

# PARADISE RANCH

Life-Transforming Horsemanship 



## Women's Ranch Retreat 2025





# Welcome!

Thank you for registering for the Women's Ranch Retreat! These retreats are perfect for the avid horsewoman looking to get away and connect with other ladies who love to ride horses.

We are looking forward to an awesome weekend with you!

## Important Weekend Information

- ☐ Check-In is at 4:00PM on Friday at Paradise Ranch.
  - o Your housing assignment will be given when you at Check-In. One of our staff will direct you to your housing location.
  - o If you require a Late Check-In, please call our office during business hours, if possible, so we can offer assistance with Check-In when you arrive.
  - o Following Check-In you will be given a weekend outline, barn orientation, and other helpful weekend information by our staff.
  - o Please do not arrive before 4:00PM on Friday as we may be serving other groups at that time.
- ☐ The weekend will wrap up on Sunday at 1:00 PM after a Trail Ride.
- ☐ If you have any special needs or dietary needs, please let us know about those at least 2 weeks ahead of time on your online health form.
- ☐ The Mercantile is climate controlled, so it will be a comfortable space all weekend long.
- ☐ Grace Adventures Paradise Ranch is a drug, marijuana, and alcohol free campus.

## Housing

- ☐ Everyone will be housed in the bunkhouses at Paradise Ranch during the weekend
- ☐ Housing is assigned by Grace Adventures Staff
- ☐ Attendees must bring their own bedding, including pillow, sheets, and/or sleeping bag
- ☐ All housing and buildings are smoke-free
- ☐ Housing units are three-season Cabins – please bring weather appropriate bedding
- ☐ Bunkhouses and the main bathhouse are not heated or air-conditioned
- ☐ Attendees may choose to stay in their horse trailers for the weekend but there is no electricity hook-up available for horse trailers.
- ☐ Housing is subject to change in case of cold weather or available space. Additional housing is on Grace Adventures' Main Campus.

## Helpful Information

### Bring Your Horse!

We encourage you to bring your own horse, after all, this is a Ranch Retreat!

We provide temporary uncovered outdoor stalls to board horses in during the weekend. Stalls are made up of livestock panels. All accommodations are available on a first-come first-serve basis.

If you do not have your own horse, no problem! A horse can be provided for you from our Paradise Ranch herd.

### Ask Questions

We would love to help answer any questions you have before or during the weekend. Please contact us or ask a staff member on how we can assist you and make your experience exceptional.

## Women's Ranch Retreat Online Registration

The Women's Ranch Retreat registration is done completely online. With your registration, we will require a completed health and liability waiver form. This helps make us aware of any medical needs and allows anytime access to you and our staff without the hassle of paper forms.

### Online Registration

Use these basic steps to register yourself for the retreat

1. Go to [GraceAdventures.org](http://GraceAdventures.org) and click the "Register For Camp" button at the top or the "Register Here" button on the Women's Ranch Retreat webpage
2. Click the corresponding button to register "Self"
3. Select your desired weekend
4. Login or create a new account
5. Complete the retreat payment for your registration
6. Complete the health and liability waiver forms for you

You can view your registration information anytime by logging into your account and clicking "View Itineraries". From there you can complete necessary forms.

## Schedule

(This is a tentative schedule for your planning purposes, some details may change)

