450	525
Chalet Room 1, 4, 5 & 6 (single occupancy/private bath)	150	300	450	600	750	900	1050
Honeymoon Cabin (double occupancy/private bath)	85	170	255	340	425	510	595
Honeymoon Cabin (single occupancy/private bath)	170	340	510	680	850	1020	1190
Teachers Cabin (double/shared kitchenette/private bath)	95	190	285	380	475	570	665
Teachers Cabin (single/shared kitchenette/private bath)	190	380	570	760	950	1140	1330
Lake Cabin (double occupancy/shared kitchen/private bath)	110	220	330	440	550	660	770
Lake Cabin (single occupancy/shared kitchen/private bath)	220	440	660	880	1100	1320	1540

***No Upgrade fees:** *Triple Occupancy Main Lodge Room, Shared Yurt/Deluxe Wall Tent/Sai Condo & Single Tipi/Tent accommodation are included with per night fee.*

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

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, each with private Bathroom; accommodating 1-3 each	12 twin-size beds (3 twin-bed to a room)	4 - 12
Chalet – 6 rooms; 4 with private bathrooms & 2 with shared bathrooms; accommodating 1-2 each	6 king-size beds; or 12 twin-size beds	6 - 12
Lake Cabin – 2 suites with bedroom, living room & private bathroom; accommodating 1-2 each	2 king-size beds; or 4 twin-sized beds	2 - 4
Teachers Cabin – 2 suites with bedroom, living room & private bathroom; accommodating 1-2 each	2 queen-sized beds	2 - 4
Honeymoon Cabin – full cabin including bedroom & private bathroom; accommodating 1-2 each	1 king-sized bed; or two twin-size bed	1 - 2

Total Indoor Accommodations: **15 - 34**

Outdoor Accommodations:

Sai Condo – full cabin with loft & shared bathroom in the bathhouse; accommodating 1-3	2 twin-size beds and 1 full-size bed	1 - 3
Yurts – 4 yurts with shared bathroom in the bathhouse; accommodating 1-2 each	4 king-size beds; or 8 twin-size beds	4 - 8
Deluxe Wall Tent – 3 large wall tents with shared bathroom in bathhouse; accommodating 1-2 each	3 full-size beds	3 - 6
Tipi – 2 tipis with shared bathroom in Bathhouse; accommodating 1-2 each	4 raised foam single beds	2 - 4
Tent – 5 regular camping tents with shared bathroom in bathhouse; accommodating 1 each	5 twin-size beds	5
Total Outdoor Accommodations:		15 - 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 their own sleeping bag if they wish. There is cleaning service available every day for all accommodations. *There is no electricity or water in outdoor accommodations.*

Your stay at the Feathered Pipe Ranch includes access to our extensive grounds, our fully equipped bathhouse with showers, sauna, and a beautiful 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 36 yoga mats.

The Dining Hall located near the Main Lodge can be used as an additional meeting space accommodating larger break-out groups.

Nature Deck: Surrounded by nature, the 1028 sq. ft. outdoor Nature Deck can accommodate 36 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 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 unprocessed, 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 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 forestlands that surround.

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 excursions require additional per person charge for shuttle service and tour guides):*

- [Archie Bray Ceramic Arts Foundation](#): World-famous ceramic arts institute, indoor galleries, and lots of outdoor works of art by resident artists.
- **River Rafting & Paddle-boarding on the Missouri River**: A leisurely guided half day float down the Missouri River (June-August only)
- [Gates of the Mountains Boat Tour](#): 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)
- [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.

We also recommend a travel alarm clock, sunscreen, sunglasses, 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, Venmo, 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: For those coming for a Feathered Pipe Ranch retreat, we meet flights at the Helena Regional Airport, or are happy to pick-up/drop-off at your local accommodation of choice. Shuttle service from/to Helena Regional Airport, or your local hotel/AirBnB, on arrival/departure day is complimentary (free) for all registered guests. *Please note that if you need pick-up or drop-off on a non-arrival/departure day there is a \$50 each-way charge.*

Hotel pick-ups will be coordinated with you directly via text or phone one to two days in advance. For those arriving by flight, our driver will meet you at baggage claim wearing a Feathered Pipe t-shirt. 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. For those choosing to come in a day early and stay the night in Helena, recommended local lodgings include:

- [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
- [Great Northern Best Western Hotel](#) – Helena's version of 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

Our shuttle service is happy to pick you up at your hotel on arrival day. Hotel pick-ups will be coordinated with you directly via text or phone one to two days in advance.

**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 or chat with us directly at (406) 417-7866 or on WhatsApp, and we will work with you to arrange for your pick-up.*

Arrival & Departure: Check-in time begins at 12 noon on arrival day. Please plan to arrive at the Ranch by 3pm 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, you are welcome to enjoy the Ranch grounds until the shuttle leaves for your departure flight.

Tipping: 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 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, Venmo and credit cards.

How do I contact the "outside world": We do not have reliable cell service at the Ranch, but we do have free high-speed wireless internet access within the Dining Hall, Lake Cabin, Teachers Cabin which extends outside those buildings to cover all indoor facilities and main lawn.

If you enable Wi-Fi calling on your smartphone, you will be able to make and receive calls, text messages, and video calls just like you would anywhere else.

If you need to be reached in an emergency, you can share the main phone number of the kitchen/dining hall - 406.443.0430 - with family and friends.

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. The Feathered Pipe Foundation follows state and federal laws regarding service animals, which are the only animals allowed to accompany guests. Service animals must be pre-approved by our 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 eric@featheredpipe.com.