



*Jonathan Field Horsemanship*  
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## **Jonathan Field Horsemanship Camps at James Creek Ranch**

We hope you are as excited as we are to be pursuing horsemanship at James Creek Ranch. To help you prepare for your ultimate horsemanship experience, we've put together this information package for you. Included is information about the ranch, required paperwork and what you should expect when you get there. Please read through everything carefully as there have been some changes! If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Andrea by phone at 1-888-JFFIELD or email at [info@jonathanfield.net](mailto:info@jonathanfield.net).

### **THE JAMES CREEK RANCH**

The James Creek Ranch is located 25 minutes west of Merritt, BC, nestled in a secluded valley surrounded by mountains. It is an example of nature at its finest. Located on six hundred acres and backing on to thousands more, you'll have plenty of room to explore your horsemanship.

### **CHECK-IN PROCEDURE**

Please plan on arriving between 1:30 and 4:00 pm on the day before the camp starts (no early arrivals, please!). This will allow time for both you and your horse to get acquainted with the ranch. Someone will be there to greet you. There will be an orientation meeting at 7:00 pm.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

There are no accommodations provided at the ranch. You are welcome to bring a tent or bring a trailer/camper. We are currently in the planning stage for electrical hook-up and will keep you posted on the status of that. There is no hook-up for dumping, but there is water to fill your tanks. There is a cabin on the ranch that will act as a lodge for the riders. You are welcome to use the facilities at any time. There is a fully equipped shower house on site with private showers, sinks and toilets.

### **MEALS**

Meals will not be provided. Please bring food for yourself and/or plan on driving at least 15 minutes away to the closest convenience store or 25 minutes to the closest restaurants and grocery stores. You are welcome to use the facilities in the lodge for food storage and preparation (refrigerator, stove, oven, sink, barbeque, cupboards, etc.). Coffee, tea, a coffee pot and kettle will be provided in the lodge for your use, as well as dishes and cleaning supplies.

### **PHONE AND INTERNET**

There is currently no phone or internet available at the ranch. Cell phone service may be boosted at the lodge - we are currently in planning stages to install a cell phone booster in the lodge and will keep you up-to-date on progress. The closest cell service is 15 minutes down the road. There is a phone on the ranch for emergencies.

### **HORSE ACCOMMODATION**

All board is self board - you will be responsible for feeding your own hay and cleaning your own pen. Individual, outdoor 20' x 20' pens, all 6' apart, are provided for your horse. Only one horse is permitted per pen, so if you're planning on bringing more than one horse, additional fees will apply. Please contact us to make sure there is adequate room available. **\*\* You are required to bring your own hay, grain, supplements, water bucket, etc. Forks and wheelbarrows will be available for use.**

### **SHOEING**

Because the terrain can be quite rocky, shoes or a good set of boots are strongly recommended. Please have your horse freshly shod before you arrive.

### **VETERINARY SERVICES**

There are large animal vets in Merritt and Kamloops should an emergency occur:

- **Nicola Valley Veterinary Clinic (250) 378-6136,**
- **Merritt Veterinary Hospital (250) 378-2120,**
- **Kamloops Large Animal Veterinary Clinic (250) 374-1486.**

A first aid kit is kept on the premises.

### **SORRY - NO DOGS OR OTHER PETS**

We love animals of all kinds, but please do not bring dogs or other pets.

**MEDICAL**

There is a first aid kit on the premises. The nearest hospital is 25 minutes away in Merritt.

**SMOKING**

Smoking on the ranch is permitted in designated areas only. As it can be quite dry during camp times, smoking is not permitted in the field or on trails during lesson times.

**SPECTATORS**

Camps are not open for spectators. You are welcome to bring a non-participating spouse to watch the camp, or take in the many activities in and around Merritt.

**EQUIPMENT**

**Course 2 - Unity:** Halter, 12' Lead, Horseman's Stick & String, 22' Rope, Hackamore, Bridle, Saddle, Saddle Pad.

**Course 3 - Feel:** Same as above PLUS 45' Rope and an additional Horseman's Stick and String

**Course 4 - Engagement:** Same as Course 3

**Purpose Camp:** Same as Course 3

**CHECKLIST OF WHAT TO BRING**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Riding Clothes and Extra Layers | <input type="checkbox"/> Journal/Notepad & Pen   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick         | <input type="checkbox"/> Grain   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming Tools  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Buckets   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Blanket (Fly Sheet, Cooler, Rain Sheet)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent                | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Spray   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Useable Water Bottle         | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle (suitable for rocky terrain) For cruising around the ranch when not on horseback. |

**ACCOMMODATION IN MERRITT**

According to the information center in Merritt, all the hotels and motels are right in Merritt. The first two B&B's listed are the ones closest to the James Creek Ranch.

**All Seasons Motel**

Ph: (250) 378-2352

25 minutes away

**Best Western Nicola Inn**

Ph: (800) 663-2830

[nicolainn@telus.net](mailto:nicolainn@telus.net)

25 minutes away

**JJ Gillis House B&B**

Ph: (250) 378-4461

[www.jjgillishouse-b-and-b.com](http://www.jjgillishouse-b-and-b.com)

25 minutes away

**Coldwater Hotel**

Ph: (250) 378-2821

25 minutes away

**Copper Valley Motel**

Ph: (250) 378-9214

[coppervalleymotel@canada.com](mailto:coppervalleymotel@canada.com)

25 minutes away

**Running Waters B&B**

Ph: (250) 378-4476

[rickisbister@hotmail.com](mailto:rickisbister@hotmail.com)

20 minutes away

**Dancing J** (Guest House with no breakfast provided, kitchen avail).

Ph: (250) 378-5468

[reservations@dancingj.com](mailto:reservations@dancingj.com)

15 minutes away