### Friday

4:00pm Arrive/Unpack/Hangout

5:30pm Orientation

6:00pm Dinner

7:30pm Open Arena

9:00pm Parable of the Horse

9:45pm Hangout at Campfire

### Saturday

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am Groom & Tack

10:00am Morning Activity and Riding Options

12:30pm Lunch

2:00pm Afternoon Activity and Riding Options

5:30pm Dinner

7:00pm Parable of The Horse

8:00pm Wagon Rides/Campfire

### Sunday

8:30am Groom & Tack

9:00am Trail/Wagon Rides

10:00am High Camp Meal and Devotional

11:00am Trail/Wagon Rides

12:00pm Pack and Leave



## Directions

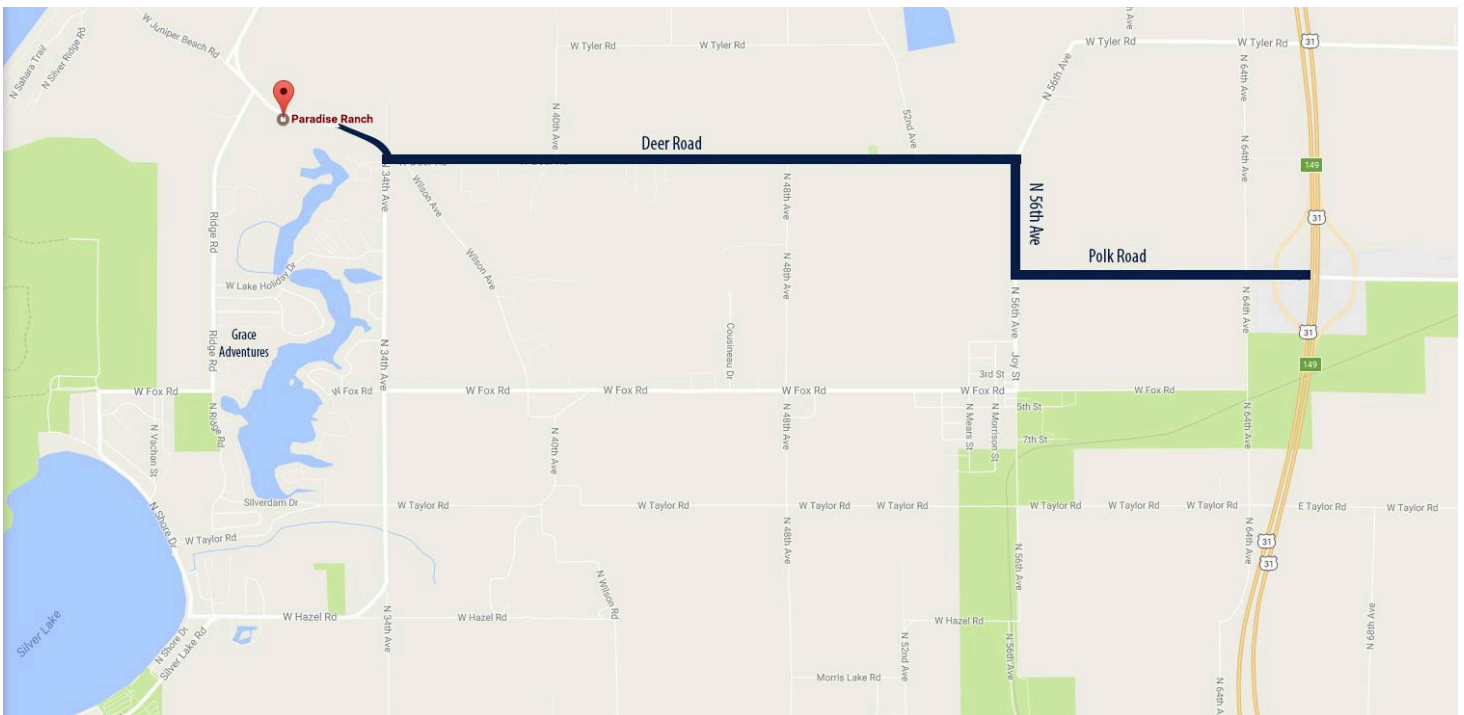
Paradise Ranch is located about 35 miles **North of Muskegon**, 20 miles **South of Ludington**, and 80 miles **Northwest of Grand Rapids**. Grace Adventures is on Upper Silver Lake, almost 7 miles West of US-31. The closest commercial airports are Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

Traveling from **Muskegon**, follow **US-31 Northbound** to **Hart/Mears** (Exit 149). Turn **Left** (West) and stay on this road until it stops (approx 1 ½ mile) and follow the Grace Adventures signs.

Traveling from **Ludington**, follow **US-31 Southbound** to **Hart/Mears** (Exit 149). Turn **Right** (West) and stay on this road until it stops (approx 1 ½ mile) and follow the Grace Adventures signs.

Traveling from **Grand Rapids**, follow **I-96 West** to **Muskegon**, then follow the above directions from Muskegon.

**Paradise Ranch Address:**  
**8175 Juniper Beach Rd, Mears, MI 49436**



## What to Bring

- ☐ Appropriate clothing to ride in
- ☐ Jacket or Sweatshirt
- ☐ Rain Gear
- ☐ Warm bedding and your pillow
- ☐ Personal Hygiene Items (Including towel and washcloth)
- ☐ Closed-Toe, Closed-Heel Shoes (riding boots are preferred but not required)
- ☐ Comfortable clothes and shoes for when not riding
- ☐ Lawn/camping chair or stadium chair
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Flashlight

## If You Are Bringing Your Own Horse

- ☐ Riding equipment (saddle, bridle, halter, etc.)
- ☐ Feeding and other necessary equipment (ex. Hay, water bucket, etc.)

## Please Do Not Bring

- ☐ Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana, Firearms, or Weapons
- ☐ Non-Prescription or Illegal Drugs
- ☐ Fireworks or Prank Items
- ☐ Pets

**Note:** Any necessary medication should be kept in a safe and secure place where others can't access it

We recommend that you “unplug” during this retreat. Cell phones and other electronics can be a distraction. Anything brought on campus, including electronics, is the owner's responsibility. We are not responsible for items lost, stolen, or broken.

Grace Adventures desires to provide a safe environment for all employees, campers, and guests and to create an environment where they can focus on and learn more about a deepening relationship with Christ. Grace Adventures and Paradise Ranch have zero tolerance for illegal substances and intoxicants, including marijuana and alcohol, on all our properties, in all our facilities and vehicles, and at all our events. All such substances are strictly prohibited.



## Connect To Us

[www.GraceAdventures.org/Paradise-Ranch](http://www.GraceAdventures.org/Paradise-Ranch)



Us on Facebook – Grace Adventures Paradise Ranch



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What does the Registration Fee Include?**

In short, everything! The registration fee is all-inclusive. All housing, meals, and activities are included. The only extra money you may need is for extra snacks, drinks, and apparel at our Camp Store during the weekend.

### **Is Wi-Fi available during the retreat?**

Because of the beautiful and remote area that surrounds us, we do not offer Wi-Fi to our guests during their stay. We encourage you to disconnect from the internet and enjoy time outdoors.

### **What if any of us have special dietary needs?**

We are happy to accommodate some dietary needs and restrictions that our guests may have. We are pleased to offer gluten free, dairy free, peanut/tree nut free and vegetarian options. If your allergy/dietary restrictions fall into any of these four categories please inform us at least one week prior to your experience by filling out those needs on your online health form.

### **How many people usually come to the Women's Ranch Retreat?**

Every year is different and will have a variable number of people, typically weekends will be between 20-35 people.

### **What should we do in case of emergencies?**

In the event of an emergency, please call 911 and inform a Grace Adventures staff member. Make sure you have the proper insurance and medical information on hand. At the beginning of the event you'll be given more information on how to reach a staff member at any time. The nearest hospital is Mercy Health Lakeshore in Shelby, MI. (72 S State St, Shelby, MI 49455)